

# Alexander Graham Bell School

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Dear PS 205 Families,

June 15, 2020

As our school year ends, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and doing the best you can under these challenging circumstances.

There are a lot of unknowns about when and how our schools will be reopening. In order to make the best-informed decisions about reopening, I will be meeting with our School Leadership Team on Friday June 19th to have a preliminary conversation about what the DOE is recommending for us to do. To that end, early next week we will be sending home a short PS 205 Parent Survey that will help us to determine possible scheduling scenarios for students. In the meantime, please fill out the DOE survey that has been posted on our school’s website.

Since we cannot yet predict what September will look like, we need to be prepared for a range of possibilities. We know we can’t do this without your input! We’ve created a short, anonymous survey to help us understand what is most important to you for when we return to school in the fall. Please fill out the DOE survey

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/in-our-classrooms/return-to-school-2020> .

Regarding the last week of school, the DOE has announced the following guidance for schools:

- From **June 17–22**, every school day should be a full day of instruction, for students in Pre-K - 8.
- From **June 23–25**, every school day should be a full day of instruction for all students, but a half day of professional development and/or clerical work for school staff. During the week of **June 23**, teachers are expected to engage students for a **half day of instruction, and to register student engagement and attendance using the current remote interactions process**. The other half of the day should be dedicated to professional development and/or clerical work, which may include completing required end-of-year close activities for the current school year and planning for the 2020–21 school year.
- June 26 is the last day of school for all students (half- day instruction for students); teachers have a half day for clerical work.

For half days that teachers engage in noninstructional activities, schools should set up students with independent work in advance of these dates.

Teachers may choose to provide other independent work to their students, and the DOE will also provide instructional materials for students to use independently for each half-day of professional learning. Centrally provided materials will be available on TeachHub on June 18.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. I will continue to keep you posted on any new developments as we receive more guidance from the DOE. Be Well!

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza

Principal