

# Alexander Graham Bell PS 205

## Where Wearing Is Caring



Wednesday March 24, 2021

Dear PS 205 Families,

Good Afternoon! I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. We continue to stand strong and alongside all our members of our school community. In light of the deplorable acts against our Asian-American community and People of Color we must continue to be allies so that our children will grow up in a world that embraces their identity and that our school provides them with opportunities to grow and learn in a safe and loving environment. Our commitment to our children is anchored to the district's commitment to *keep diversity, equity, social justice and anti-bias education at the forefront of all that we do, ensuring student voice and participation, and ensuring that all members of our community understand our actions, decisions, and intentions connected to anti-bias education.*

Please join me on April 6<sup>th</sup> as I kick-off our first PS 205 Community, Equity & Diversity event. We will be sharing our thoughts and ideas about the book, "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. If you are still interested in joining, please see the attached book club flyer that was sent out at the beginning of the month. The goal of the book club is to gather parents together to share ideas in the hope of creating a parent equity group that will help instill a stronger sense of community for all our members.

And lastly, before we head into spring break, I would like to share some highlights of this past week's news, reminders, and updates:

- Currently our school building is closed due to two confirmed COVID cases. Our return to in-person learning is Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>. All students are learning remotely.
- The new opt-in window for student to return to in-person learning is now open. Please refer to the Chancellor's letter emailed to you on Monday.

Please email Lilly Chu at [lchu@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lchu@schools.nyc.gov) if you will be opting back in. This will help us keep track of requests and ensure that we maintain the new space capacity within each classroom. The CDC has changed the social distancing measures from 6ft to 3ft.

**IMPORTANT – IF YOU ARE OPTING BACK TO IN-PERSON LEARNING YOU MUST FILL OUT THE CITY'S PREFERENCE SURVEY BELOW. IF THIS IS NOT COMPLETED YOUR CHILD WILL REMAIN IN REMOTE LEARNING.**

**THE OPT IN WINDOW IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

## When and How to Opt In to Blended Learning

Beginning this Wednesday, March 24, you can visit the Learning Preference Survey at <https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference> to select blended learning for your child.

## Requirements for Returning to the School Building

Please note that if you select blended learning for your child, **you must submit the consent form for random COVID-19 testing by the first day your child begins in-person learning.** You can submit your consent for testing one of two ways:

Through your New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) under 'Manage Account', **or** Complete and sign the consent form available here:

[https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/covid-19-testing)

[safety/covid-19-testing](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/covid-19-testing) and bring it to your child's school on the first day they are back in the school building. The form can be emailed to Lilly Chu.

**You must submit your child's Emergency Contact Card.** Please email it to Lilly Chu.

**IF BOTH REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED YOUR CHILD WILL REMAIN IN REMOTE LEARNING.**

- **Report Cards** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period will be available in your child's New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that your child's report card grades will consist of a Level 4, Level 3, N (not meeting grade level standards), or NL (insufficient academic data). There will be no failing grades given to students this year. Thank you for your continued collaboration with your teacher and child!
- The DOE has updated the questions on [daily health screening form](#) to **reflect the latest guidance on:**

Exposure to COVID-19 for fully vaccinated individuals and those who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days; and

Travel quarantine requirements for domestic and international travel.

- Any questions? Email Ms. Lilly Chu at [lchu@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lchu@schools.nyc.gov)

"Finally, I've come to believe that the true measure of our commitment to justice, the character of our society, our commitment to the rule of law, fairness, and equality cannot be measured by how we treat the rich, the powerful, the privileged, and the respected among us. The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated."

— Bryan Stevenson, **Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption**



Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal