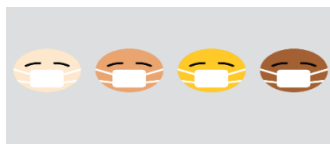


# Alexander Graham Bell PS 205

## Where Wearing Is Caring



Wednesday April 7, 2021

Dear PS205 Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather! I'm writing to you today with some school and class updates to put on your radar.

Due to the new CDC guidelines for social distancing schools will now be able to reassess class capacity sizes and accommodate for students who have opted back to in person learning. The 6 feet of social distancing has been revised to 3 feet. Please see the CDC update here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0319-new-evidence-classroom-physical-distance.html>

Based on the numbers of students who are returning and based on our new room capacity size we will be able to condense some of our grades back to one in-person teacher. The following grades and class reconfigurations will take place:

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will collapse to one teacher with Ms. Kim 2-223

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will collapse to one teacher with Ms. Park 3-236

4<sup>th</sup> Grade will collapse to one teacher with Ms. Previti 4-216

The following grades/classes will remain the same for now:

Pre-K 118 Ms. Petito

K-231 Mr. Soogrim; K-233 Ms. Laucella

1-218 Ms. Gurin; 1-219 Ms. Cruz

5-214 Ms. Petrovic; 5-215 Ms. Chavez; 5-208 Ms. Chu

Today, we are doing a trial run with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class with Ms. Previti which only has 18 students (as of now). Our space capacity for this room is 26. So far, so good!

We are waiting on guidance from the DOE as to when the opt-in students will begin. I will let you know ASAP.

The grade/class changes will NOT be fully in effect until we know how many students are opting back to in-person learning. Please note that the opt-in survey is still OPEN until Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>. If any family would like their child to return to in-person learning you MUST complete the survey by Friday.

I will inform families of the students in grades 2-4 when we will be condensing classes as soon as I know how many students have opted back in.

**LUNCHTIME for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY -**

If and when we condense grades, the lunch periods will remain the same, but we will be splitting up the classes for lunch. Our cluster teachers, Mr. Blum, Mr. Berghorn and Mr. Deruvo will be assigned to take ½ of the class for lunchtime so that all students will be able to eat at the same time and be socially distanced in another classroom.

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Lastly, I am including the following information that we sent out yesterday in regards to the NYS Testing Program. **If you are a parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student this APPLIES TO YOU. Please complete the survey by tomorrow.** We need a response from each student. Thank you in advance to those families who have completed it!! ☺

The New York State (NYS) grades 3–8 English language arts (ELA), math, and science exams will be administered in-person only from **April 19–29, May 3–14, and June 7–11**, respectively. In advance of exam administration, please review the updates below. **Please note that the Science Exam is only for students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Conducting Outreach to Families to Determine Who to Test:** Schools are required to conduct outreach to all families—students learning in-person and remotely—to determine each family’s interest in having their child participate in the state exams. As a reminder, students receiving fully remote instruction are not expected to come to school to take the state exams; however, if they would like to participate in the exams, they may attend the in-person administration.

*Remote students who opt-in to take the exam may be picked up from school once they are finished with the test.*

In order to create a testing schedule, plan for proctors, and determine room assignments **please fill out the Google Form in the link below; Request for New York State Testing 2020-2021 by Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>. We must receive a response from each student in grades 3 – 5 whether you are opting-in or not. This survey also contains a question about the 4<sup>th</sup> grade science exam. This question is ONLY for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nVNAupu6WZHDlmwBGFLGxjPnPv-0R\\_1HLri9dc--Rrw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nVNAupu6WZHDlmwBGFLGxjPnPv-0R_1HLri9dc--Rrw/edit)

Please review the student participation guide that includes pertinent information regarding this year’s New York State Exams 2021 Parent Guide.

Any questions, please email Ms. Lilly Chu at [Lchu@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Lchu@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza  
Principal