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Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Monday October 18, 2021

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into this beautiful autumn season I hope you and your family have been enjoying the lovely weather! Our students have been acclimating well and our youngest members of the community, Pre-K and Kindergarten students, have really made some remarkable adjustments. Thank you to our teachers and families in supporting the transition to in-person learning! So far, so good.

Here are some school updates/reminders and new information to put on your radar:

Harvest Festival:

- Thursday October 21st – Students in Pre-K through 5th grade will have an opportunity to go to the school yard where they will be able to pick-up a pumpkin to take home. At this time families are not permitted to attend the harvest festival, but we will have a few members of the PTA who will be there to take a few pictures. Each grade is scheduled to come down to the school yard for about 15 minutes to pick up their pumpkin and have a class picture taken. Students, staff, and volunteers must wear masks.

Election Day

- Tuesday November 2nd – All students will learn remotely using the asynchronous model in their Google Classrooms. Teachers and staff will be in professional development.

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday November 3rd – Evening Student/Parent Conferences. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule times to meet.
- Thursday November 4th – Afternoon Student/Parent Conferences. Students will have a ½ day of school and be dismissed at 11:30. Conferences to be held 12:30 – 2:30PM. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule times to meet.

Respect For All D26 Contest

- All students in Pre-K – 5th grade are invited to participate in the **Respect For All D26 Contest. The contest consists of two options: essay or poster.** In Pre-K – 3rd grade we are inviting students to participate in the poster contest. In 4th – 5th grade we are inviting students to participate in the essay contest. And if some students would like to create a poster, they may as well. The posters and essay must be submitted to school by Nov. 10th. Each school is allowed only 2 submissions – 1 essay and 1 poster. Please read through the Respect For All (RFA) guideline and rubric. Looking forward to your participation!

NEW NYC DOE SEL Survey

- A new SEL survey, known as the Devereux Student Strengths (DESSA) will be used to identify and support the social-emotional growth of all children in our school. The DESSA asks questions about areas of social-emotional functioning including decision making, relationship building, confidence, and others. This tool will be completed by someone who knows your child really well—the classroom teacher. More details on the DESSA screener will be sent home on Friday October 22nd. Teachers will complete the survey beginning the week of October 25th. The survey closes on Nov. 12th. Please see information for families here: <https://info.apertureed.com/strongresilientnyc>

NEW Academic Intervention Service (AIS)

- The AIS program for students in Priority Group 1 will begin on Tuesday October 26th and take place from 3:00 – 4:00PM. Our Special Education Liaison, Ms. Laugen will be reaching out to families in Priority Group 1 to invite students to the program.

NEW NYC Kids Rise

The NYC Kids RISE is a free scholarship account program for this year's kindergarten students to help families save for higher education. Each student account will include the first \$100 deposit and opportunities to earn additional rewards. Visit <https://nyckidsrise.org/save-for-college-program/> for more information. Please reach out to Ms. Chu @ lchu@schools.nyc.gov with questions.

Our next PTA meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday October 20th @ 7PM
Our next CEDA meeting will take place on Wednesday October 27th @7PM. Flyer with registration link will be emailed to all families.

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊
Principal PS205Q

REMINDERS



1. All students are required to wear a face mask to school.
2. Blue Emergency Forms must be completed for each child and returned to school with your child or emailed to our parent coordinator, Lilly Chu lchu@schools.nyc.gov and school secretary, Beth Looks blooks@schools.nyc.gov.
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/emergency-contact-card>
3. Health Screening must be completed on a daily basis:
https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/docs/DOE%20Health%20Screening%20Questionnaire_04_28_21.pdf
4. COVID-19 Consent Form - Families can use the New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) to submit their COVID-19 consent form. COVID-19 Testing will take place in schools every two weeks for students in grades 1-5.
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/student-covid-19-testing-consent-form---september-27-2020>
Families are required to create a student account in NYCSA in order to update student information. Student report cards, attendance, and other pertinent information is accessible only through a NYCSA. <https://mystudent.nyc/>
Lilly Chu will be emailing parents who do not have an account with the creation code letter.

Sharing Is Caring is our school wide theme for our student activities. Sponsored PTA assemblies will support the *NYC DOE Diversity and Equity Initiatives* that promote and foster good citizenship among students, teachers, and families.



Please consider joining our monthly Community Equity Diversity Alliance (CEDA). This is a wonderful forum for parents and staff to discuss ways in which to strengthen our community to be more mindful and compassionate towards all people.