

# Alexander Graham Bell P.S. 205Q

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## Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Tuesday November 23, 2021

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**SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well! As we enter into Thanksgiving, I am thankful to the PS 205 families for your compassion, support, and kindness. May you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy, good health, and good eats!

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

### Project Soapbox

- Students in grades 3-5 will be participating in this year's Project Soapbox, Mikva Challenge. Through this program, youth find their voice on the issues that matter most to them and are given a platform for sharing their ideas and actions. Here's how it works: students connect with issues they care about and develop their case for making a change. They'll create a powerful, researched, call-to-action speech about their selected issue. Select students will move on to the school-wide Soapbox event that will take place on **Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Here they'll have the opportunity to share their speeches with their peers. Two to four students will be selected to represent our school in the citywide Project Soapbox Challenge.

### The Rising Voices Library

- Each classroom is receiving sets of The Rising Voices Library that offers empowering and engaging fiction, poetry, and informational text that celebrates cultural diversity. The first set of books we received celebrates black and Latino boys. These are already available for students to use. Our goal is to continue to foster a school community that supports positive representation and equity for all. More to come!

### i-Ready (K-5)

- Students now have access to their individual i-Ready accounts for reading and math. More information will be coming from your child's classroom teacher as to how students will be using the i-Ready digital tool to support learning.

### Report Cards

- Report cards for students in K-5 will be accessible in your child's NYC Schools Account on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Service in Learning

- Our PS 205 PTA is conducting two holiday school drives:  
**The Annual Food Drive Benefitting City Harvest** (through 12/17)  
**Toys for Tots** (through 12/15)  
All donations may be sent in with your child or dropped off in the main lobby.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

- Vaccine providers will be returning on Tues. 11/30 to administer second dose COVID-19 vaccinations for students ages 5-11. Please email Lilly Chu if you would like your child vaccinated at lchu@schools.nyc.gov.

Our next CEDA meeting will take place on Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> @7PM. Flyer with registration link has been emailed to all families. Newcomers welcome!

*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](mailto:lchu@schools.nyc) and school secretary, Beth Looks [blooks@schools.nyc.gov](mailto: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](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 week 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 all student activities.



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.