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Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Tuesday January 25, 2022

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this New Year progresses we remain steadfast in our goal to keep our schools open for our students. Even though we had a little bit of a rocky start, today our student attendance is remaining strong at 95% or better! Thank you for your support and grace during this challenging time of keeping up with new DOE health regulations and “Test to Stay” program which ensures that our schools remain open.

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

REMINDER about Home Test Kits

- Beginning January 3, schools will distribute free, take-home COVID-19 rapid test kits to any student (kindergarten – 12th grade) or staff who exhibit COVID-like symptoms or have been in a classroom where a positive case has been identified.
- If your child was exposed to COVID-19 at school, please help your child take the first test on the day they receive the home test and help your child take the second test five days after exposure or at the first indication of symptoms.
- Your child may continue to attend school as long as your child receives negative test results and does not experience any symptoms of COVID-19.
- If your child has COVID-like symptoms or feels ill before the fifth day, please have your child isolate and take the second home test immediately.
- If your child tests positive on either home test, your child must isolate for 10 days following the first positive result. Please contact the school.
- If your child was exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, please call the school for next steps.

Middle of Year (MOY) Benchmark Assessments i-Ready & Acadience

- The middle of year assessments are currently being administered to students through February 11th. This mid-year assessment is one of the measures we use to show how well students are meeting grade level standards in reading and math. Once the assessments have been completed, you will receive your child’s results.

Community Equity Diversity Alliance (CEDA) Community Project – *What I’m Made Of*

- Please work with your child at home to complete the CEDA community project, *What I’m Made Of*. Collage work for students in PreK – 2 and poetry work for students in grades 3-5 is due Friday January 28th.
- Students will begin sharing their projects in class during the week of February 7th and we would like to invite a few students to share their projects via Zoom at February’s PTA, SLT and CEDA meetings! Please see attached copy of the CEDA project description (emailed previously). Hard copies are available in the main office. Please reach out to Ms. Butler at MButler3@schools.nyc.gov or Ms. Lilly Chu at Lchu@schools.nyc.gov with questions.

The Society of Women Engineers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is hosting an exploring engineering day!

- One of our PS 205 alumna, Francesca LaPinta, is a mechanical engineering student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and at school is a member of the Society of Women Engineers. Each year, the school puts on a large-scale, STEM outreach event called Exploring Engineering Day, where 3rd-5th grade students visit the

campus and other student engineering groups lead fun, hands-on activities to introduce the many different types of engineering. **Due to the pandemic, this year's event will be virtual and the organizers are looking to expand their reach! This event is completely free and the activities can be done with common household items.** The event takes place on Saturday, February 26th, and has a morning and afternoon session that parents can choose from. Attached to this email you can find the invitation and flyer, both of which contain the sign-up form. Registration closes on January 31st. Thank you to Francesca for inviting our students from PS205Q!

Tuesday February 1st Lunar New Year – Year of the Tiger (Schools are closed)

- Please join me in learning about and celebrating the Year of the Tiger with our Asian families, friends, and neighbors!
- For more information please visit <https://chinesenewyear.net/>
- *Tigers are courageous and active people who love a good challenge and adventure in life.*



Our next CEDA meeting will take place on tonight @7PM. Flyer with registration link has been emailed to all families. Newcomers welcome! Contact Ms. Lilly Chu if you would like the Zoom link for this evening.

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 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/>
4. Paper copy of Health Screen: <https://cdn-blob-prd.azureedge.net/prd-pws/docs/default-source/default-document-library/health-screening-questionnaire-january-2022.pdf>
5. COVID-19 Consent Form - Families can use the New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) to submit their COVID-19 consent form. COVID-10 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.
6. **COVID-19 Vaccinations** for students ages 5-11 are available. Please reach out to your child's pediatrician with questions.

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.