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Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Wednesday February 9, 2022

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are at the half-way point of the school year and our students are continuing to make great progress! This week families in K-5 will receive the Middle of Year (MOY) assessment results along with a parent letter. Students in grades 3-5 are keeping track of their progress using data trackers, engaging in data chats with their teachers, and setting goals for themselves. Thank you for supporting your child in his or her academic and social emotional learning!

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



Please view Maya Angelou's poem *Human Family* here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F_aHt34a-g

Black History Month – Black History Month Resource Guide for Educators and Families

Carter G. Woodson, the person who founded what became Black History Month, advocated, "This history should not just be taught as part of a month of recognition, but rather as part of the entire curriculum of knowledge to which students are introduced." The following resource is an invitation to further develop the study of Black history at all levels and across all subjects. Please join me and our PS 205 family to "know the past, shape the future" for a better today and tomorrow for all our children. 😊

<https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/>

Community Equity Diversity Alliance (CEDA) Projects *What I'm Made Of*

Students have begun to share their CEDA projects this week and we are truly amazed at the level of thought and care students put into their poems and collage work! Students have shared family experiences, culture, religion, activities, ideas, and feelings. Thank you for spending time with your children in creating *What I'm Made Of* collage work and poetry. We hope this project will foster a deeper sense of respect, admiration and compassion for one another, especially in teaching students that - in Maya Angelou's words - "We are more alike, my friends, Than we are unlike". A CEDA Project video with pictures and footage of student's work will be forthcoming. *Thank you to the CEDA team for your thoughts, ideas, questions, and support of this project!*

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday March 2nd– Evening Student/Parent Conferences. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule times to meet.
- Thursday March 3rd – 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.

CEDA Meeting Change in Date

Due to a change in D26 Community Education Council Meeting (CEC), which will now be held on Tuesday February 15th, our next CEDA meeting will take place on Tuesday March 8th @7PM. Flyer with registration link will be emailed to all families.

D.26 Community Education Council (CEC)

A reminder that all families are invited to the monthly CEC meetings. Two of our 4th grade students will be sharing their Soapbox speeches at the February 15th meeting! Please see CEC flyer for Zoom info.

PTA Meeting Wednesday February 16th @ 7PM on Zoom



Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊

Principal PS205Q



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://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/health-screening-questionnaire>
5. 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>
6. **COVID-19 Vaccinations** for students ages 5-11 are available. Please reach out to your child's pediatrician with questions.

REMINDERS

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.

Respect For All Week: February 14 – February 18

Excerpt from *Human Family* by Maya Angelou

We love and lose in China,
We weep on England's moors,
And laugh and moan in Guinea,
And thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
Are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
In major we're the same.

I note the obvious differences
Between each sort and type,
But we are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unlike.

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Than we are unlike.

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