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Where Sharing is Caring 

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Friday March 4, 2022

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher during this week's parent/student conferences. Our expectation for students is that they are able to articulate what they are doing well academically and socially and what their goals are. Student goals may include improvement in a particular content area, skill, or strategy and how to strengthen their social and emotional learning for their well-being.

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

Face Coverings

NEW: Effective March 7, face coverings will become optional, indoors and outdoors, on NYC public school grounds and on school buses, for all K-12 students and staff with a few exceptions. Please note that while wearing a face covering will no longer be required, anyone who chooses to wear a mask may continue to do so; face coverings will continue to be available through the school's custodian engineer. Face coverings are still required or recommended in the following scenarios:

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Face coverings after return from 5-day isolation: Anyone returning on Day 6 after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or after having COVID-19 symptoms without testing is still required to wear a well-fitting mask at all times on school property through Day 10.

Face coverings for Early Childhood programs: The indoor mask mandate is still active for Pre-K classrooms. Children and all staff in these classrooms, must continue to follow the same face covering requirements whether they are in a district school, CBO, or home-based program. Since children under the age of five are not yet eligible to receive the vaccine, face coverings remain our strongest defense against COVID-19 for early childhood populations.

Face coverings in medical rooms/nurses' offices: Wearing a face covering is still required in medical rooms/nurses' offices.

NYC School Survey

Please complete the family school survey by March 25th. You may access the survey in your child's NYCSA or complete the printed copy that went home with your child.

Report Cards

Report cards for students in K-5 will be available in the NYCSA on Thursday March 24th.

New York State Testing Program

Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the NYS ELA exam on March 29th and March 30th and the NYS Math exam on April 26th and April 27th.

CEDA Project – *What I'm Made Of*

Thank you to all the students in Pre-K to 5 for sharing their poetry and collage work! Student guests have been invited to share their work at SLT, PTA and the upcoming CEDA meeting on March 8th. Each day, during morning announcements, I invite one student each day to read their poem to the entire school community. We are so proud and privileged to listen to these young citizens of the world share who they are and what matters to them. As we head into Civics Week we will continue to invite students to share. Our ENL teacher, Ms. Chu, is working on compiling a video clip showcasing student poetry and collage work. *Thank you to Phoenix Wong Zelasko in K-233 for*

inspiring us to use one of his favorite Beatles songs he highlighted in his collage, "Here Comes The Sun", in our CEDA video.

Studio In A School

We are happy to announce the start of the Studio In A School program which will begin on Monday March 28th for students in grades 4&5. Students in grades 2&3 will begin shortly thereafter. The students will be working with Ms. Powell a teaching artist who is trained in visual arts. Students in grades 4&5 will be working with clay and paint on Mondays for 10 sessions. Teachers will be asking students to bring in an old t-shirt or smock to keep their clothes clean while working with different art mediums. We are waiting for a start date for students in Kindergarten and 1st grade.

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊
Principal PS205Q

Next **CEDA Meeting** is Tuesday March 8th at 7PM on Zoom Please flyer to register

Next **PTA Meeting** is Wednesday March 16th at 7PM on Zoom

Chancellor's Town Hall

The District 26 Community Education Council presents:

A Virtual Town Hall Event with Chancellor David Banks Tuesday, March 22nd 6:15 PM-7:30 PM

Please email our parent coordinator, Ms. Lilly Chu, with questions at Lchu@schools.nyc.gov.

REMINDERS

1. 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>
2. Health Screening must be completed on a daily basis:
<https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/>
3. Paper copy of Health Screen: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/health-screening-questionnaire>
4. 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>
5. **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 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.

*I note the obvious differences
We are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unlike.*

Human Family by Maya Angelou (excerpt)

