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Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Friday November 18, 2022

SCHOOL HOURS 8:30 – 2:50

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall we've been having. The color of the trees, the cool breeze in the air, mingled with children's laughter makes every day a special day at PS 205! Thank you for your kindness, support, and grace – especially during this time of year.

Here are some reminders of upcoming events and updates for you to put on your radar:

- **Covid19 Guidance for Thanksgiving Recess**
To keep our school safe after the Thanksgiving break, the DOE encourages all students and staff to get tested for COVID-19 before returning to school on **November 28th, Monday**. For more information, please refer to Ms. Chu's email sent 11/16th.
- **Middle School Application** ends December 1st. Please reach out to Ms. Chu with questions.
- **Data Chats in the classroom** will continue to provide opportunities for students to take ownership of their learning by understanding their data and participating in goal setting and action planning.
- **Parent access to i-Ready Student Progress** is available. Login to your child's i-Ready account. Choose a subject (reading or math). At the bottom of the screen select "My Progress" – here you can see **Lesson Stats** and view **Completed Work**.
Please note that there are additional i-Ready resources for you to explore by clicking on the **Family Center** link in the upper right hand corner. There are videos, a family guide, and even *Fridge Tips for i-Ready Lessons at Home* that we have included with this email. Please reach out to our data specialist, Ms. Butler, with questions at Mbutler3@schools.nyc.gov.
- **Project Soapbox UPDATE**
Students in grades 3-5 will, again, 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 **Wednesday December 7th**. Here they'll have the opportunity to share their speeches with their peers. One student will advance to the NYC Project Soapbox Challenge which will take place at the NY Historical Society on January 10th. Students in grade K-2 will be participating at the school level Soapbox event in the springtime. More information to follow.
Families of students who advance to the 205 Soapbox school event will be invited to attend. Please be advised that we still have to follow the NYC DOE visitor policy that requires all visitors to show proof of vaccination. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Report Cards for students in K-5** will be available in NYCSA on December 15th. Please reach out to Lilly if you have any questions about NYCSA.

**Our next CEDA meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday November 29th @7PM.
Please see the CEDA Flyer for registration link.**



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.

Next PTA meeting will take place on December 21st on Zoom at 7PM

Have a wonderful weekend!

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. If you have not done so already please complete the media consent and return to school.
3. *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 NYCSA.* <https://mystudent.nyc/> Lilly Chu will be emailing parents who do not have an account with the creation code letter.
4. **Questions?**
Please email our parent coordinator, Lilly Chu at lchu@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊
Principal PS205Q

