

# Alexander Graham Bell P.S. 205Q

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**Where Sharing is Caring**



Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

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Friday June 23, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy summer! On behalf of the PS 205 family we wish you a wonderful summer vacation filled with fun and love!

Here are some updates and information to put on your radar:

### **New School Hours**

The first day of school is Thursday September 7, 2023. **Our new school hours will be 8:20 – 2:40 for students.** The teachers/staff schedule has also been revised to adhere to the Chancellor's and UFT agreement:

- Monday's teacher's professional development will take place from 2:40-3:40.
- Tuesday's teacher OPW (other professional work) will take place from 7:40AM – 8:20AM.
- Parent Engagement time is 55 minutes per week that will be conducted remotely after school hours. Teachers will be setting up their parent engagement time beginning in September. Some examples of parent engagement are – curriculum updates for parents, individual student follow-ups, phone/Zoom calls, etc.

Please be mindful that we share our school with PS 224 and as such we try to stagger our arrival and dismissal times. PS 224 school busses arrive approximately at 8:00 AM on 217<sup>th</sup> street and 77<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**We will be sending out a separate email with information about arrival entrances for all grades as well as the supply lists.**

### **Report Cards**

Report cards will be available in student's NYCSA on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> after 3PM. Please reach out to Ms. Lilly Chu with questions.

### **i-Ready**

Students will have access to i-Ready through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **CEDA Updates**

Thank you to the students and PS 205 families for participating in this year's Winter and Spring CEDA Projects! The Spring CEDA Project Garden display will remain in the main lobby through early fall so that we can continue to enjoy and celebrate your children's creative talents.

**New** – CEDA Meetings will now take place once a month during the school day. Our hope is to include our new student focus group for 2023-24 at these meetings. All parents are welcome! We will send out the next CEDA flyer that will contain the date and time for our meetings in early September.

**The Winter CEDA Project 2023-24 theme will be Oceans.** Think water, sea life, sand and sails. The possibilities are endless. Each of our children bring wonder to our world. Let's celebrate that wonder through *Oceans – Where Together All Things Are Possible*.

### **Swim Safety**

Please see the attachment: Parent Water Safety Guide.

### **Districtwide HMH ELA Curriculum Implementation 2023-2024**

District 26 will be adapting the HMH ELA Curriculum beginning in September 2023. Our teachers are currently participating in professional learning about the HMH program components in preparation of the first literacy module in September.

### **End of Year Dates**

Last day of school: Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> is a full day of school.

*Sincerely,*

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊

Principal PS205Q

Please email our parent coordinator, Ms. Lilly Chu, with questions at [Lchu@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Lchu@schools.nyc.gov).

**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)