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## Where Sharing is Caring

Karen Scott-Piazza, Principal

Tuesday September 19, 2023

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SCHOOL HOURS 8:20 – 2:40

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the third week of school students are noticeably acclimated in their new classroom environment. Thank you to all the families for their support as we head into this school year strong.

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

- **Eureka Math**

Eureka math is our school's math curriculum. We've been using this program for a few years now. The NY State Education Department launched this program in support of the NYS Math Standards and due to its nature in developing student's conceptual understanding in mathematics, we bought into the program. The Eureka Math curriculum is available online. In the past few years we have been able to purchase the Student Success-Homework book. Unfortunately this year we are unable to purchase it for two reasons: 1. Due to budget cuts we do not have funds to purchase the homework book and 2. We can no longer purchase the Student Success-Homework book because it's no longer available to purchase within the NYC DOE purchasing platforms (Shop DOE).

Our first year using this program we made copies of the online homework for students. This year we are doing the same. To help families support their children with their math homework we have posted the Eureka Math Homework Helper pages for grades 1-5 on our website. If you would like to use these homework helper pages please visit <https://ps205.org/math/>.

Next year we will be part of a new math curriculum phase in with a program called Illustrative Math. More information about Illustrative Math will be shared in the spring.

- **Respect For All**

In order to maintain a safe and orderly school environment please refer to the **Citywide Behavioral Expectations to Support Student Learning Grades K-5:** <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/discipline-code-kindergarten-grade-5-english>

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is committed to ensuring that our schools are safe, secure, and orderly environments in which teaching and learning take place each day.

A safe and supportive school depends upon the efforts of all members of the school community—teachers, students, administrators, parents, counselors, social workers, safety personnel, related service providers, cafeteria, custodial, and bus staff—to treat one another with mutual respect. **Included in this document is the K–12 Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities (<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/StudentRights>), which promotes responsible student behavior and an atmosphere of dignity and respect by establishing guidelines to help students strive to become productive citizens in a diverse society.**

**Our first PTA meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

**REMINDERS**

**Breakfast Program** (No cost to students)

Hot Breakfast 8 AM- 8:20 AM

or

Grab N' Go 8:20 AM to 8:30 AM

See Menu: PreK-8 Breakfast Menu (Food items listed subject to change)

**Lunch Program** (No cost to students)

Hot Lunch

See Menu: PreK-8 Lunch Menu (Food items listed subject to change)

Includes a salad and fruit bar

- **New Electronic Attendance**  
**Please check your NYCSA regularly to see your child's attendance on absent days and lateness.**
- Emergency Contact 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](mailto:lchu@schools.nyc) and school secretary, Beth Looks [blooks@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:blooks@schools.nyc.gov). <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/emergency-contact-card>
- **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.



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.

*Sincerely,*

Karen Scott-Piazza 😊

Principal PS205Q