

Dear PS 24 Family and Friends,

As a reminder, **school will be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** as we recognize Veterans Day. Although the school building will be closed, I hope you will join me, in using this day as a teachable moment for our youth by honoring all those who have served our great country. As we observe Veterans Day this year, please show your support for the outstanding men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. Tell a veteran directly that you love them, that you appreciate them, and that you are grateful for their service. We are their friends, their family, their co-workers, and their neighbors. It is up to us to ensure that every veteran feels that his or her service to this country is appreciated by their fellow Americans. There are many tangible ways that we can acknowledge their sacrifice, but the easiest is to simply say, “Thank you”. On behalf of myself and the PS 24 staff, thank you to every single veteran for your service that has allowed our country to be a great nation, and provide us the freedoms and liberties to make it even better for future generations.

### **Change of Learning Preferences**

As announced in the [October 26 letter](#) from the Office of First Deputy Chancellor (OFDC), the only planned blended learning opt-in window for families for the 2020–21 school year ends on **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. During the blended learning opt-in window, families and schools will have access to the following:

#### **Blended Learning Opt-in Window for Families:**

Families who had previously chosen remote-only learning will be able to opt-in to blended learning for the remainder of this school year using the [Learning Preference Survey](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/choose-your-learning-preference-for-the-2020-2021-school-year) (<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/choose-your-learning-preference-for-the-2020-2021-school-year>).

If you are interested in opting your child into blended learning for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, please complete the survey and inform your child's teacher and myself via e-mail to ensure a smooth transition. Over the next couple of weeks, my team and I will do our best to inform you of your child's new assignment prior the beginning of the 2nd quarter which begins on November 30th.

As a reminder, families can opt into 100% remote learning at any time.

### **In-Person Dates**

November 16- Cohort A

November 23 – Cohort B

November 30 - Cohort A

Thank you,

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