

PS 24 Family and Friends,

I want to thank you for another successful week back at PS 24. It warms our heart to see our children back in school and engaging in learning. Thank you for the many positive e-mails sent to my staff and my administration expressing how happy your children are to be back in action.

Please note the following reminders and updates for the week of October 13th:

No School on Monday, October 12th

As a friendly reminder, there will not be any school (in-person or remote) on Monday, October 12th as we observe Columbus Day. We are looking forward to seeing Cohort A in-person on Tuesday the 13th.

Opting for In-Person Learning

Families that have opted for remote only instruction will be provided a small window to opt back into in-person learning. The window that the DOE has provided parents to opt back in will take place between October 26th and October 30th. The process on how families can formally opt back into in-person learning is forthcoming. Once that information has been provided to school, we will inform our community.

Although the window officially opens on October 26th, the school would like to begin planning now for this transition. If you are considering opting back into in-person learning, please e-mail me at sschwartz@schools.nyc.gov. This information will allow the school to consider the necessary changes needed to our table of organization and/or learning preferences to support all our students.

Families with children who are learning remotely and wish to continue learning remotely do not need to take any action. Families with children who have selected the blended learning model, who wish to opt into remotely instruction can do so at any time

Random COVID-19 Testing

To prepare for random testing survey beginning in early October, please complete the Student [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#) that was given to all students who are currently participating in in-person instruction. You should have received this form from your child's teacher. Forms must be signed and returned to your child's teacher (either electronically or a hard copy). Specific information about the test is printed on the form.

Monday Cohorts

On October 19th, we are expected Cohort A to attend in-person learning. This back to back session with Cohort A is to support families with children at PS 24 and RKA. The surrounding schools and I will continue to work with RKA to ensure this alignment remains throughout the year and to track the equity of in-person instruction throughout the year.

Thank you again for being partners in making this first month of school a successful one; even during difficult times. It is our resiliency, determination and dedication to our children that will ultimately make this a successful year.

Warm Wishes,

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