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Dear Parent, Guardians, and Friends of PS 34,

We have finally arrived to the last school day of the 2019-2020 school year. Let me begin by saying, "Thank You". Your commitment and support has been extraordinary. I am so grateful to all of our families for their sacrifice during these difficult times. We had to reinvent our school to serve our students online. This was not easy, but I am proud of how teachers and staff have worked so hard to make this transition happen while maintaining our connection to our students.

We had three beautiful virtual ceremonies. Our 5th Grade Promotional Ceremony on June 17th, our Kindergarten, and Pre K Ceremonies on June 23rd and June 24th. Thank you to all teachers and families for making these events so very personal and special. We were even able to have a virtual 71st Annual Flag Day celebration that brought us back in time to our beloved school.

The school year is over, but we leave with many uncertainties and questions. Foremost on everyone's mind is, how we will reopen our school in September. This is what we know:

- Currently, we are assessing our building and the needs of the teachers and students. There is a possibility that we would open the school to a small number of students with rotating schedules. This would mean that students who are not physically in school would then attend school virtually. **It is important to know that no decision about reopening has been made.** This decision will be made by the Chancellor's Office and the NYC DOE. Principals will receive guidance for reopening as we get closer to September. It is important to take part in any surveys that the DOE sends out so that parent's needs can be addressed.

What is new for the year ahead:

- We are currently uploading our school to a new service called CareMonkey. It is paperless and we will be able to send you electronic forms that are easy to complete on your phone, tablet or PC. You will be able to complete all the required forms, permission slips, and Emergency Contact Card using CareMonkey. We are excited about providing you this service to help us manage all the paperwork we send home and allow you an easy way to provide all these forms back to us. Please feel free to contact the school's parent coordinator, Deise Kowalski at DKowalski@schools.nyc.gov if you have any questions.

Signing Up - Families will be receiving an email or text with an account creation link and temporary password in the next few days. We encourage all families to sign up.

You can also watch a short video (<https://www.caremonkey.com/parents/>) on CareMonkey's parent page that shows you how the system works for parents.

- We are happy to announce that our Dual Language Polish program continues to grow. We will have our first class entering the 5th grade class this September. This completes the Polish Dual Language program in our school, as we will now have one class in each grade from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Thank you to all our families for their support for this program and our partnerships who have enriched this program throughout its development, especially the Pilsudski Institute, the Polish Saturday Schools, the Polish Cultural Institute and The Polish Consulate.

Today all families will receive their children's report cards and student classroom for the next school year. Teachers will also send out the summer assignments for each grade. Please look for those in your emails. Summer assignments will also be available on our website, PS34.org.

We remain hopeful and positive moving forward. Together we will remain strong. I wish you all a safe, healthy summer. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions or to address a need.

Sincerely,

Carmen Asselta

Principal