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Principal's Update

September 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very happy to have arrived at this first full week of both in person and remote instruction for all our students. It is wonderful to hear the children in our school yards once again and see our students, whether in person or remote and interact with them again. We are working very hard to make this very different school year as productive as possible.

It has been difficult navigating the staffing issues for blended remote students. This is a city wide issue and we are working through finding ways to support blended remote positions with live instruction. This means that over the next few weeks you may be introduced to new teachers who will take on new assignments as we address these gaps. I will have a Parent Forum on Monday, October 5th at 3:30 pm to go over our teacher assignments and the changes that will continue to take place.

- Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82077666306?pwd=MnVFZkJTNk9PU0dJUVW01UzJQWE5QQT09>
Meeting ID: 820 7766 6306
Passcode: 123456

NYC DOE Random Monthly COVID-19 Testing

The department of education has partnered with NYC Health +Hospitals, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the NYC Test & Trace Corps to arrange for testing of NYC DOE students and staff for COVID-19 infections. Yesterday we emailed and posted an update for families from Chancellor Richard Carranza regarding these random COVID-19 tests. Please note that in order for the DOE to administer a COVID-19 test to your child, your consent is needed. We strongly encourage parents to sign and return the consent forms as soon as possible.

Families can visit the link [HERE for the September 29, 2020: Update for Families on COVID-19 Testing](#)

The information is also available in various languages on the [DOE website link Here](#). For Polish translation [click HERE](#).

We ask that Blended Students download the PDF Student [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#) and return the completed consent forms to your child's teacher or email to Ms. Deise Kowalski, Parent Coordinator, at Dkowalski@schools.nyc.gov. The form is also available in various [languages here](#).

Face Coverings for Students Participating in Blended Learning

All staff, students, and visitors over the age of two years old entering a New York City Department of Education (DOE) building **MUST** wear a face covering in accordance with the Department of Education regulations.

Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings (e.g., homemade, sewn, or quick cut masks), and disposable surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose.

Types of Face Coverings **Not Permitted** on DOE Property include:

- Bandanas and neck gaiters
- Face coverings with an exhalation valve or vent are not permitted as exhalation valves allow unfiltered exhaled air to escape to others.
- Face coverings that completely cover or hide an individual's face, such as ski masks, are not permitted.

It will require patience as we continue to evolve in this new situation. I am grateful to our teachers, paras and staff who are making every effort to work with all of our children.

Sincerely,

Carmen Asselta

Principal