

Public School 154

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Dear PS 154 Families,

With the weather getting better, we hope the added sunshine helps to lift everyone's spirits during this difficult time. We continue to miss seeing each other every day, being in classrooms and seeing your smiling children's faces. As always, we would like to extend a warm felt thank you to all of the essential workers and our condolences to those families impacted by this pandemic. Please continue to reach out to us let us know if there is anything that we could do for you and your family. We are in this together!

As information is constantly changing, we wanted to be sure to share updates with you:

- **School Closures:** The Mayor and the Governor have finally come to an agreement that NYCDOE schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year, and we will continue remote teaching through the end of June.
- **Grading Policy:** The DOE released guidelines for how students will be graded during remote learning. We will be hosting a meeting soon to address any questions that you may have regarding this policy, keeping in mind that this is new to us as well.
- **Technology Support:** As the DOE has been committed to ensure that all students have access to technology, some families have been experiencing technical issues. We are here to help you work through those issues. However, the DOE has created a Technical Support for Families Page as well to address concerns that we might not be able to fix. The website is: [NYC DOE Technical Support for Families Page](#)
- **Requesting Technology:** If you are still in need of technology, you can request at [1-718-935-5200](tel:1-718-935-5200) and choosing option 5 or by visiting the following website: [Remote Learning Devices](#)
- **P.S. 154 Remote Learning Survey:** Please let us know how we are doing and how we could be of support to you. We have created our own remote learning survey. Please take some time to complete the survey. We appreciate your feedback. [P.S. 154 Parent Survey](#)
- **Virtual Platforms for Students:** Ms. Meyer, Guidance Counselor and Ms. Burgos, Youth Development Counselor has been creating opportunities for students to have supervised virtual hangouts. We understand the importance of children being able to connect with one another.
- **Parent Meetings:** We will be revising our schedule next week to accommodate more parents. Please join us next week where we will be repeating our discussion on Remote Learning at P.S. 154.
 - Coffee and Conversation with Administration – Tuesday, May 12th at 3:30pm. You can join the conversation by calling [1-347-966-4114](tel:1-347-966-4114) and entering the conference ID [649 496 843#](#).
 - Coffee and Conversation with Mr. Mario – Thursday, May 14th at 3:30pm. You can join the conversation by calling [1-347-966-4114](tel:1-347-966-4114) and entering the conference ID [207 642 383#](#).
- **Personal Items:** When students left school on Friday, March 20th, we had not anticipated that we would not be returning to the school building. Therefore, a number of students have left their personal items inside the school building. Once it is safe and we have received directive from the DOE, we will make arrangements for students to get their belongings.
- **Celebrating Pre-K, Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Students:** At the end of the school year, we always make arrangements to celebrate students on their accomplishments and plan to continue to do so. Schools were directed to hold off from making any plans until they received the policy guidelines from the DOE. Once we receive these guidelines, we will begin planning and inform families of our next steps.

As always, please visit our school website, www.ps154queensny.org or email us at 25Q154@schools.nyc.gov for up to date information and for anything that you might need.

Be well!

Ms. Gathers-Bullard and Ms. Foulkes