

PUBLIC SCHOOL 154

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November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a great start to this new school year. Many exciting moments have been captured in the opening months. The children have been exercising their learning muscles in the classrooms and doing great work. As November brings cooler weather, our children do go outside for recess. Please dress your children accordingly for outdoor weather. If your child is missing any items, stop by the school's Lost and Found Box in the cafeteria.

Our Library/Technology and Open Gym Programs are starting this month. During the Open Gym Program, parents and children are invited in for free and organized play activities. Please feel free to stop by the Library on Thursdays to check out books, for homework help or to use the computer. All are welcome! Check the calendar for program dates.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place this month. Please see below for the schedule:

Thursday, November 14, 2019

- Grades: Pre-K-4
 - Afternoon session: 12:00-2:20PM
 - Evening session: 4:30-7:30PM

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- Grade 5
 - Morning session: 8:00-11:10AM
 - Afternoon session: 12:20-2:20PM
 - Evening Session: 4:30-7:30PM

Friday, November 15, 2019

- Ms. McKay, Ms. Barberio and Ms. Rodriguez
 - Morning session: 8:00-10:00AM
- Ms. Bracco and Ms. Bruno
 - Afternoon session: 12:00-2:00PM

You should have received a form from your child's teacher to request your time preference. The Parent-Teacher Conference is an opportunity for your child's teacher to share with you the grades' learning expectations. During these sessions, you will learn how your child is progressing towards the standards. **All children will be dismissed at 11:20am on Thursday, November 14th.** Progress Reports will be distributed on **Wednesday, November 13th.**

LITERACY PROGRAMS – In order to support our students reading development, the school has purchased subscriptions to RAZ-Kids (Grades K-2) and NEWSELA (Grades 3-5). They both provide meaningful online reading practice on computers and mobile devices with hundreds of leveled books or news articles. Reading materials include various levels of reading difficulty and corresponding quizzes to match the stories/articles. **Please ensure that your child is reading daily using either RAZ-Kids or NEWSELA.**

LITERACY NIGHT – Our BINGO-4-Books event is scheduled for **Thursday, November 21, 2019, from 6:00-7:00pm.** This is an event designed to promote family literacy. Please come out and join us for a night of BINGO fun! Each family will receive a BINGO card and if you are lucky enough to be a winner, you get to choose a special prize. This is a **FREE** event and everyone is welcome to attend. Don't miss out on all the fun!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, November 1st

NO SCHOOL – Tuesday, November 5th – ELECTION DAY

Monday, November 11th – VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd – THANKSGIVING BREAK

PROGRESS REPORTS DISTRIBUTION – Wednesday, November 13th

THANK YOU - I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the families who participated in this year's Candy Sale. The money raised from the candy sale will go towards scheduling special assemblies for our children.

The P.S. 154 family wishes you and your family a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Pamela Gathers-Bullard,
Principal