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Parent Letter # 15- Last Day of School

June 26, 2020

Dear P.S./M.S. 71 Families,

What a year it has been! As I walked the school building on our last day of school, I began reflecting on how different the school looks and feels at this time. The last day of school is often filled with feelings of excitement, pride, and joy as students and staff can be seen and heard celebrating another successful year. The hallways and classrooms are typically buzzing with laughter as students are heard sharing summer plans, saying their farewells, and getting ready for a well-deserved break. How I wish we were back in our building with your children to see them off and to celebrate their last day of the 2019-2020 school year. Classrooms remain empty, hallways are silent, and the presence of your children is deeply missed. I look forward to the day when I can once again see their smiling faces, hear the excitement in their voices, and when teaching and learning is taking place inside the school building.

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our staff for their dedication and commitment to our students and families throughout the school year, and for how quickly they adapted to teaching and learning via Remote Learning. On March 23rd, we kicked-off Remote Learning. It was all hands on deck and our instructional staff embraced the challenges they faced to navigate a new digital platform and worked diligently to strengthen their skills to teach virtually. Our teachers went above and beyond to ensure continuity of learning, while continuing to engage, empower, and inspire students. I am extremely proud of our staff and students for their resilience, perseverance, and for all they have accomplished.

The school-family connection and partnership are essential to the success of every child. Thank you for your trust, patience, flexibility, and support throughout this unprecedented experience. Throughout the summer, our school community will continue to plan and prepare for teaching and learning in the Fall. I understand that parents are looking for assurances and answers as to what school will look like in September. While there are many uncertainties at this time, please know that as I receive updates and official guidance regarding plans for September, I will share this information with you.

Important Information:

Report Cards:

DOE will make certain documents available for students and families in NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) and Teach Hub 2.0 beginning the week of June 15. These documents will display as they become available. DOE students can log into [Teach Hub 2.0](#) and view unofficial copies of their own report cards, transcripts, and summer school letters. For guidance on accessing student accounts, see the [Students Accounts page](#).

Summer Packets:

Teachers have prepared Summer Literacy and Math activities and resources for students to engage with independently during the summer months. The materials will be posted on your child's current Google classroom. Please note that the activities are self-guided and students can complete them at their own pace. Teachers will not be available to

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interact or engage with students on Google classrooms during the summer months. Students are highly encouraged to read daily to build fluency and reading stamina.

New Classes:

Families will receive their child's new class and new teacher the first week in September via Pupilpath. If you need assistance setting up or accessing your account please contact Ms. A. Ortiz at aortiz9@schools.nyc.gov.

Return to School DOE Survey:

As a reminder, this survey was created to gather feedback from students and families about the most important considerations for their return to school in the fall. Your voice matters. Deadline has been extended to June 30th.

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/5647165/Return-to-School-Survey-Families>

Despite how this school year ended, it is a time to celebrate our accomplishments as a school community. Congratulations to our 8th graders, the Class of 2020! I wish them all the best and much success in high school.

Wishing you an enjoyable, healthy, and safe summer.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Margaret Mirando
Principal