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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I hope you enjoyed your weekend! Can you believe Thanksgiving is next week? This will be the first year, in **8 years**, where KAPPA does not host its **Annual Thanksgiving Lunch**. I want you to know that even though we will not be together for this day, we are all reminded of this wonderful tradition & celebration that has become so important to our school community. This day is a reminder of the importance of gratitude & I for one am so grateful to be surrounded by such a supporting school community. I am also grateful that we can keep the schools open at this time. My hope is that everyone will continue to follow all the health guidelines, continue to wear mask, practice social distancing & the rate of COVID will continue to decline.

Yesterday was the last day to complete the online survey to change from remote to blended learning. We received permission from the Superintendent's office to allow students to in person learning right away. Students that are changing to our blended learning schedule, can begin school tomorrow, November 17th (Group A only) & Thursday, November 19th (Group B only). Our staff will call you to inform you which group your child will be in.

Today our school was scheduled for random COVID testing. Testing was limited because we are still missing consent forms. Any parent that has not completed the consent form for testing, will receive a phone call today. To ensure the health & safety of our school community, I am asking for all forms to be completed & submitted to the school by tomorrow.

Yesterday, I was informed that C.S. 300 had a positive case of COVID & a classroom was shut down for today. I am attaching a copy of the letter we received to keep you informed. KAPPA III was not exposed to any member from the C.S. 300 campus. If there are any further updates regarding this situation, I will contact you immediately.

This week we are hosting our **Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences**. *Meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 18th (Evening - 4:00pm - 7:30pm) & Thursday, November 19th (12:30pm - 2:30pm). Thursday, November 19th will be a half day and all Group B students will be dismissed at 11:00am. We ask that you attend this conference to discuss your child's academics & any concerns you may have about our courses or additional support that may be needed. Communication is the key for success, & I want to ensure that we take the time to discuss any concerns you may have.* Please refer to the Department of Education Website where you can find information to assist you with virtual conferences. <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/parent-teacher-conferences>

By now, you should have heard your child or your child's teacher mention I-ready. This year, KAPPA III has purchased I-ready for additional support in ELA & Math. I-Ready helps teachers assess the needs of every student in their class while monitoring progress throughout the school year. It also provides differentiated, individualized online & classroom instruction based on the skills that each student needs. I-Ready Diagnostic is given 3 times during the school year: at the beginning of the school year (October/November), middle of the year (January/February), & end of the year

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

Parent Teacher Conference

Wednesday, November 18
Evening 4pm – 7:30pm
&
Thursday, November 19
Half A Day 11:00 Dismissal
Afternoon 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Cohort A

Tuesday, Wednesday,
& Every other Monday
8:30am – 2:00pm

Cohort B

Thursday, Friday, &
Every Other Monday
8:30am – 2:00pm

Cohort D

Monday – Friday
Remote Learning

STUDENT SCHEDULES

(Can be seen on
KAPPA III's Website)

KAPPA III WEB SITE

Check it out
<https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>

(May/June). The results of the adaptive assessment provide teachers with an instructional course of action personalized for each student. Immediately following each assessment, I-Ready places your child into Online Instruction to support his or her progress in mastering essential skills in reading & math. The Online Instruction, if used more than 60 min. per day, has been proven to help students grow academically. We encourage all students to work on I-ready daily in ELA & Math for 1 hour, your child has been given their individual login information. You should work with your child's teacher to find out how you can help your child at home access this instruction.

For Our Seniors

We received the High School Books & are in the process of distributing to all students. In past years, open houses & high school fairs have helped families learn about high school options & the admissions process. Due to the ongoing public health crisis, in-person events are not safe for students, their families, or school staff. The dates & format of the high school fairs, as listed in the [2021 NYC High School and Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide](#), are changing.

NYC CTE Virtual High School Fairs will take place November 16 - December 5.

- These virtual events are open to all NYC students & their families to learn about Career & Technical Education (CTE) high schools.

Virtual Open Houses & Virtual Tours: all high schools are encouraged to offer virtual opportunities for families to learn about their schools. High schools are asked to post the following information on their own school website starting in November:

- Schedule and links to any live or recorded events (or links where families can register for the events)
- Videos &/or other media
- Contact information for families who want to speak or write directly to school staff.

Families can access each high school's website on the school page.

Here are some important reminders for families:

- The high school application is not yet open & no longer closes on December 4, 2020. Families will have additional time to apply.
- Registration for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) & LaGuardia High School auditions is not yet open, & no longer closed on October 21, 2020. Families will have additional time to register.
- The dates and locations for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) & for LaGuardia High School auditions, as listed in the 2021 NYC High School & Specialized High Schools Admissions Guide, will also change.

Remember we have two Guidance Counselors here to support & they are preparing for our Town Hall Meeting which will be hosted soon.

November 11th is the last day of the 1st marking period. I urge you to please review your child's grades on Google Classroom prior to the ending of the marking period. If your child has received a low grade in any content, you should meet with the teacher to identify any missing assignments. Teachers are still in the process of collecting assignments so please make sure your child has submitted all her/his assignments to receive full credit. To view your child's report card, you must sign into the NYC Schools Account (<https://mystudent.nyc/>).

Remember, attendance is important at KAPPA III as it accounts for student engagement. Our expectation is that students are in school or online every day. I cannot stress enough the importance of student engagement in both synchronous and asynchronous learning. Course content is continuous, and it is imperative that students to keep up with their schoolwork.

As always, I encourage you to please continue to refer to our school website: <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. for additional information. For your convenience, helpful links and resources are posted on this page as well. ***Monday, November 23rd all Group A students are scheduled for in-school learning.***

I want to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family good health. We love welcoming our students into the building and for virtual learning every day. Please complete the permission slip form in case your child comes to school on the wrong day. The permission slip would allow your child to go back home if he/she comes on the wrong day. Please complete the form and send it back to us via email.

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal