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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather we had this weekend! This is our last week in October, & quite honestly, I do not know where time is going. Our students are taking their diagnostic (I-Ready) exams in ELA & Math, this week. Please make sure your child attends each of their classes whether in person or remotely, to ensure completion of testing. The I-Ready Assessment empowers teachers with a deeper knowledge of their students' needs. The diagnostic exam offers a complete picture of student performance and growth. The diagnostic results set a personalized learning path for each student, ensuring they're working on instruction that is matched to their learning needs.

The DOE has just released the following information for the blended learning opt-in window for families:

We aimed to develop an opt-in process that would:

- Honor our commitment to families that they would have an opportunity to opt into blended/in-person learning in November
- Acknowledge that some schools may need time & support to develop solutions to accommodate students who want to return to in-person learning
- Promote the stability & continuity needed to maximize learning

To best meet these objectives, the process outlined below will be the **only opt-in window for families this school year, through the last day of the 2020-2021 school year.** We believe that this best meets the needs of students, families, teachers, & school leaders as we establish strong routines & structures for learning.

As such, the process for Blended Learning Opt-In is as follows:

Monday, November 2 – Sunday, November 15: Blended Learning Opt-In Window for Families

- Families requesting to change from 100% remote to blended learning should complete and submit the [Learning Preference survey](#) during this window. Students will begin In-Person Learning during the weeks of November 30 & December 7th. If you need any assistance completing the survey, please contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles at 718-561-3580.

We are asking that all students complete the health screening form at home each morning, prior to coming to school. This allows our morning admission to go a lot quicker, especially with the cold weather approaching. Please assist your child with completing the form. We will continue to follow the health guidelines that require physical distancing & mandatory use of face coverings. Please make sure you continue to speak to your child about the importance of following the health guidelines.

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

SLT Elections & Title I Meeting Discussion:

Student Report Card & Marking Period
Wednesday, October 27 at 2:30am

Tuesday, November 3rd
ELECTION DAY

Everyone is
FULLY REMOTE

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

KAPPA III WEB SITE

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

Last week we had random testing done at the school for students and staff. The DOE will continue to provide monthly testing in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. They will test a randomly selected group of staff & students in schools, once per month. The Department of Education highly recommends that all staff and students complete the consent form & go through this screening. We sent home consent forms in the beginning of October & last week, we are asking that you please complete it & return it to the school or complete the consent online to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We are hosting our **School Leadership Team Elections** tomorrow afternoon at 3:00pm. All elected members will review & develop the educational policies of Kappa III. They also make sure there are enough resources to help support those policies. The School Leadership Team includes the Principal, PTA President, UFT Chapter Leader & an equal number of parents & staff. The SLT will: *Provide ongoing evaluations of a school's educational programs & their impact on student achievement, * Play an important role in school-based decision -making, and * Help to make school cultures more collaborative. If you are available tomorrow at 3:00pm, I ask that you attend our elections to help support our school.

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.

For the safety of all of our students during Halloween, we ask all Group B students to not bring their school bags on Friday, October 30th.

I want to thank you for your continued support & wish you & your family good health. We love welcoming our students into the building & for virtual learning every day. I want to thank the KAPPA III Staff for their hard work. I am so thankful to be surrounded by colleagues that really care about our student achievement and have the best interest of our students at heart.

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 & send it back to us via email.

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal
