

# 2019-2020 Academic School Year Calendar

## Save-The-Date



September	5	Thursday	School Begins-Elementary School * EARLY DISMISSAL 11:40 a.m. FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY.
September	30	Monday	Rosh Hashanah (School Closed)
October	1	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah (School Closed)
October	9	Wednesday	Yom Kippur (School Closed)
October	14	Monday	Columbus Day (School Close)
November	5	Tuesday	Election Day. Chancellor’s Conference Day. (Students will not be in attendance.)
November	11	Monday	Veterans Day
November	28,29	Thurs, Friday	Thanksgiving Recess (School Closed)
December	24	Mon, through	Winter Recess (including Christmas and New Year’s Day Students return to school on Thursday, January 2, 2020
January	1	Monday	
			<b>2020</b>
January	20	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (School Closed)
February	17-21	Monday-Friday	Mid-winter Recess Students return to school on Monday, February 24, 2020.
April	9-17	Friday– Friday	Spring Recess Students return to school on Monday, April 20, 2020.
May	25	Monday	Memorial Day (School Closed)
June	4	Thursday	Conference Day (Students will not be in attendance.)
June	9	Tuesday	Clerical Day (Students will not be in attendance.)
June	26	Friday	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS.

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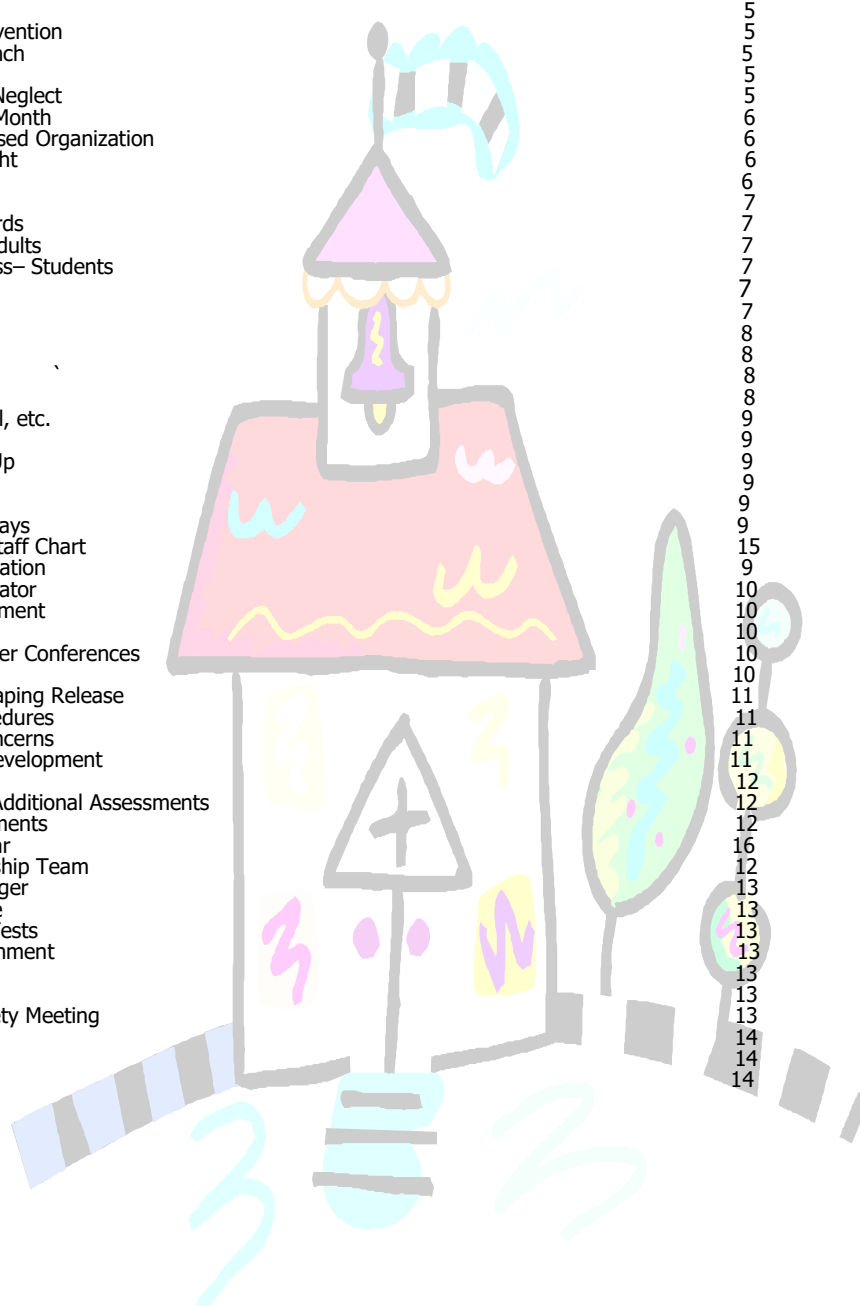
# PARENT HANDBOOK 2019-2020



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**Schwanna Ellman**  
Principal I.A.

**Jennifer Streppone**  
Assistant Principal

## ORGANIZATION CHART List of Instructional /Support Staff

**Classroom Teachers**

- K-179 Monique Recuppio
- K-178 Gina Goichman
- K-175 Kimberly Centrone
- K-175 Nancy Aromando
- K/1-182 Emy Carpano
  
- 1-139 Anthony Lawlis
- 1-139 Talina Thomas
- 1-143 Michelle Compagnone
  
- 2-236 Stacie Murphy
- 2-239 Michelle Marcello
- 2-239 Ellissa Velazquez
- 1/2-142 Jessica Buchanan
  
- 3-206 Emily Berman
- 3-207 Catherine Azzinari
  
- 4-205 Bridget Franceschini
- 4-204 Jaichelle Brown
- 4-377 Carlye Eskenazi
  
- 5-304 Benedict LoParrino
- 5-305 Lisa Santucci
- 5-305 Carmela Patten
- 5-306 Lisa DeVito
- 5-307 Erin Bloom

**Literacy Coach/Teacher Center**  
Allison Hayden

**Special Unit Coordinator /  
Testing Coordinator**  
Emily Gunther

**Magnet Coordinator**  
Jean Staudt

**Magnet Resource Specialist**  
Carlye Dinunzio

**Intervention Teacher**  
Elizabeth Carrara

**AIS**

Carolyn Jandelli

**Related Services**

- Speech- Samantha Dietzel
- ESL- Majda Zayed
- SETTS- Lynne Kaiser
- Guidance Counselor- Debra Penate
- SAPIS- Steve Demaio

**SAT (School Assessment Team)**

- Milagros Arias
- Giovanny Lozano
- Curtis Festa
- Jennifer Vidalon
- Jennifer Enfante

**Clusters/Specialty**

- Art- TBA
- Computer - Brandon Papa
- Dance - Cynthia Rodriguez
- Gym- Loren Quitoni
- Science- Eric Scattaretico

**Parent Coordinator**  
Yvette Vasquez

**Paraprofessionals**

- John Ainette
- Salima Akthar
- Sherri Butler
- MD Atiquir Chowdhury
- Wilhelmina Dugue
- Jennifer Figueroa
- Sida Hilario
- Camille Porfilio
- Dorsy Rafiq
- Ramon Rodriguez
- Olga Santiago
- Tereza Youssef
- Nicole Derasmo

**Secretaries**

- Josephine Inzano
- Rose DePinto

**Safety Agent**

- Naomi Williams

**Nurse**

- Ms. Yang

**Aides**

- Rosa Appollonio
- Carlene Joseph
- Jodi Veccia
- Michelle Collazo
- Edna Sanchez



**UNIFORMS**

We are a uniform school. This means: navy pants, white shirt, blue tie for boys and navy jumper (or pants), white blouse, blue tie for girls. Navy sweats and sneakers are worn on gym/dance days each week. Please see the Parent Coordinator about purchasing gym Tee shirts and sweats. The following articles of clothing **ARE NOT allowed: jeans, baggy pants, tank tops, halter-tops, mini skirts, bandanas, flip-flops, high heels, dangling earrings, lipstick or shirts with inappropriate messages.**

Please note that your child's clothing should not be worn tight. Students should have enough room to be comfortable in class. Full classes wearing uniforms consistently will receive recognition.

**VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in volunteering, please see the Parent Coordinator, Yvette Vasquez, for the official form which needs to be completed. She will arrange training for those who are interested. We need volunteers who will **consistently** help at morning line-up and where needed.

**WORKSHOPS**

During the course of the year we will be arranging workshops for parents on a wide variety of topics. Look for the flyers, which your child will be bringing home. Please attend and bring a friend! Let us know what topics you would like to hear more about.

**A message from your Principal...**

*Dear Families,*

*This handbook should help to answer some of your questions about school policies, procedures, expectations and schedules. Please keep it in a prominent place so you can refer to it throughout the year. This year we are integrating a departmentalized model of math instruction for 5th graders.*

*P.S. 178 strives to provide programs in project based learning that stimulate children's natural curiosity, meet their individual needs, enrich their experiences, and create a warm and nurturing atmosphere.*

*We need and encourage parents to attend our workshops, assembly programs and other special events, communicate on an on-going basis with our teachers, and monitor your child's work at home.*

*Thank you for understanding that the education of your child is a three-way partnership that will prepare students for college and career readiness. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Schwanna Ellman  
Principal*

Vision Statement

*Dr. Selman Waksman classrooms and learning spaces need to be places where all students engage in authentic learning opportunities and have access to learning pathways tailored to their unique needs. Authentic learning opportunities engage students at every developmental level with complex, cognitively demanding, real-world problems. The available pathways need to guide students to develop the knowledge, skills, and mindsets that will allow them to thrive personally and professionally. They must also infuse the topics, coursework, and experiences that will ignite a critically conscious and active citizenry, ready to collectively craft an even better, more equitable New York City broader world. At DSW, we believe that these skills will make our students college, career, and life ready.*

Mission Statement

*Dr. Selman Waksman (DSW) students are the citizens, leaders, scholars, entrepreneurs, advocates, and innovators of tomorrow. DSW must ensure that 100% of our students are ready for college, career, and life. In order to realize our mission, we must transform teaching and learning at DSW. Our students must have access to authentic learning opportunities that will prepare them for success in the rapidly changing world in which we live. The Essentials for Instructional Equity enable this transformation.*



## ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES

Classroom teachers assess the students not only at the beginning of the year, but also throughout the year. We make every attempt to provide additional academic intervention services for those students who are considered most at-risk in terms of literacy and math levels. Parents will receive notification letters if a child is a candidate for Academic Intervention Services (AIS). This service is provided during the school day.

## ALLERGIES

The school needs to have a **written**, completed doctor's note form on file for the **CURRENT** year if a child is allergic to anything, so we can share this information with the appropriate staff.

## ANNUAL EVENTS/ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Curriculum Night - September 12th - 4:30 - 7:30p.m.
- Science Fair /PBL Celebrations-dates to be announced
- Class Spelling Bees (grades 2-5) between Dec 2nd– 6th
- Spelling Bee 2nd and 3rd grade winners - Dec. 19th
- Spelling Bee 4th and 5th grade winners - Dec. 20th
- Read Across America Day—March 2nd
- Poetry Read Aloud week– celebration April 1st– 3rd
- Parent Engagement Night May 7th– 4:30-7:30p.m.
- Dance Festivals - K-2 June 11th (rain or shine)  
3-5 May 20th (rain or shine)

## APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Parents are encouraged to meet with the classroom teacher, the Intervention Teacher, the Guidance Counselor, the Parent Coordinator, the Special Unit Coordinator, or the Assistant Principal with concerns and/or questions. If your concerns have not been resolved, please call our secretary to make an appointment to meet with the Principal.

## ARRIVAL

Those eating the school breakfast need to arrive at **7:50a.m.** All others are encouraged to be in school at **8:10a.m.**, but **no later than 8:20a.m.** All latecomers need to enter the building through the Main Door and get a late pass. As per NYC-DOE guidelines chronic absence and/or lateness will be monitored.

## ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS

October 17th	4th Grade	December 12th	5th Grade	January 23rd	3rd Grade
March 19th	1st and 2nd Grade	May 21st	Kindergarten		

The entire grade presents an assembly program in the Truman High School auditorium. The program begins promptly at 1:15p.m. Parents are urged to attend; it means so much to your child. Parents who want to take their child home after the assembly need to go back to 178 and sign him/her out there.

**CHILDREN MUST DEMONSTRATE GOOD AUDIENCE CONDUCT TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS. CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR THE UNIFORM**

**\*You cannot enter Truman High School before 1:00 or after 1:15. These are Truman's rules.**

## SCHOOL MESSENGER

It is our goal to keep the lines of communication open, as well as an attempt to cut down the amount of paper we use, many of the messages we want families to receive will be by a telephone messenger service.

Please pay close attention to the information shared. It will pertain to important school initiatives and events.

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Grade</u>
March 25,26,27	NYS ELA	3rd, 4th, 5th
April 21,22,23	NYS Math	3rd, 4th, 5th
May 18-29	NYS Science (performance)	4th
June 1	NYS Science (written)	4th
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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT/ HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

In November, each class elects a class President and Vice-President who then become our overall Student Government. Student Government meets monthly with Ms. Carrara, the moderator. This helps the children to understand the process of how local and national leaders are elected to office. They also learn that it is a means of making change for the better.

**-School President, Vice, Secretary**

## SUPPLIES

We have a uniform notebook policy on ALL grades. Each child is required to have six hard covered notebooks: 1) Reading /Spelling 2) Math 3) Science 4) Social Studies 5) Writing, and 6) Spelling.

Each grade teacher will inform children regarding any additional supplies which will be required for the year. Having an activity book for indoor recess is **IMPORTANT** in helping to maintain a safe, orderly lunchroom. These will need to be replaced when they have been completely used.

## TECHNOLOGY/ INTERNET USE

Families, please actively supervise your child's use on the computer. Too many of our youngsters are going onto sites which are inappropriate for this age group.

## TOWN HALL SAFETY MEETING

The town hall school safety meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 10:10a.m. All are invited to attend. This open meeting is conducted once a year.

**READING**

Research has shown that reading aloud to your child and having your child read to him / herself while you sit there reading, as well, has a MAJOR impact on success.

In addition, teach your child “active” reading strategies, such as:

- **Stop once in a while and think.** What are the main points? What has he learned? Is anything confusing? How does the material relate to real life?
- **Restate what the book says.** If your child puts things in his own words, it may reassure him that he understands.
- **Make comparisons** to another familiar book, or to previous chapters.

**REPORT CARDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

Report Cards will be issued at Parent/Teacher Conferences in November and March. As early as the November report card parents will be notified if their child is at risk and requires more support in school and at home. In addition, teachers will make out reach if particular areas of need are noted. The children will receive the following uniform, grade-wide assessments. Progress reports are issued September and January Report cards are issued November, March and June.

**Mid-Year Review Exams**

Feb. 3 / Feb. 4 / Feb. 5 / Feb. 6 / Feb. 7 / Feb. 10 / Feb 11

**Final Review Exams**

May 27 / May 28 / May 30 / June 1 / June 2 / June 3 / June 5

**SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

There will be periodic assessments during the year to provide teachers with additional information for planning and teaching purposes. Data from periodic exams will be analyzed to meet the learning needs of the children. Assessment results will be shared with families during parent engagement.

**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Our school has a membership team comprised of an equal number of staff members and parents who have been elected by their constituencies.

This team reviews the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) in order to support our goals and objectives. The agendas and minutes of these meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside of the main office.

All staff members and parents are welcome to sit-in on SLT meetings.

**ATTENDANCE**

Daily attendance is very important as it allows for continuity of instruction. While we don't want your child to come to school if he/she is legitimately ill, he/she can not stay home for every little snuffle. Perfect attendance will be honored monthly. A special Recognition will be given in June for those students who have Perfect Attendance for the year.

**BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM**

Children who are part of the breakfast program should enter through Door 4 at 7:50a.m. After 8:10a.m. students enter through the main door and report directly to their class line. Doors for breakfast close at 8:10a.m. A lunch form must be turned in for each student even though there is no fee for meals. **Every parent must submit this form.** It can be done online as well [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). Students eating breakfast each morning should be prepared with their electronic meal card. Any questions can be addressed to Ms.Vasquez or Ms. DePinto 718-904-5570.

**BUSES - Bus company customer service (718) 392-8855**

Students who live on Casals, Cooper, Carver, Dreiser and Debs are only eligible for buses in **grades K-2**. The only 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who are eligible for bus service are those from Rombouts Street, Tillotson Avenue.

Bus service is determined by the Office of Pupil Transportation and is based on the family address which is noted in the official Dept. of Education (DOE) system.

Students need to be consistent in the way they come to and leave from school. If there is an **OCCASIONAL** emergency and necessity for a change, the child needs to come to school with a **NOTE** for the teacher. Please make every attempt to notify the school by 1:30pm of any dismissal changes.

**CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT**

By law, suspicions of child abuse, maltreatment or neglect must be reported to the Administration for Children Services (ACS).

It is our hope that no child from P.S. 178 will ever be abused, maltreated or neglected. But in the event that information is brought to our attention, and/or there are physical or behavioral indications, we will follow the law.

**Neglect also includes children who :**

- **continually arrive late;**
- **are dropped off on school grounds prior to 7:50a.m.,**
- **are continually picked up late;**
- **are dressed inappropriately;**
- **have excessive absences;**
- **are picked-up early on a regular basis with no valid reason.**

### CITIZEN-OF-THE-MONTH

Honoring Citizens-of-the-Month is a tradition we have maintained at P.S. 178. Each month every classroom teacher is asked to select a student who has:

- shown respect for others, both students and adults;
- displayed a sense of cooperation and tries their best;
- demonstrated friendship and helpfulness towards others;
- followed school and classroom rules.

We believe these fine qualities are as important to recognize as academic achievement. Teachers select a different child each month.

Our citizens and their parents are then invited for a breakfast where they receive a pin, a certificate, and the recognition they have earned. Their names are published in the school newsletter and are also posted on our main floor bulletin board. Students must be in their school uniform to attend the ceremony.

### COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

#### N.Y. Edge/ Sports and Arts

This is an after-school enrichment program which accepts a limited number of students from grades 1-5. A registration form must be submitted to the program's director, Shay Coke. Since there is a limited number of seats, acceptance into the program will be on a first come, first serve basis. More information will follow.

### CURRICULUM NIGHT FOR PARENTS

Thursday, September 12, 2019 beginning at 4:30p.m. parents are invited to come to school and meet the teacher. An overview of the curriculum and expectations for the year will be presented. Thursday, May 21, 2020 beginning at 4:30p.m. an additional parent engagement night will be conducted with information for the upcoming year, and end of year projects.

### DISMISSAL - Pick up is 2:40p.m. Monday through Friday for all students

**Kindergarten**— at the classroom door (K-175, K-178, K-179). **First grade** - at the classroom door (1-139, 1-143, ). **Second grade - Exit 3** (2-236, 2-239). **Third grade, Fourth grade and Fifth grade**—Main Entrance (3-206, 3-207,3-238, 4-204,4-205,5-304, 5-305 5-306). We ask pick-up people to stay clear of the doorways so classes have a clear path for walking. Teachers need to see the pick-up person prior to releasing a child. Please discuss with your child the importance of staying with the teacher until the teacher sees the pick-up person. Bus children are escorted up to the bus line-up by individual school aides. Teachers cannot confer with parents during dismissal.

Many families rely on Middle/High School students to pick up children from elementary school. Siblings must be here at the appropriate dismissal times and **follow directions as to where they should wait. Only the pick-up person should be in this area.** Often older siblings come to our school grounds with 2-4 friends; this congests the limited space even further. Friends should wait down the staircase or on the path next to the parking lot so they won't congest the dismissal areas.

### PHOTO/VIDEO TAPING RELEASE

This form should be signed and returned with your blue emergency card. It enables P.S. 178 to highlight special accomplishments of the children in local newspapers, outside agencies, and with visiting programs. Photos and videos may be taken at these functions and we require your continued support.

### POLICIES and PROCEDURES

#### Students will:

1. **Arrive** to school at **8:10am** for line-up. Late-comers (after 8:20a.m.) must walk around to Main Door, and get a late pass in the School Aides' room.
2. Come to school with a book to read during morning line up.
3. **Speak** and act **respectfully**.
4. Always carry a **pass** when out of the classroom.
5. **Review** the Discipline Code with their parents and **follow all rules**.
6. Act appropriately in the hallways, stairs wells, and classrooms.
7. Complete class work and homework **daily**.
8. **Wear the school uniform every day**. On gym and dance days students wear navy sweats.
9. **Follow our cell phone/ electronics school policy**.
10. Always do their best.

### PROBLEMS / CONCERNS

If any family has class related concerns, the first course of action would be to contact the teacher via note, phone call or face-to-face meeting.

If there is still an unresolved issue, please feel free to call 718-904-5570, and speak with Ms. Carrara, our Intervention Teacher. If the matter is still unresolved please make an appointment to meet administration. Questions and concerns regarding security, food services, transportation and/or the physical plant, should be directed to the main office.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Education has provided the staff with (2) full days of professional development. On November 5, 2019 and June 4, 2020 students will not be in attendance.

## **Executive Board Members 2019-2020**

**Co/Presidents** – Anthony Feliciano

**Treasurers** - TBA

**Secretary** - TBA

**Sergeant - at - Arms** - Quianna Smoak

### **PARENT COORDINATOR**

The Parent Coordinator is here to assist you in understanding school policies, guide you to the staff member who can best address your needs or concerns, provide workshops on a variety of topics, listen to concerns, provide assistance with uniforms and solicit school volunteers. Help you complete a

### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT**

As per Department of Education guidelines, time has been set aside on Tuesday afternoons, between 2:40p.m. and 3:15p.m. for parent engagement outreach. Please contact your child's teacher for an appointment to discuss your concerns.

### **PARENT LINK**

We invite you to register for a NYC schools online account, which provides you with a new way of accessing key information about your child's progress. With your NYC schools account you will be able to view attendance, report card grades, and general student information via electronic devices.

Visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/myaccount> to get started. If you have any questions contact Ms. Vasquez the Parent Coordinator at 718-904-5570.

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Fall (afternoon and evening) Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Spring (afternoon and evening) Thursday, March 5, 2020.

**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED PROMPTLY AT 11:40A.M. ON CONFERENCE DAYS.** Appointments letters will be sent home with more information approximately two weeks before conference day.

### **PARKING LOT**

The parking lot is Department of Education private property. We share it with the community—178 and 596 staff members parking there between 7:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. and community residents between 5:00p.m. and 7:00a.m.

Respect this schedule to avoid receiving a parking ticket. Some families, while not parking in the lot, continue to use it as a drop-off area— which is a safety issue and also causes problems with passage. Please do not put your children at risk of injury.

### **EARLY PICK UP**

When a child is called from class to go home early, the lesson is disrupted for the entire class. Please make doctor's appointments after school hours. Early pickups should be done prior to 1:30pm. Early pick –up must be done by an adult age 18 or older.

### **EMERGENCY CARDS**

In September, each family is asked to fill out one blue emergency cards. These cards provide information where parents can be reached - home number, cell number, and work number - **and** the number of **two** relatives or friends NEARBY who can be called in an emergency. The school will only release a sick or injured child to an adult or someone 18 years of age or older who is listed on the card. **Please keep cards up-to-date.** In those cases where one parent is denied access to a child, the school **must** have a copy of that court order on file.

When telephone numbers change, please send an up-date to the school with the new number.

### **ENTRY /EXIT-ADULTS**

All adults who are entering/or leaving the building should ONLY use the **MAIN DOOR**, by our security desk. Adults need to show the Safety Agent a **picture identification card**, in addition to signing the log sheet. These procedures help to maintain building safety and security. **Please leave the building using only this door as well. All other doors are alarmed**

### **ENTRY/LATENESS - STUDENTS**

**Only children who eat school breakfast can enter the building between 7:50a.m. and 8:10a.m. through Door 4.** All other students will enter the Main Door between 8:10a.m. and 8:20a.m and proceed to morning line up. Students entering the building after 8:20a.m. must get a late pass.

### **HALF-DAYS**

The Chancellor authorizes early dismissal on the following dates to allow time for parent teacher conferences. Dismissal is promptly at 11:40 Thursday, November 14th and Thursday, March 5th.

### **HONOR ROLL**

Honor Roll status is granted to those students in grades 2-5 who achieve a minimum grade level of 3 across all subject areas on their report card. Honor Roll achievement is acknowledged in the fall and in the spring.

## HOMWORK

The purpose of homework is to reinforce learning and to develop a sense of self-discipline, personal responsibility, and independent thinking. It is an extension of the school day and is a good way for

parents to stay involved in the current learning that is taking place. We suggest that parents **SIGN** the homework each night. The signature does **NOT** mean you have checked the accuracy, but only that you have seen that the homework was completed. Neatness of your child's work should be encouraged by the family.

All children in all classes K-5 receive homework each night. Regardless of any homework assignment, it is recommended that every child read from a book of his/her choice completing a reading log. K&1 students should read for no less than 15 minutes 2-3 students should read for no less than 30 minutes 4-5 no less than 1 hour.

## INTERVENTION PROGRAM-directed by Ms. Carrara

We have a positive, unified approach to encourage proper behavior throughout the school. The classroom teachers explain the school rules, which are to:

- follow directions when given;
- keep hands, feet and objects to yourself;
- stay on task;

as well as two additional classroom rules, specific to each class, at the beginning of the school year. Students are rewarded by teachers for good conduct and/or class work. Also, any administrator or out-of-classroom teacher can "reward" good behavior. An accumulation of "links of excellence" will result in school rewards. Students understand that there are consequences when rules are broken, based on the NYC DOE Discipline Code Book.

## LEARNING SKILLS

A student who learns well will:

1. **bring** all notebooks, pens or pencils and other materials necessary to class;
2. **participate** actively in the classroom and **listen** carefully;
3. **ask** questions if he/she doesn't understand the discussion or if he/she has a problem;
4. **plan** his/her day; make sure he/she **understands** the assignment before he/she leaves class;
5. **use** what he/she learns; **see** how each subject applies to the others;
6. **take responsibility for learning.**

## LOST BOOKS

Books are extremely expensive. In the event that books are lost, please contact your child's teacher. There can be a fee for replaced books.

## MEDICAL, DENTAL, EYE DOCTORS

Children should have yearly check-ups by a doctor. **Please submit doctor/dentist notes** to child's classroom teacher who will send them to our nurse. This includes physical, eye exams and dentist.

## MEDICATION

No child may take **any** medication in school or use an inhaler unless the parent has had the doctor complete a 504 form, which can be obtained from the School Nurse in room 273. Medication kept in the Medical Room for safety reasons, not in the child's classroom. Please contact the nurse for further information and concerns. Please teach your child how to use their inhalers. The nurse can provide more information to support you with this process. Please contact.

## MORNING LINE-UP

All classes will line up indoors. Kindergarten and 1st grade will be in the cafeteria, 2nd grade in the Exit 4 corridor, 3rd grade in the Exit 3 corridor, and 4th and 5th grade in the corridor between Exits 2 and 3. **(Walk the school to check this)**

## MYON READERS/NEWS-O-MATIC

In our effort to encourage independent reading at home students may access myON books or News-O-Matic our online reading programs. Passwords will be given out by your child's teacher. You may also check with Ms. Vasquez, Parent Coordinator, for assistance.

## NEWSLETTERS

We issue a school newsletter **monthly** which includes (amongst other things) the names of students:

- with perfect attendance;
- who were selected as Citizens-of-the-Month;
- who made Honor Roll; as well as classes that have 100% uniform participation;
- and current curricular focus for each grade.
- Monthly calender

## OPEN SCHOOL DAYS

As per the DOE, specific dates will be announced.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We encourage you to work closely with our Parents' Association by attending PA meetings, and staying informed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Vasquez, the parent coordinator.