



P.S./I.S. 226

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“Where Emotions Drive Achievement”

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Dear P.S./I.S. 226 Family,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I am thrilled to welcome you back to school after what I hope was a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer. For those of you new to our school, you are in a truly special learning community with a proud, ninety-year tradition. Our P.S./I.S. 226 family has Panther Pride and are united in our commitment to the school’s mission: empower all students to achieve their fullest academic, social, and emotional potential. We fully integrate the R.U.L.E.R. approach to social/emotional learning into our academic content, which aims in a systematic way to infuse the principles of emotional intelligence into the immune system of our students, faculty, and families. Considering the unprecedented times we find ourselves in, understanding our students’ emotions, in PreK-8th grade, will drive so much of the learning we do this year, more than ever before. We have caring, dedicated teachers who are ready once again to go above and beyond to support your children during this new, blended school year.

We have been working hard all summer to plan for a safe opening of school and to implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19. Our classrooms have all been modified to increase social distancing. Signage will soon be installed throughout the building and schoolyard to guide students. We will utilize opportunities to safely access outdoor learning spaces in the schoolyard and in our neighborhood as much as possible. Instructional time will be exclusively devoted to educating our students on the importance of mask-wearing, handwashing, and social distancing. Although there will be opportunities for mask breaks, especially while eating breakfast and lunch in the classroom, masks are 100% required for all students and staff members throughout the school day.

All families are required to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness daily. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person. Every child will have their temperature checked before entering the school building using touch-free thermometers. There is no morning early arrival as there was in the past since breakfast will now be served in the classrooms.

Your child will attend school in a 100% Remote-only model for the 2020-2021 school year and has been placed in Cohort D. Students in Cohort D will attend school remotely five days/week and receive live, synchronous teaching everyday.





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Changes may **not** be made from 100% Remote-only instruction to Blended/In-Person Learning until November 2020. If you have any questions about your learning preferences, please email your designated administrator below:

- Mrs. Niarhos, Assistant Principal, Grades 3-5 = HNiarhos@schools.nyc.gov
- Ms. Montanes, Assistant Principal, Grades 6-8 = SMontanes@schools.nyc.gov
- Mr. Hyman, Assistant Principal, Grades PreK-2 = BHyman@schools.nyc.gov

Although the official Department of Education calendar has not been released yet, the anticipated **first day of school for all students - Blended/In-Person AND Remote - is Thursday, September 10th. The school day begins at 8:30am. School ends between 1:45 - 2:00pm** and will be staggered by grade level (Ex: PreK/Kindergarten dismissed before older students). Logistical information including daily learning schedules, class, and teacher information will be shared with all families before the first day of school.

Thank you for your support.

Warm Regards,

Evan Klein
Principal