



## Public School 3

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**October 30, 2020**

Good Afternoon,

Since last week's letter, please note that information has been updated regarding opting in to Blended Learning. The DOE has decided to have one window for opting back in to Blended Learning vs. the original three windows.

### **Blended Learning Opt-in Window for Families:**

Families who had previously chosen fully remote learning will be able to opt-in to blended learning for the remainder of this school year using the Learning Preference Survey:

<https://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference>. This window will be open from November 2<sup>nd</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Using the same survey, families will continue to have the option to switch from blended to fully remote learning at any time. If families prefer, they may also call 311 to complete the survey over the phone. After completing the survey, students will begin in person blended learning the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> (depending on their cohort).

We currently have 170 students that are learning remotely full time. We have the capacity for the majority of them to return with no modifications to our current schedules. If you have any specific class or grade level questions, please let me know.

### **Pre-K goes 5 days per week**

I am very pleased to announce that the DOE has approved our request to allow our PK students to attend school 5 days per week. Our 20 in person PK students started on October 28<sup>th</sup> attending every day. We are able to offer our PK students five days a week for two key reasons. Those two classrooms have the largest space in the building to accommodate additional students with social distancing. Second, the register numbers for PK are capped at 18 students per class.

### **Morning Care**

Morning Care will begin Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be available only when students are **present in school**. Parents can drop students off at the school anytime from 7:00am until 8:25am at exit 9 at the rear of the building. The capacity for the program would be 45 students and the cost will be \$100 per month for one student and \$175 for two or more. If you are interested in having your child attend, please reach out to Janine Guerrieri for an application. Her email is [JGuerrieri@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JGuerrieri@schools.nyc.gov).

### **COVID-19 Testing**

We expect PS 3 to be tested within the next few weeks. Here are some key facts to know:

1. Testing will begin in all schools during the month of October.

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2. If you do not grant consent, students will not be tested. We need all forms returned ASAP, whether you consent or not.
3. Testing at PS 3 will take place in the school library. Paraprofessionals or school aides will escort students from classes and will stay with them during testing.
4. Swabs are the shorter “Q-tip” type swabs that will swab the outer portion of the nostril, unlike nasal swabs outside of school that go much deeper into the nose.

### **I-Ready**

Diagnostic testing has begun. It is critical that we have an accurate understanding of what students know and are able to do without outside support. Please ensure that when students are taking the diagnostic remotely, they do not receive any support from family members. An inaccurate diagnostic will result in providing assignments for which students are not able to complete independently. Students will be engaged with I-Ready instruction for at least 1 hour per week for Reading and 1 hour per week for Mathematics.

### **PTA Elections**

The PTA elections were held on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> remotely via Google Meet.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking the following parents:

President -	Dayna Silvio
Vice-President-	Lisa Augustine-Martino
Vice-President-	Nancy Centeno
Corresponding Secretary-	William Owens
Recording Secretary-	Sandra Prue
Treasurer-	Lisa Knoop
Parliamentarian-	Tara Malandrucolo

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

The fall Parent Teacher Conference will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed from the building at 11am (For Cohort A, 901, 902 and 903). Conferences will take place after 11:50am and from 4:30-7pm in the evening. Classroom teachers will be individually scheduling times with parents.

### **Election Day**

All instruction on Election Day will be 100% remote. Students should view their class specific information on their Google Classroom page. All students are expected to fully participate on that date.

### **School Pictures**

We have arranged the following dates and times for school pictures:

Cohort B: Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Cohort D: Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 2:30pm in the schoolyard (tent will be set up only for D)

Cohort A: Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

901, 902 and 903: Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

I would like to thank you for your continued efforts and support as we develop our routines and structures. If you identify areas where we can continue to improve or have any suggestions, please email me @ [emyers@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:emyers@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,  
Elmer Myers