

Public School 3

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Welcome to PS 3

Where Teachers Go Above and Students Go Beyond!

September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to PS 3 Kindergarten!!

Virtual Kindergarten Sneak Peek will be Wednesday, September 16th at 9:30am! Google Meet code for the Virtual Sneak Peek will be emailed by your child's teacher.

FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN: Monday, September 21, 2020.

All students attending PS 3 are in one of four cohorts:

Cohort A: students will be attending school on Tuesdays/Thursdays and alternating Mondays. Cohort A's first day in person will be Tuesday, September 22nd.

Cohort B: Students will be attending school on Wednesdays/Fridays and alternating Mondays. Cohort B's first day in person will be Monday, September 21st.

Cohort D: Students in cohort D will be learning remotely from home every day.

Cohort F: Students in cohort F will be attending school in person full time. These are students in the following classes: 901, 902, 903. Cohort F's first day in person will be Monday, September 21st.

During morning arrivals, we have developed a plan for in person learning students to enter the school building. All students will be entering at various entrances. The goal is to avoid congregating at one entrance. This plan will also facilitate our ability to take students' temperature while having them socially distanced upon entry.

Kindergarten MORNING ARRIVAL is EXIT 11 (South Goff, next to large schoolyard fence)

DON'T MISS OUR VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK on September 16th. The Sneak Peek will help acclimate your child before his/her first day. You and your child will meet your teacher on Google Meet to view the classroom. The visit will take approximately one hour. Your child's teacher will send you the Google Meet code prior to the meeting.

DAILY SCHOOL ROUTINES DURING COVID-19

- Doors open daily at 8:30 am. Parents are to remain with their children until doors open. **Please note that parents will not be permitted into the building during morning arrivals.**
- On Monday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 22nd, all Kindergarten students will meet the teachers in the school yard (on the South Goff side) near Exit 11.
- On all other days, students will enter the building directly from Exit 11.
- Familiarize yourself with school exits prior to first day of school.
- Our School Safety Agent and staff are at the door to welcome your child and direct him/her to the classroom.
- All students and staff must wear face coverings upon entry to PS 3. Upon entering, students will be asked how they are feeling; and random students will have their temperature checked with a digital infrared forehead thermometer. Students with a temperature of 100.0 F or higher will not be permitted to remain in school. Schools are prohibited from recording or tracking student and/or staff temperatures or other health information.
- If you are bringing your child to school, walk your child in the safety zone to the front of the building.
- Stop and Drop program will **not** be available during Covid 19.
- **Do NOT** park in the front of the building during am arrivals.

- Free breakfast and lunch will be served every day and students will eat in the classroom. On occasion, lunch may be eaten outside.
- Dismissal is at 2:00pm Monday through Friday. Visit www.ps3blueherons.org for dismissal exit information.
- Information regarding **Early Care Program** and our after school **Latchkey After School Program** will be forthcoming.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **(PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE)

- Ms. Janine Guerrieri, our Parent Coordinator is here to address your needs:
Email: jguerrieri@schools.nyc.gov 718 984-1021 press #2
- Ms. Richards, our Pupil Accounting Secretary, may be reached at prichar4@schools.nyc.gov. If you are moving, changing address or have any questions regarding your child's records, please contact Ms. Richards.
- Ms. Amtzis, Kindergarten Assistant Principal, may be reached at damtzis@schools.nyc.gov

The following are Grade K teachers' emails:

Crivera16@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Rivera)
Rmilkie@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Milkie)
Bvicino@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Vicino)
Dferrer5@ps3blueherons.org (Ms.Ferrer)
Lgiammarino@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Giammarino)
Ddepinto@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Opalek)
Lmaira@ps3blueherons.org (Ms. Maira)

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Your child's physical examination form must be submitted on the 1st day of school with the required immunizations. NYS Department of Health/Department of Education will no longer accept requests for religious exemptions from school immunization requirements.
- If you have any questions regarding your child's health, call our nurse, Lisa Tasca at 718-984-1021 ext.5.
- Student tags with your child's name and class will be issued on the first day of school. The tags are to remain attached to the child's backpack every day.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- Parents who pre-purchased supplies through our website will receive the supplies at home.
- Bring in supplies according to the staggered supply schedule included with this letter. ***Please label all school supplies/bags /clothing with your child's name and class.***

ABSENCE:

- Call in your child's absence by calling (718) 984-1021 # 1 for Attendance. Send in a note upon your child's return. Please provide a doctor's note in case your child was sick.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

- Communicating with you is a priority! Email Ms. Guerrieri at jguerrieri@schools.nyc.gov to OPT IN to receive TEXT MESSAGES and EMAIL notifications.
- Check our website for current news at www.ps3blueherons.org.
- Information regarding Pupilpath will be forthcoming.

SAFETY:

- **ID is required when entering PS 3.** Please be prepared to show it to our Safety Officer. You will be turned away without it. It is for YOUR child's safety!
- Children will be released **ONLY** to the people listed on the **EMERGENCY CARD**.

OUR PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION WORKS HARD FOR PS 3 EVERY DAY!

- Check our website for the first PTA meeting in September!
- PTA DUES are \$10.00 per family. Collection envelopes are sent home the first week of school.

We look forward to a successful and productive school year. PS 3 is the Place to Be. See you very soon! ☺

Warm regards,

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