



Public School 3

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Good Afternoon,

The following are updates and announcements of ongoing events at PS 3:

COVID-19 Testing In School for Students and Staff

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, we experienced our first monthly COVID-19 testing regimen. I would like to share relevant information to assuage any concerns that you may be experiencing. Initially, we received notification at the beginning of the week outlining the testing details for that week. Secondly, on the morning of testing, we scrutinize our consent list to ensure that we have accurate parental consent. Third, we mobilize our Building Response Team (BRT) to coordinate, chaperone and remain with our students to transition from the classroom to the cafeteria. For all students tested, a letter outlining the next steps was sent home. In addition, each parent of every student (that was administered the test) was called. I was also present while all students were tested. The process ran very smoothly. We need more families to agree to the in school testing, especially for our "B" cohort students.

Mobile COVID-19 Testing

Today, from 1-4pm, PS 3 will host a mobile testing team to conduct testing for any family or staff member that would like to be tested. The team will be set up in the schoolyard or in front of the school.

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 2nd until November 15th. 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 30th (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.

I-Pads for Student Use

We have begun receiving some of the I-Pads that we purchased in September. Families with the greatest need for a device will initially be at the highest priority for distribution (according to a survey we compiled back in September). There should be a phone call/email over the next week for pick-up.

PTA Fundraiser

The PTA will be hosting a Movie night on Monday, November 9th at Juicy Lucy BBQ. There are two showings of the movie Hotel Transylvania. One show at 4:30pm and one show at 6:45pm. To reserve your spot, call Juicy Lucy BBQ at 718-979-1888.

Morning Care

Morning Care began on Monday, November 2nd 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. We have space for additional 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.

I-Ready

Diagnostic testing is completed for most grades. You should be receiving a “family report” that shows how your student performed (with specific strength and weakness areas). Students will be assigned lessons and assignments specific to their needs. For additional information, please speak with their ELA or Math teacher.

Students are expected to be engaged with I-Ready instruction for at least 1 hour per week for Reading and 1 hour per week for Mathematics.

School Pictures

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

Cohort B: Wednesday, November 18th

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

Cohort A: Tuesday, November 24th

901, 902 and 903: Wednesday, November 18th

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 at emyers@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
Elmer Myers