



PUBLIC SCHOOL 23

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Winter 2020

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ **January 10– College Awareness Day; Wear Your Favorite College Shirt**
- ♦ **January 30– PTA Meeting @ 8:30 A.M.**
- ♦ **February 6– Pre K– 1st Grade Story Night**
- ♦ **February 14– End of Marking Period 2, Wear Red, & Treat Day**
- ♦ **February 17-21– Mid-Winter Recess**
- ♦ **February 27– PTA Meeting @ 8:30 A.M.**
- ♦ **March 4– Report Card Distribution**
- ♦ **March 5– Elementary Parent Teacher Conference; Afternoon & Evening; NO AFTER-NOON LATCHKEY**
- ♦ **March 5– P.M. Book Fair**
- ♦ **March 6– A.M. Book Fair**
- ♦ **March 6– Talent Show 6-8 PM**
- ♦ **March 10– Parent 7 Habit Workshop & Leadership Day**
- ♦ **March 11– Pre-K Non Attendance Day**
- ♦ **March 17– Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day**
- ♦ **March 19- PTA Meeting @ 8:30 A.M.**
- ♦ **March 23–April 3- Bread of Life Food Drive**
- ♦ **March 20– Wear Crazy Socks; World Down Syndrome Day**
- ♦ **March 20– PTA Basket Auction**
- ♦ **March 25-26– NYS ELA Exam**

From the Principal's Desk

By Paul Proscia, Principal

I hope everyone's 2020 is off to a great start and is filled with prosperity and peace. With the winter here, a helpful tool to stay informed with the happenings in NYC is signing up for **Notify New York**. It's New York City's official source of information about emergency alerts, such as school closings and traffic delays.

<https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc>

In the event of a school closing, I will send a text remind using a **REMIND** text message as soon as I am made aware, which in many cases is moments before it is released to the media. On the days where there is bad weather conditions stay tuned to a reliable local news source, such as NY1, CBS 2, NBC 4, Fox 5, & ABC 7. They will announce the same information that I will post using **REMIND**.

DOE/DOH Guidance to Help Prevent the Flu



The fall and winter seasons coincide with an increase in viruses that can cause fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and breathing problems. These viruses include noroviruses (commonly known as the stomach flu), influenza (commonly known as the flu), and the common cold and enteroviruses (mild to severe respiratory illness). Please note the following guidance to help prevent the spread of the flu virus at schools:

♦ Students and staff should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. In general, students and staff should wash their hands after arriving at school, before touching food, after using the bathroom, and after coughing or sneezing. Please ensure that soap and paper towels are available and note that alcohol-based sanitizers are not as effective against spreading viruses as soap and water. Students and staff should cover their mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or use their shirt sleeve, not their hands. Students and staff members who are sick, especially with fever, vomiting or diar-

rea, should stay home to reduce the risk of spreading the illness to others. Children with fever, vomiting, or diarrhea should stay home until their symptoms are gone and they are free of fever without taking fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours.

♦ Students and staff members should get vaccinated against the flu. In addition to administering flu vaccines to adults, licensed pharmacists can now use an appropriate non-patient-specific standing order to administer flu vaccines to children between the ages of 2 and 17 years of age, on a temporary basis.

Leadership Day

This year we will be hosting leadership day on March 10, 2020. Like in years past, our student leaders from our Little Lighthouse Team will greet guests, provide keynote speeches, answer audience questions in a Q & A session, and take guests on a tour of our school. This year our student leaders will be providing an engaging workshop on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to our guests. This is always one of the highlights of my year and I look forward to sharing it with you. Please use the link to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/23ld2020>



LAST YEAR'S LEADERSHIP DAY HIGHLIGHTS

In closing, as we learned from this month's book **The Three Questions**, "Remember then that there is only one important time, and **that time is now**. The most important one is **always the one you are with**. And the most important thing is to **do good for the one who is standing at your side**"