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### THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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#### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you enjoyed your weekend! Last week our students took their iReady Diagnostic exams for ELA & Math. The I-Ready Assessment empowers teachers with a deeper knowledge of their students' needs. The diagnostic exam offers a complete picture of student performance & growth. The diagnostic results set a personalized learning path for each student, ensuring they're working on instruction that is matched to their learning needs. As of today, we still have students that have not completed their exams. It is of the utmost importance that all exams be completed. I ask that you speak with your child & ask them to show you their I-Ready Account with both Math & ELA diagnostics completed.

Tomorrow, November 3rd is Election Day & all school buildings are closed. It is a *Fully Remote Instructional Day for all students & staff*. Students should follow their regular Tuesday schedule. For ELA & Math, students will take our MAP Periodic Assessment. MAP Growth measures achievement & growth in K–12 math, reading & language usage. It provides teachers with accurate & actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level. Last week, teachers provided all students with a google form to complete. This google form lets us know if your child's device is ready for the MAP assessment. Teachers will post the testing login information during their scheduled periods.

## Beginning today, November 2nd until November 15th, all remote families have the option to opt-in to blended learning:

The process outlined below will be the <u>only opt-in</u> window for families this school year, through the last day of the 2020-2021 school year. We believe that this best meets the needs of students, families, teachers, & school leaders as we establish strong routines & structures for learning. As such, the process for blended learning opt-in is as follows: Families requesting to change from 100% remote to blended learning should complete & submit the <u>Learning Preference survey</u> during this window. Students will begin In-Person Learning during the weeks of November 30 & December 7th. If you need any assistance completing the survey, please contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles at 718-561-3580.

November 11th is the last day of the 1st marking period. All parents have been provided with an invitation to view your child's progress in Google Classroom. We inform students daily that they must keep up with their school work & pay attention to the feedback they receive from their teachers in order to improve their grades. Attendance is important at KAPPA III as it accounts for student engagement. Our expectation is that students are in school or online every day. I cannot stress enough the

#### SPECIAL NOTICES

#### **REMINDERS**

Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> **ELECTION DAY** *Everyone* is

#### **FULLY REMOTE**

#### Parent Teacher Conference

Wednesday, November 18 Thursday, November 19

#### Cohort A

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Every other Monday 8:30am – 2:00pm

#### **Cohort B**

Thursday, Friday, & Every Other Monday 8:30am – 2:00pm

#### **Cohort D**

Monday – Friday Remote Learning

# STUDENT SCHEDULES

(Can be seen on KAPPA III's Website)

#### KAPPA III WEB SITE

Check it out <a href="https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/">https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/</a>

importance of student engagement in both synchronous & asynchronous learning. Course content is continuous, and it is imperative that students keep up with their schoolwork.

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **November 18th and November 19th**. We will send out a form next week to reserve virtual appointments with your child's teachers.

#### **Health Screening**

We are asking that all students complete the health screening form at home each morning, prior to coming to school. This allows our morning admission to go a lot quicker, especially with the cold weather approaching. Please assist your child with completing the form. We will continue to follow the health guidelines that require physical distancing & mandatory use of face coverings. In addition, please note that in all classrooms, students' desks are stationed 6 feet apart, students do not change seats, & students are not permitted to walk around the classroom. This helps to ensure the health & safety of all students. Please make sure you continue to speak to your child about the importance of following the health guidelines once they are outside of the building.

As always, I encourage you to please continue to go to our school website: <a href="https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/">https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/</a>. for additional information. For your convenience, helpful links and resources are posted on this page as well.

I want to thank you for your continued support & wish you & your family good health. We love welcoming our students into the building & for virtual learning every day. I want to thank the KAPPA III Staff for their hard work. I am so thankful to be surrounded by colleagues that really care about our student achievement & have the best interest of our students at heart.

Please complete the permission slip form in case your child comes to school on the wrong day. The permission slip would allow your child to go back home if he/she comes on the wrong day. Please complete the form and send it back to us via email.

REMINDER: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 ALL GROUP B'S ARE ON SITE

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal