



Public School 3

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Dear Parents,

As we get into our normal school routines, there are a few items that I would like to bring your attention to.

Important Upcoming Dates

September 26, 27	Holiday- Rosh Hoshanah	No school
October 5	Holiday- Yom Kippur	No school
October 10	Holiday – Italian Heritage/Indigenous People’s Day	No School

Stop and Drop

In the morning, we have “Stop and Drop” to expedite the entrance for students. Here are some reminders: Please do not get out of your car if you are in the stop and drop section, please pull over to the curb to let the student out, please do not block the crosswalk and lastly, please come to a full stop at stop signs. The safety of our students is paramount. Similarly, when picking students up in the afternoon, please do not block our neighbor’s driveways, crosswalks or fire hydrants.

Morning Care and Latchkey

This year there has been a change to the school schedule. School officially begins at 8am and ends at 2:35pm every day. Students can be dropped off at 7:45am for breakfast in the cafeteria. If parents need to have students in earlier or pick them up after 2:35, PS 3 has a morning care program that begins at 6:50am and our after school latchkey program extends the day until 6pm. The applications for these programs and the associated fees can be located on our school’s website: www.PS3BlueHerons.org.

COVID-19 Updates

A number of the protocols for COVID-19 have been removed by the DOE for this school year, including the daily health screening form, the weekly randomized testing, masking and quarantining of students who are exposed. There are some key protocols that remain. First, any time any student has symptoms like a fever, they should not be sent to school until fever free (without medication) for 24 hours. Second, if a student has COVID-19 symptoms, they should be tested. All DOE schools will be sending home 4 Rapid COVID-19 tests per month for every student and staff member. Third, if a student is positive, please inform the school and that student is to isolate at home for 5 days. The student can return on Day 6, but will need to mask for days 6-10. Students from that child’s class will no longer need to quarantine, but we will want to inform the class of a positive case so parents can monitor their child more carefully. All students and staff entering the nurse’s office will be required to be masked (similar to hospitals and doctor’s offices). Lastly, the DOE continues to have a policy that parents who are not vaccinated are allowed to pick their children up from school but not to volunteer or attend any indoor events that are held in schools.

Transportation

Bussing should have begun today. If you have any bussing questions or issues, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Sandy are my two point people on bussing for PS 3. Both can be reached at 718-984-1021.

Thank you,
Elmer Myers