



Public School 3

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Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope that everyone is having a great start to the school year. Students should now be acclimated to their routines and deeply engaged into the learning process.

As a reminder, our school day begins at 8:15am and ends at 2:35pm. The doors open at 7:55am for students to be able to enjoy breakfast from 7:55-8:15. Please do not drop students off prior to 7:55 as there is no supervision available for them at that time. Paraprofessionals begin their official workday at 7:55 and teachers begin their workday at 8:15. If you need to bring your child earlier than 7:55 we offer a morning care program for a fee. Students may be brought as early as 6:50am.

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:30-7:30pm

Virtually

Join with Google Meet

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ptm-uqbm-zzv>

Or dial: (US) +1 551-444-6547 PIN: 417 145 235#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/ptm-uqbm-zzv?pin=3874652359944>

Child Abuse Workshop

On Thursday, 3rd and 4th grade students met with social work professionals from the New York Foundling to view a puppet presentation about abuse. Our child support team (school psychologist, social worker and guidance counselors) were also part of the assembly and met with some students 1:1. This is one part of our effort to keep students safe and educate them about abuse in an age appropriate manner. In a separate attachment provided by the NY Foundling there is a follow up for parents with contact information and tips for parenting.

Important Dates

Monday, October 9

Tuesday, October 10

Monday, October 16

Thursday, October 19

Tuesday, October 31

Thursday, November 2

Tuesday, November 7

No School Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day

PTA Meeting Virtually

Picture Day

Trunk or Treat 4:00pm-6:30pm in school yard

March of Dimes Wonder Walk

Parent Teacher Conferences

Election Day – No students in attendance

AIS Program

Starting on Tuesday, October 10th, some students will begin an additional support program we refer to as AIS (Academic Interventions and Supports). Your child's teacher/s are in the process of assessing

students via Teachers College Running Records, Acadience and I-Ready Reading/Math. Based on this data, the data from last school year and the number of seats available on each grade, students will be individually invited to either before school or an after school session. Before school sessions will occur for 12 weeks from 7:15-8:00am on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. After school sessions will occur on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35-3:40pm.

Chess Program

As I announced at the September PTA meeting, PS 3 is beginning a multi-year plan to implement a chess program for our students. As parents who had Ms. Cabello in prior years know, she has taught her class for many years. Beginning next week, we will be inviting other second grade students to join her in the mornings before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to learn chess. Simultaneously, we have three additional staff members who will be learning and working with Ms. Cabello. In the winter/spring, our intention is to expand the number of students who are invited (before or after school) as well as the number of staff who are confident in teaching chess.

HIV Lessons

This year, there is a new curriculum, called "Growing Up and Staying Safe" that is part of the NYS HIV curriculum requirement. Prior to the beginning of the lessons later this fall, you will receive a letter with additional information.

Reading

Please continue to have your children have a regular routine for reading and logging their reading. For our early grades, you can log reading that an adult does with your child. Students have been receiving their reading medals and earn a token for the book vending machine every third medal.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions of how we can make PS 3 better, please reach out.

Thank you,
Elmer Myers