**November 10, 2023**

Dear Parents,

Next week our PTA will host a Holiday fair on Tuesday and Wednesday. The time slot schedule for each class to attend will be shared with parents.

**New Entry Procedure is coming soon.**

NYC is in the process of installing remote door entry controls for all schools. This is an additional measure to continuously increase the level of safety at schools. At P.S.3 the controls have been installed; and we are waiting for training on the system. We anticipate launching the new system in the upcoming weeks. What does it mean for students, staff and parents? During our normal entry and dismissal times, there will be no changes. Doors at those times will continue to be staffed and open to allow students entry or egress. However, after approx. 8:25am (specific time TBD) all doors will be locked. In order to gain entry, visitors will need to press a button to the right of the main entrance door. This will activate a camera and intercom connected to our school safety officer’s desk. Your name and purpose for visiting the building must be provided. The door will be opened via a remote switch.

**New Camera system**

In addition to the DOE’s new system, our school received funding from Councilman Borelli to install cameras around the perimeter of the building and in the school’s hallways. The cameras and wiring have been installed, but we are waiting for the integration of the system. The full system should be fully operational prior to our December break.

**Reading**

Please continue to have your children have a regular routine for reading and logging. For our younger 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. Research has shown that students need to read approximately 150 hours per year to make one year’s growth. That is equivalent to earning 6 medals every year.

**Important Dates**

Tuesday/Wednesday, Nov. 15/16 Holiday Fair

Thursday/Friday, Nov 23/24 Thanksgiving – No school

Monday, November 28 Picture Retakes

Saturday, December 2 PTA event “PJ’s and Pancakes”

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