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Public School 3

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first quarter of the school year there are a number of topics that I would like for you to be informed of.

Parent Teacher Conferences

On Thursday, November 2nd all teachers will be engaged in Parent-Teacher conferences. This is an excellent opportunity to speak with your child/children's teacher to communicate about where they stand in each subject area. In addition to discussing grades, you will be informed that all students have been assessed utilizing Teachers College Running Records, I-Ready Math, I-Ready Reading, and Acadience universal screener for K-2. These assessments are administered three times per school year and allow us to determine how much progress a student is making in connection with the expectations. Classroom teachers will be reaching out to schedule virtual meetings between 1:00-2:30pm or 4:30-7:30pm. There will be no afternoon Latch Key on this day.

March of Dimes Walk

On Tuesday, October 31st, PS 3 students will engage in a walk to support the March of Dimes. Students are welcome to come in costume as they circle the building two times and culminate in a celebration in the schoolyard with a DJ. Parents are welcome to attend but are limited to outside the schoolyard and around the building.

AIS Afternoon Session change

For next week, AIS afternoon session will only be **Wednesday 11/1**. There will be no afternoon AIS on Tuesday and Thursday.

HIV Lessons

This year there is a new curriculum called "Growing Up and Staying Safe" that is part of the NYS HIV curriculum requirement. You will receive a separate letter with additional information. Please note that for elementary schools, the DOE no longer has an "opt-out" lesson.

Reading

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

NYS Exam Results

NYC and NYS have removed the embargo on sharing information about results from the NYS exams. Students in grades 3-8 take annual NYS exams in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). Exams are scored with 4 levels:

Level 4 – Above grade level

Level 3 – On grade level

Level 2 – Approaching grade level

Level 1 – Well below grade level

For ELA there were 74.2% of students who scored a Level 3 or 4. For Mathematics 87.7% of students scored a level 3 or 4. There are 64 elementary and middle schools in Staten Island. Therefore, for ELA we ranked 7th out of the 64 schools and for Math we were 6th.

Important Dates

Tuesday, October 31

March of Dimes Wonder Walk

Thursday, November 2

Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day – No students in attendance

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 even better, please reach out.

Thank you,
Elmer Myers