



Public School 3

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Dear Parents,

We are entering the last 6 days of school and it is a time to reflect on the school year and prepare for the summer and September.

Next two weeks

Monday is a holiday, Juneteenth commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining June and nineteenth, it is celebrated on June 19, the anniversary of the proclaiming of freedom for slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865.

The carnival was rescheduled for next week for all grades on Tuesday due to the prediction of thunderstorms today. All grades will have about 1 hour to enjoy the carnival.

Thursday, June 23rd – PTA ice cream sundaes for all students during lunch periods.

Summer Programs

Summer is a great time for students to be children and enjoy their time with their family and friends. However, we want to find the right balance for students and having some structures that will first prevent students from any learning loss (which does happen with students who don't engage in any academic activities over the summer) and hopefully continue to make gains throughout the summer. We will distribute next week some specifics for grades and summer learning, but I would like to suggest the following:

1. Create regular routines and structures for your child. To the extent possible, carve out some time on a regular basis for them to read and do other academic work. It is much more beneficial for a student to have regular (hopefully daily) engagement than to wait for the week or two before school begins to cram work in.
2. Seek out opportunities that are both fun for students and educationally beneficial.
3. If screen time is unavoidable, utilize applications that are fun for students and educational.

September 2023

The UFT and the DOE have just reached a tentative agreement to their expired contract this week. The new contract still needs to be ratified by the membership, but it does cause some changes for next school year. First, the length of the school day and times will be changing. This year, we were able to modify the contract through a process named school based options to incorporate extra teacher time which increased the length of our school day. Next year, we will revert to the regular 6 hour 20 minute day. I will send out a final letter next week, but I expect our day will be from 8:15am until 2:35pm everyday. The contract also continues the use of remote meetings for all schools for Parent Teacher Conferences for the next 3 years.

Teachers return to school on Tuesday, September 5th and students will begin their first day on Thursday, September 7th. The calendar has been released for next year, but there may be a few additional days added to

the April holiday as part of the new contract.

[Happy Father's Day!!](#) Have a wonderful weekend celebrating all the special DADS out there.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the school.

Thank you,

Elmer Myers
Principal