

Guidance Corner – A Message from Ms. Chimera-Stass

WELCOME BACK!!

SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

During the morning messages as well as in the classroom we will be talking about the importance of being on time and in school every day (unless the student is ill).

Parents-If your child is absent please provide a note explaining why they are not here when they return. Good attendance is a great predictor of success in school. Students who are in school and on time adjust to routines quicker, do better academically, and form positive peer relationships. As parents, it is one of the most important ways of supporting your child's education. We will be reaching out to families to see how we can assist in this area.

Parents of 5th graders:

Please attend open school night on September 12, 2019 to get valuable information about the middle school process!!

I look forward to working with you all this year. My contact information is:

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September, 2019

Dear P.S. 15 Families:

Welcome! We are delighted to see our returning students and their families and to meet our new students and families who are joining our learning community!

The summer break was refreshing. I'd like to take this time to welcome our newest faculty members: *Ms. Sidoney Daley (Class K-120), Ms. Megan Smith (K-2/127), Ms. Isabel Fan (Class 1-202), Ms. Cindy Osorto (Class 1-204 Dual Language), Ms. Jamilah Hunter (Class 2-239), Ms. Leslie Ann Creed (Class 2/3-219), and welcoming back Ms. Megan Macfie (ACES Lower Gr. 121), Mr. Andy Spinello (K-104) and Ms. Jessica D'Amato (Environmental Science/PK Phys Ed).*

We want to send well wishes to our colleagues who have new assignments within and outside of the Department of Education—Ms. Suzanne Barzyz, Ms. Rachel Daley, Ms. Carolina Heckel, Ms. Reema Marji and Ms. Arelah Thompson.

Our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Melissa Johnson is ready to meet you. She can be reached via email at mjohnson98@schools.nyc.gov and at 347-267-4169. Ms. Johnson will be reaching out to you to volunteer and participate in schoolwide activities. We welcome parent involvement.

Please join our PTA. They are hosting several events throughout the month of September. It is important for your child to know that you are involved in some way at school. It's another way to let your child know you think his/her school is important. Do join us on Thursday, September 12th for our Parent/Teacher Meeting, which will start at 4:30 and end at 7:30 pm. Come meet your child's teachers and learn about the curriculum and magnet programs that your child will experience.

Attendance matters! Please send your child to school every day and on time. Valuable instruction is missed when students arrive late to school. Do ensure that your child gets a goodnight's rest and plenty of sleep. Research recommends that a schoolchild needs to sleep about 10 hours a night. A goodnight's rest can enable your child to have a productive school day.

Here's our daily schedule:

School Hours: Monday-Friday 8:10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Breakfast is served every day from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.)

Entry Locations:

Prekindergarten students are to report to their classrooms via the early childhood playground entrance on the corner of Richards and Wolcott Streets at 8:10 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Kindergarten students are to report to their classrooms via the entrance at the corner of Sullivan and Richards Streets at 8:10 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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Students in grades 1-5 are to enter the school building through the schoolyard/cafeteria doors for the breakfast and regular school program.

Dismissal Locations: Students in grades PK/K are dismissed at 2:25 p.m. from their classrooms. PK families may enter the early childhood playground and use the classroom doors to pick up the PK student.

During the month of September, all kindergarten families may enter the building via the regular entrance at the corner of Sullivan and Richards Streets and proceed to the classroom. Starting in October, kindergarteners will use their "HAPPY FEET" and enter the class on their own. Families follow the Happy Feet drop-off procedures in October.

Students in grades 1-2 are dismissed at 2:25 p.m. from the gymnasium. Families of first and second graders may enter the building via the cafeteria doors. Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed at 2:30 p.m. from the auditorium. Families of third, fourth and fifth graders may enter via the main doors on Sullivan Street at 2:30 p.m.

Visitors Procedures: All visitors and guests are required to stop at the safety agent's desk, show ID and sign in and proceed to main office. Door alarms are activated on all exit doors. These alarms are a safety measure requested by law to alert personnel if a child/individual leaves the building unsupervised. We appreciate your vigilant efforts to ensure these safety measures are kept in place.

We will be introducing a new communication app/tool shortly. Please provide an email address on your child's blue emergency call that can be used to contact you for school events and emergency notifications.

We look forward to meeting all of you on Thursday, September 12th for Open School Night. I look forward to seeing you throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

Peggy Wyns-Madison
Principal

Pre-Kindergarten News

We are happy to announce that our youngest learners have successfully begun their school careers and are now official members of the P.S. 15 School Community! After spending the first few days getting acclimated to the classroom, the students will delve into their unit of study, *All About Me: Who Am I?* This work focuses on the transition to school and the feelings/emotions that go along with this new experience. Our important work of growing a love for learning will be facilitated through the use of great literature, activities, and conversation. We look forward to seeing our pre-k families on the evening of September 12th!!

Kindergarten News

Welcome back to school! We are excited to kick off a new school year. This month, in social studies and in writing, we will be getting to know our new school and our new friends. In mathematics, we will begin learning how to write, identify, and count numbers from 1-5. We will also be starting our letter study. Please remember to check folders every evening. We look forward to getting to know you and your children better!



September Birthdays



Kauan Aguilar	Deshan Hudson
Hedley Allen	Charlie Kalber
Alexa Barker	Brandon Kirby
Ruby Bixby	Adam Lopez
Amayia Boynton Simmonds	Uma Lynch
Myla Brooks	Vittoria Penna
Joseph Busso	Robinson Perrins
Ryan Chavez-Resendez	Xius Pimentel
Justin Clement	Bailey Quinerly
Arkim Curry	Richard Raynor
Elijah Curry Delleon	Madison Rogers
Jacob Daniels	Karliani Sanders
Sarah Green	Shamir Smith
Lea Guzman	Sanaa St. John
Bahari Hakeem-Brownie	Shaquan White
Yavette Hammond	Liyana Woodley
Adelina Harshfield	Angel Yulfo

Thursday, September 12th will be our Fall Curriculum Night from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We are offering curriculum grade meetings and open classrooms so you have an opportunity to meet new staff members and discover what your child will experience this year.

- 4:30 – 6:00: Curriculum Grade Meetings Pre-K through 2nd grades and Open classroom/Meet the Teacher grades 3-5
- 6:00 – 7:30: Curriculum Grade Meetings 3 – 5th grades and Open classroom/Meet the Teacher Pre-K through 2nd Grade
- Cluster Teachers and ACES Teachers will hold open classrooms all evening.

First Grade News

Welcome, welcome, welcome. We're so excited to welcome in the newest batch of first graders! The school year begins with establishing routines, getting to know one another and building a strong classroom community.

We'll launch our readers' workshop by book shopping and setting kids up as independent readers. We will work on building good reading habits. In writing, we will begin writing small moment stories.

In math, we'll review ten frames, counting within 20 and solving addition and subtraction problems to 10. We'll introduce kids to our daily survey where they compare and share their opinions and mathematical thinking.

Second Grade News

Welcome Back! In September, Second Grade will be getting to know each other, as well as setting up rules and routines. We will introduce the readerly life.

This is where we set up reading routines, discuss text features and introduce genres. In writing we will launch the writer's workshop, modeling what a good writer does.

We will also be reviewing what a good sentence looks like. In Math, we will begin with number concepts. The students will compare numbers, review odd & even and place value to the hundreds.

We look forward to meeting all of our parents and having a great year!

Third Grade News

In September, the third grade will be focusing on building routines and a sense of community. We will be assessing and reviewing math skills from the previous year and scaffolding new materials. We look forward to seeing you at the Curriculum Night!!!!

Fourth Grade News

Welcome back to P.S. 15 and our Red Hook community! To ensure we are all super learners this September, fourth graders will kick off the year by establishing clear rules, routines and procedures in the school and class community! In literacy, we are developing and managing our independent reading and writing culture. In math, we are deepening our understanding of whole number place value from 1 to 1,000,000.00. We will launch our magnet social studies unit by learning about geography and enhancing our map skills. The fourth grade team is very excited to collaborate with students and families to work towards having a very productive and successful school year!

Fifth Grade News

Welcome to the New Year! We hope all parents will attend our back to school night on Thursday, September 12th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm to discuss the 5th grade curriculum. You will find the information useful.

Your children are seniors this year! Let's make it another successful year!