

July 2018

Dear Pre-K Family of _____,

We welcome you and your child to our school community. We know that your time with us will not only be dynamic, it will also be filled with lots of progress as our youngsters learn and grow together.

We are a community of learners who strongly believe in servicing The **Whole Child**. This philosophy guides us in fostering a community that allows our children to learn and reach their full potential, when provided with an environment that is **safe, healthy, engaging, supportive, and challenging**. We encourage and support parental involvement which bridges our home/school connection.

We have outlined your child's orientation to the New York City Pre-kindergarten Program. We hope that both this outline and our First Day Orientation provide you and your child with a smooth and comfortable transition into our school family. Please note the following:

Your child's teachers will be: _____

Your child's first day of school will be Wednesday, September 5th. Pre-K students will attend from 8:20 am to 10:20 am on Wednesday, and Thursday, September 5th, and 6th. Commencing Monday, September 10th, there will be a full day of school for your child. He or she will attend school from 8:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Please review the enclosed **Arrival & Dismissal Procedure notice for the 2018-2019 School Year**. This document will serve as your guide during your entire Pre-K experience. Kindly remember that our school day begins at **8:20 am**, and ends at **2:40 pm** (Monday thru Friday). Students and parents are encouraged to utilize the pathway leading from the stairs at the St. Marks Ave entrance to enter all Pre-kindergarten classrooms. All Pre-kindergarten students must be dropped off and picked up in their classrooms daily. We strongly encourage you to pick up your child on time.

Your child's teacher will have his/her name listed on an attendance sheet for a smooth transition upon arrival on the first day of school. Parents are invited to stay with their child's class from 8:20 am to 9:30 am. During that time, your child's teacher will provide you with schedules, and other pertinent details regarding your child's year in Pre-kindergarten.

At 9:30 am, parents will join the Administrative Team and the PTO in the school's auditorium for a brief orientation (see enclosed flyer). All Pre-Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 10:20 am on this day. **Remember, your child is expected to attend school from 8:20am to 10:20am on Wednesday, September 5th, and Thursday, September 6th.**

Afterschool Academies:

On our school's website in late August (www.ps9brooklyn.org) you will find information pertaining to our two Afterschool Academies that service pre-k students. Applications for **The PACC After-School Enrichment Program, and Kids Orbit Afterschool Program** will be available during our Parents' Orientation on the first day of school. We are requesting that you make arrangements for your children to be picked up promptly until you have selected your Afterschool Program. Please note that there will be no staff available to monitor students who are left after 2:40pm.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any of the enclosed information. You may call our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Charmaine Derrell-Jacob beginning August 27th, @ 347 563-5324 or 718 638-3260 Ext 1121. Or you may call our Community Associate, Ms. Carol Sheldrake-Hernandez @ 718 638-3260 Ext 1302.

Your Partner In Education,
Sandra D'Avilar
Principal

***Kindly SAVE the DATE: Saturday, September 22nd
Public School 9 Back to School Bounce Carnival**

***Kindly SAVE the DATE: Saturday, November 3rd
Public School 9 Annual Silent Auction**

More information will be provided on our School's Website and at the Parent Orientation!

Because our Children Are Reason Enough...