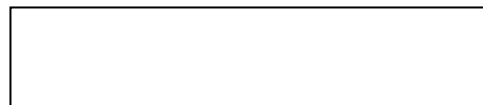


July 2018



Dear Parents of Grades 1-5,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you back to another year of collaboration and partnerships. It is our primary goal to utilize the five Tenets of the Whole Child philosophy to ensure that each child is **safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged** on a daily basis. We intend to meet the needs of each child and each staff member by embedding these guiding principles within our school culture.

We are committed to utilizing various partnerships which will enrich our research based instructional model. I am pleased to inform you of my membership in the Cahn Fellows Program for Distinguished principals. This Columbia University partnership will provide us with a connection to principals from Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Tampa and Texas. During my yearlong study with the program, our school will be involved in action research and extensive professional development. We will continue to utilize our classrooms as lab-sites in order to acquire a deeper understanding of how our children learn.

Depth of Knowledge, Universal Design For Learning and the **Habits of Mind** frameworks will be used to provide our students with deeper levels of understanding, and higher order thinking skills. Students will be provided with a rich Social Studies curriculum, which will include robust lessons integrating themes of tolerance/inclusiveness, civil rights, and equity. More in-depth exposure to STEAM will occur as we align all of our work with the new science standards, and enhance our curriculum with the support of Omni Learn, our STEAM consultants. Social and emotional support will be provided to each student via our mindfulness approach. Students will engage in reflective practices as well as yoga and meditation in an effort to self correct their behavior. The language of the Bucket book will be used to connect our entire school community as we foster good citizenship among all.

We look forward to partnering 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 Public School 9
A Whole Child School

***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 on the first day of school! (09-05-18)**