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Teunis G. Bergen School

Because our Children Are Reason Enough...

July 2018

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to *The Teunis G. Bergen, Elementary School 9,* World of Kindergarten. At this time we are pleased to inform you that your child's teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year will be:

As you and your child embark on this wonderful and exciting journey of knowledge and partnerships, you will discover that our philosophy of servicing the **Whole Child** strengthens our commitment to ensuring that each child is **safe, healthy, engaged, supported and challenged**. This year in kindergarten our children will be provided with many opportunities to explore, question, create, and draw conclusions from the world around them. We assure you that our educational program will not only stimulate and excite our children; it will also allow them to enhance the schema that they are bringing to us. Finally it will also allow us to encourage and support parental involvement which bridges our home/school connection.

Kindly note that your child's first day of school will be Wednesday, September 5th. Kindergarten students will attend from 8:20 am to 11:30 pm on September 5th. Commencing on Thursday, September 6th there will be a full day of school for your child. He or she will attend school from 8:20 am to 2:40 pm.

Please review the enclosed **Arrival & Dismissal Procedures notice for the 2018-2019 School Year.** This document will serve as your guide during your entire Kindergarten 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 through the door adjacent to the cafeteria (it will be labeled for your guidance to each of the following classrooms: **B1, B3, B5, B7, B19, and B21**.) We ask that you follow the procedures for dismissal as outlined in the **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures** document, and that you honor our Arrival and Dismissal times daily (Mon-Fri). Parents, we strongly encourage you to pick up your child on time since our entire staff will have MANDATORY conferences immediately following dismissal on Monday and Tuesday each week.

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 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 Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:30 am on Wednesday, September 5th.**

Afterschool Academies:
On our school's website in late August (www.ps9brooklyn.org) you will find information pertaining to our three Afterschool Academies. Applications for **PACC After-School Enrichment Program, Kids Orbit Afterschool Program,** and **New York Junior Tennis Learning** 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 daily until you have selected your Afterschool Program.

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 (cderrell@schools.nyc.gov) beginning August 27th @ 347 563-5324 or our Community Associate, Ms. Carol Sheldrake-Hernandez (csheldrakeHerna@schools.nyc.gov) @ 718 638-3260 Ext 1302.

Your Partner In Education,
Sandra D'Avilar
Principal

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