

May 10, 2020

Dear P.S. 81 Families,

I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers and caregivers. You have been amazing partners to our school staff in supporting our children during these challenging times. Your increased commitment and dedication has demonstrated the many successes that can be achieved when we work in partnership. Our students continue to maintain and build upon their academic and social growth as a result of our collaborative efforts.

The week of May 5th was Teachers' Appreciation Week. The administration extended heartfelt gratitude to our entire staff for their unwavering dedication to our students. They continue to build upon their online platform to support students. Teams of teachers are working collaboratively to plan, modify and differentiate rigorous instruction through videos, live lessons, small groups and whole group meetings. I want to thank all of the parents for their kind thoughts and acknowledgments of our P.S. 81 staff. The administration and the P.S. 81 staff wish to acknowledge your partnership during remote learning. Please enjoy the video that we created to honor you as your child's first teacher. During this time, your role has added many dimensions. You have been incredible and we are very thankful and appreciative for the increased role you have assumed.

Our teachers will be conducting parent conferences during the next two weeks to discuss your child's progress. They will be discussing the new skills that are being embedded into the online remote learning platform. Conversations will identify where your child was in reaching the grade specific standards as of the March report card as well as your child's engagement during the online remote learning. Teachers will be identifying students' growth and effort during this time and will be providing support and suggestions to address challenges as we move forward for the

remainder of the school year. The administration continues to review and assess our online learning as our teachers and students navigate these uncharted waters. We monitor the overarching goals, which includes ensuring we are providing engaging and rigorous instruction and addressing students' emotional and social needs. I am overjoyed to witness and monitor your child's engagement online.

During the last two weeks, it has been very painful to hear from families that have lost a family member or a dear friend from coronavirus. The administration and staff extend our heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn your loved ones. The administration, counselors and school support team are available through email, phone calls and Google meet conferencing to provide you with support. Please contact us with any concerns. We are here for you and your family.

Please stay safe and healthy. Give your children big hugs from their P.S. 81 family.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes and love for all.

Sincerely,

Anne Kirrane

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