

Principal's Message



August 2026

Greetings P.S./I.S. 226 Families:

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones refreshed, recharged, and ready for an exciting school year ahead. As we get ready in the next few weeks to open the doors to the 2026–2027 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt enthusiasm for all that lies ahead and my deep gratitude for the partnership we share in supporting your children's growth and success. This is my eleventh year as the proud Principal of this amazing school and my 24th year as a proud New York City Public School educator. When I started here in 2016, my youngest daughter was born a few months later and now, she's graduating elementary school! My oldest daughter is now entering 7th grade. Time certainly does fly. I'm excited to share below the high-quality instruction and meaningful learning experiences that we have in store for your child(ren) this school year!

As many of you know, we are laser focused on student achievement and proud of the successes we made last year. We saw tremendous foundational literacy growth in our lower elementary grades, narrowed significant literacy gaps in the majority of our testing grades, and saw a 5.3% increase on the NYS Math Exam. This year, we're excited to announce that our school is participating in the Seal of Biliteracy by adding a World Heritage Program in Spanish to support our native speakers in the 8th grade. Next year, we've been approved to open a Dual Language Program in Mandarin, only the second elementary program to do so in District 21. We will work closely with our SLT and PTA to ensure we plan for a successful launch for our incoming 2027–2028 Dual Language Mandarin classes, one in Pre-K and one in Kindergarten.

This year, we're also excited to announce that we've added a third new DYCD Community Based Organization to support our vision to finally provide free, 5-day afterschool programming to every



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single family in our school who wants it in Grades K-8. Once we have all of our fliers and registration forms ready to distribute, they will be shared with everyone. Afterschool programming for Grades 2-8 will begin on Monday, September 14th. For students in Grades K-1, programming will begin on Tuesday, October 13th.

Our commitment to the RULER approach is now in year ten and we're proud of our recognition as a founding RULER Spotlight School in partnership with the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. RULER is an evidence-based approach to social and emotional learning (SEL) that helps school communities understand the value of emotions and build skills to manage them effectively. We've successfully integrated RULER into every aspect of our school community, graduated emotionally intelligent Panthers, engaged our families, and empowered our RULER Student Ambassadors to be the leaders they want to see in the world. Being selected as a RULER Spotlight School is a testament to our commitment to creating a learning environment where the well-being of our educators and families is the priority. We are proud to be a model for other schools; Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this milestone! After graduating so many RULER Ambassadors this June, we have many openings and will be sending out new member applications in September for interested students in Grades 4-8. For more information about RULER and how you can continue to support this work at home, please visit <https://www.rulerapproach.org/ruler-resources-for-families/>.

As a reminder, our summer assignments and supply lists are featured prominently on our school website: <https://www.psis226.com/>

We remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every student feels seen, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential. Whether your child is stepping into our school community for the first time or returning for another year of learning and discovery, we are thrilled to welcome them back. On behalf of our entire faculty, thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are honored to be part of their educational journey and look forward to a year filled with growth, joy, and achievement.

With Gratitude and Excitement,

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