

September 6, 2019

Dear Families,

We are so excited to begin the new school year! Hearing student voices and parent laughter echoing through the classrooms, hallways, and school yard has brought so much energy and spirit to our school building. As I visited classes, students were engaged in establishing respectful classroom norms, collaborating on STEM community building activities, and setting goals for this year.

Our theme for 2019-20 is “**Reimagining PS33.**” Living in the 21st century means that our world is constantly changing. As educators we embrace the evolution and want to ensure we are also refining our school in ways that allows for us to provide our students with the things they need to achieve and succeed. To do this, we will find ways to further strengthen our school community so it is more culturally responsive to our students and families, build on our social emotional learning, and support our teachers in improving academic outcomes through professional development.

We are kicking off this year with some new and improved “happenings” at PS 33:

Facilities Improvements

- New flooring in the second floor hallway and 5 classrooms
- Installation of brand new smartboards
- Received 75K capital improvement grant from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer to update the cafeteria

Programming

- We have two PE teachers and students will now have PE 2x/week.
- Due to construction, art with Ms. Vazirani will take place in the students’ classrooms.
- New electives for grades 4-5 students from Third Street Music; K-3 music will be an enrichment model
- New CASA (Afterschool) Programs

Additionally, one of our priorities this year will be attendance. Regular attendance is the key to student achievement. Support your child by establishing habits of going to school, being ontime and ready to learn. We have also adjusted our breakfast time, 7:50-8:15am, to ensure students have the opportunity to have a healthy meal before the start of their day.

Lastly, please join us for **Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 12, 2019**. Parents will have an opportunity to meet our teachers and learn more about the upcoming year. Information about curriculum will be presented. Please also note there will be no in-house after school programs that day (Chess, Y, I Have a Dream and Serious Fun). On **Friday, September 13, 8:45am-9:15am**, you will have an opportunity to join your child's classrooms to learn alongside them for our first **Learn With Your Child** of the school year.

Looking forward to another year of growing and learning together.

In Partnership,

Cindy Wang

Principal

Upcoming Important Dates:

- September 9—Full Day for PreK Students
- September 12—Welcome Back; Meet Our New PTA & Learn about Opportunities to Volunteer (4:00PM-4:30PM)
- September 12—Welcome Back Family Night—Meet the Teachers & Learn About the Curriculum (4:30PM-7:30PM); 2:35PM dismissal for all students
- September 13—First Learn with Your Child (8:45AM-9:15AM)—Join your child in their classrooms
- September 13—First PTA Meeting (9:15AM-10:00AM)
- September 30-October 1—Rosh Hashanah School Closed