

Public School 87
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IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!

August 31, 2015

Dear P.S. 87 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome *forward* to the start of a brand new school year! The staff has been busy preparing for the return of your children and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome returning and new families to our P.S. 87 school community!

For the past five years our school system has been undergoing tremendous reforms. Students are held to considerably higher bars as schools align instruction to the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS). These standards introduce more writing, problem solving, and critical thinking skills across all subject areas and grade levels.

The staff at P.S. 87 worked hard last year to adjust the new Common Core aligned curricula in ELA (ReadyGen) and Math (Go Math) and we produced gains in our 2014-15 ELA & Math scores. Raising the level of teaching and learning to meet the new standards is a multi-year initiative. Teachers will be engaging in professional learning throughout the year and workshops will be provided for parents regarding the school's instructional programs. Our children need strong reading skills to access the level of reading and comprehension that the Common Core Standards require. In addition to our ELA curriculum, students will have access high interest books because they will have access to an online reading program called MYON. All students in our school will have *free* access to a library of more than 8,000 enhanced digital books with multimedia supports from any phone, tablet, laptop or computer, 24 hours a day! It is our goal that students will use this additional resource to become stronger readers.

We will take our commitment of increased parent communication another step further this year. Parents will be able to log into PupilPath, an online program, to see their children's scores in their most recent assignments. Our PS87.org website will be launched this year and will also serve as a valuable link to our school community.

Classroom teachers will, as always, be your main point of contact with the school and source of information. Susan Garcia, our Parent Coordinator, is available to assist you. Her office number is 718-324-5188 Ext. 2110 and her cell number is 347-563-4963. We will also continue to focus on our efforts to increase the participation of fathers in our school through our "Fatherhood in the 21st Century" for fathers. Please check your children's book bags for the monthly calendars and important notices that inform you of upcoming activities within our school throughout the school year. This information will also be available on our PS87.org website.

We look forward to working with you to create a year that brims with growth and accomplishments for our students. On the reverse side of this letter you will find a list of important dates to remember in September and information to make the first days of school a smooth transition for both you and your children.

On behalf of the staff at P.S. 87, I welcome you!

Sincerely,

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SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 9, 2015	First Day of School – Kindergarten dismissed at 1:05 a.m.
Saturday, September 12, 2015	Back to School Event with alumni DJ Kevin Lawrence in the Community Park 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15, 2015	School Closed Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, September 16, 2015	Meeting with Grades 4 and 5 Parents with Education Through Music to discuss participation in the P.S. 87 School Orchestra and rental of instruments – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17, 2015	Family Night - Come and meet your child's teacher and learn about the curriculum beginning at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23, 2015	School Closed Yom Kippur
Thursday, September 24, 2015	School Closed Eid al-Adha

HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

- 1) The 2015-2016 school year begins on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.
- 2) **School starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m. EVERY DAY!**
- 3) Kindergarten students attend for half a day on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. from the main entrance on Bussing Avenue.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR SEPTEMBER 9 and 10th ONLY WEATHER PERMITTING

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students enter through the gates on Grace Avenue by the portable classrooms. There will be class lists with your students' names hanging on the walls. Please line up with your children by the designated class list and wait until the teachers arrive.

Grade 2 enter through the main doors and go to the cafeteria

Grades 3, 4 and 5 line up on Edson Avenue and go to the gym when the doors open at 8:10 a.m.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Kindergarten: Dismissed through the front entrance of the building
- Grade 1: Parents enter through the Grace Avenue grate along the portables and pick up student in the gym by entering through the back door to the gym from the playground and exit by that door.
- Grade 2: Dismissed through the Grace Avenue gate in the Community Park
- Grade 3, 505 & 503: Exit on Edson Avenue
- Grade 501, 502, 504, 401, 402, 403, 305 are dismissed through the Bussing Avenue Service Entrance

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY AT DISMISSAL

Please be on the lookout for an envelope with important forms to be completed and returned to your children's teachers. It is important to our funding that we receive the lunch forms back the next day.