

P.S. 770 Information Session

August 13, 2020
8:30 PM

Agenda

- Schedule for 2020-2021 Blended Learning
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- Health and Screening
- Mask Wearing
- Facilities and PPE
- What we know (from last time)
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Schedule for Blended Learning

We have put in for exception for the flex day to be Wednesday. We are still waiting for approval. If it is not approved, the flex day will be Monday.

This is the schedule if the flex day is Wednesday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group B
Week 2	Group A	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B
Week 3	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group B
Week 4	Group A	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B

You will receive your child's group by the end of the week of August 24th.

Siblings will be grouped together. We can not honor other requests.

Dismissal and Arrival

It is IMPORTANT that parents/guardians follow ALL directives for dismissal and arrival.

There will be markings for social distancing and areas to wait to drop off/pick up your child.

Arrival: If you drive, the parent/guardian will remain in the car. A staff member will escort your child from the car to the proper entrance. If you are a parent of a Pre K/K students and you want to walk your child in, you must park.

All students/parents/guardians are to wear a mask.

**NO PS 770 STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN IS TO ENTER THROUGH THE
MAIN ENTRANCE BETWEEN 8:45-9:30 AM**

Arrival/Dismissal

- Drop off will be between 8:45 AM-9:15 AM
- PK and K will enter/exit through the 770 doors
 - PK will proceed up/down the ramp to their classroom/exit
 - Kindergarten will proceed up/down the stairs to their classroom/exit
 - Parents may walk students to the classroom door. Parents may NOT enter the classroom.
 - All parents must have their temperature checked and sign in with security
 - All parents/students must stay 6 feet apart from another family
- Grades 1-5
 - Students will be dropped off/picked up at the gates on E. 94th street.
 - Students will proceed up/down the stairs to/from the 2nd floor terrace classroom doors.
 - Parents will not be allowed up to the classrooms.

Students will dismiss through the same doors that they arrive.

Please be patient. This process is not easy to plan and we need your help to execute it safely.

A student arrives on the wrong day....

If a student is dropped off at school on the wrong day OR are supposed to be 100% remote:

The students will proceed to the library where they will wait until an adult picks them up

We will contact all persons on the blue card to ensure the student is picked up from school

The students will NOT be placed in a classroom or interact with any students

Health and Safety

https://infohub.nyced.org/docs/default-source/doe-employees-only/clean-for-posting_-health-safety-policy.pdf

School-based staff and students cannot report to school if they have:

- Been knowingly in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19.
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days.
- Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

Temperature Checks

At Home:

Parent/guardians will be responsible for taking their child's temperature every morning before coming to school.

In school:

Random Temperature Screenings

Every morning, prior to entering the school, specific staff will perform random samplings of temperatures for both students and school-based staff using non-touch thermometers. Additional guidance on random temperature screenings is forthcoming.

- Schools are prohibited to record or track student and/or staff temperatures or other health information.
- Face coverings and gloves will be worn continually by designated staff taking temperatures.
- Any student exhibiting a fever from a random temperature check must be evaluated by the nurse or health professional in the Isolation Room. The student must stay in the building's Isolation Room until picked up.

Student Shows Symptoms of COVID-19 While at School

Students showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be escorted to the Isolation Room by a designated staff member wearing appropriate PPE.

o Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever of 100.0°F or higher or chills,
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- Fatigue,
- Muscle or body aches,
- Headache,
- Loss of taste or smell,
- Sore throat, congestion or runny nose,
- Nausea or vomiting,
- Diarrhea.

The area where the student was showing symptoms must be immediately cleaned and disinfected. The nurse or health professional, wearing appropriate PPE, will evaluate the student in the Isolation Room for symptoms of COVID-19. o If no nurse or health professional is available, the student will wait in the supervised Isolation Room until picked up. A family member or guardian will be contacted by a staff member and asked to pick up the student. Upon pick up, the nurse/health professional and school staff will strongly advise the family to visit a doctor and get the student tested for COVID-19, and provide the information of the closest testing site, if asked. The Isolation Room must be closed and a deep cleaning must be performed before it can be used.

Criteria for Returning to School After Showing Symptoms

Any individual (student or staff member) showing signs of COVID-19 can only return to school when all the following conditions are met:

- Received a positive COVID-19 test AND
- Isolated for 10 days AND
- Presents clearance from a healthcare provider AND
- The individual has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

OR

- Received a negative COVID-19 test AND
- Presents clearance from a healthcare provider AND
- The individual has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

OR

- Never got a COVID-19 test AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started AND
- Presents clearance from a healthcare provider AND • The individual has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Unconfirmed Case in a School

Any student or staff member who self-reports an unconfirmed positive case of COVID-19 or is exhibiting COVID-like symptoms will be immediately removed from the classroom or school building, told to stay home, and encouraged to get tested.

- The classroom and school building will remain open at this time.
- Contact tracing will only occur if there is a laboratory confirmed case or if the person is a close contact of a presumed positive.
- If a positive case is confirmed, the school must follow the protocols listed below.
- If a negative test result is received, the individual may return to school after presenting clearance from a health care provider evaluation AND after being symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- If the individual does not get tested or seek clearance from a health care provider, the individual cannot return to school until:
 - o 10 days have passed since the first symptom AND
 - o The individual has been symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

One Confirmed Case

If there is one **confirmed** case in the school, that class and teacher will quarantine for 10 days (2 school weeks). Other staff may need to quarantine.

The rest of the school will remain open.

A DOE authorized letter will be sent to the class and the school community.

Remote Learning will continue for the students.

A student from that class with a negative test, does not shorten the quarantine.

2 or more confirmed cases in different classes

2 confirmed cases within 7 days of each other.

The campus shuts down (both PS 770 and PS 398 regardless of which school the confirmed case is in).

The school will be closed for a minimum of 24 hours.

Remote learning will continue for all students.

The building reopening is determined by NYC Test and Trace CORPS and DOHMH.

Families will be notified within the 24 hours if/when school will reopen.

Facilities and PPE

Teams from the UFT/DOE will be walking through all school buildings to determine proper ventilation and windows that open

770/398: ventilation system is currently working and up to standard. Fans/vents have been replaced and other work is currently being done.

PPE has arrived at the building which includes:

Masks

Soap

Hand sanitizer

Partitions for main office and school safety agent desk

Electro-static cleaners

Gloves

Medical gowns (for staff in isolation room)

Policy on Wearing Masks in School

- All staff and students are to wear masks (only exception is a student or staff member with a medical note that excludes them from wearing a mask).
- Students may bring their own masks.
- The DOE will provide masks for students who don't have one.
- Keep an extra mask in a ziploc bag in their backpack.
- Students who refuse to wear a mask, will be removed from the classroom and sent home. The student will be automatically enrolled in 100% remote learning until the students complies with wearing a mask.

Mask Breaks: Students will be given time throughout the day to go outside on the terrace to have a mask break. The goal is a 15 minute break during every 45 minute period.

What We Know (from last meeting...)

Breakfast and Lunch

- Students are entitled to free breakfast and lunch.
 - ~~○ We do not know if it will be permitted in the cafeteria or the classrooms.~~ Students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms. There is not a designated lunch period.
 - ~~○ Unsure if it will be bagged or hot.~~ All breakfast and lunch will be cold/grab and go.
 - Since we are eating in the classrooms, all lunches from home MUST be nut free.
 - Ensure students know how to open everything in their lunch boxes.
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- ~~● If we can fit 100%.~~ Based on our enrollment numbers, this can not happen safely.

What we still don't know.....and what has changed...

- Busing for General Education Students
- Afterschool programs
- Service Providers (speech, OT, PT, SETSS, Counseling)
- Childcare options on remote days
- State Exams
- If we will have to excess
 - Right now, all of our teacher's jobs are secure. However, if enrollment declines, that may change
- Who is responsible for teaching 100% remote students
- The first day of school is proposed for September 10th. That has not been confirmed.
- Our school day is 8:45 AM-2:00 PM. Breakfast is from 8:45-9:15 AM

I am sure there is a lot more.....

Technology

All students will need an electronic device at home with access to Wi-Fi.

All students will have accounts on our TNAA platform and the DOE platform. We will be setting these up for all new students in the next couple of weeks. You **MUST** be registered to obtain an account. If you are unsure about registration, email registration@thenewamericanacademy.org

We will continue to utilize Google Classroom for schoolwork and we will use Zoom for lessons and small group instruction. Teachers may also use Google Meet for small groups/guided reading.

If you need a device, please email jsaratovsky@thenewamericanacademy.org

All Ipads that were distributed by the DOE are property of PS 770.

All devices given by the school or the DOE are the property of PS 770.

Expectations for Remote Learning

The expectations are going to shift from remote learning from March-June.

Students are **REQUIRED** to attend morning meeting and any small group and guided reading group they are scheduled for.

Students are **REQUIRED** to attend all live lessons to the best of their ability

Students are **REQUIRED** to hand in all assignments

Students are **REQUIRED** to attend gym/dance/music

Teachers will assess students regularly and provide feedback on their work that they will be required to fix and resubmit.

We are no longer in the “figure it out” stage. We are now starting a new school year. More guidance is coming for attendance.

Things we are thinking about.....

Teachers wearing buttons with a picture of their face

Live streaming morning meeting and lunch between the students in school and the students at home to create a sense of community

Ms. Saratovsky live streaming Town Hall and Morning Announcements to students in school and students in home

Adding COVID-19 practices into our HEARTS values: wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance, etc....

Fundraising/collecting of: pop up canopies, sneeze guards for teachers, lap desks, etc.....

A Google Site to track all Google Classrooms, Zoom Links, etc....

Uniforms/Supplies

Uniforms are not required during remote learning.

Students are HIGHLY encouraged to wear their school uniform if they attend in person.

You may purchase uniforms: <https://stores.smoothusa.com/ps770k/shop/home>

A 2nd window will open in late August.

A HUGE thanks to Jean Kumugai and Janine Harper for their advocacy. The \$10,000 from Councilmember Amprey-Samuel has been allocated for school supplies.

If you choose, you may send your child in with a pencil case of their choice. However, we will be ordering those for the students.

All students should have an extra mask in a ziploc for school.

Trailblazers

Trailblazers is starting to make plans to assist parents/guardians:

1. Traditional in-school after-school on the days that students are in school - the DOE suggests after school providers can be in the building serving the students who are in-school that day.
2. Custom after-school service for a family-selected bubble of 6 campers, to fill gaps in the school schedule
3. Custom after-school service for a family-selected bubble of 6 campers, who opted out of blended learning.
4. Weekday 2-day sleepaway camps, including remote learning support

If you are interested in any of these programs, please fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/xVZ1NAkwWsCHXuYe9>

How to prepare at home.....

Your child should practice wearing a mask for a prolonged period of time. Start building up their stamina.

Practice opening/closing any containers/lunchboxes they would bring to school.

Practice zipping and buttoning. Velcro shoes are BEST for PK and K and any students who can't tie their shoes.

Have conversations about what school will look like and how it will be different:

- Students/teachers in masks
- No hugging teachers/friends
- No recess on the schoolyard
- No playing with friends less than 6 feet apart

Please help the staff out. Everyone wants to be able to get close to a student to help them/hug them, but there is real fear there.

Remind

Please ensure that you are signed up for Remind. This is the way we communicate the most to families for the most up-to-date information:

Pre K: remind.com/join/bescolek

K: remind.com/join/rubbridge

1st: remind.com/join/jackierobs

2nd: remind.com/join/maejem

3rd: remind.com/join/bbanneker

4th: remind.com/join/sambatt

5th: remind.com/join/ropark

Haskell: remind.com/join/mhaskells

Thank You

Thank you to our re-entry committee members who have been working hard to ensure a smooth opening

Thank you Drew Koncz for purchasing the buttons for our teachers.

As we get closer to a possible school opening, please be kind, thoughtful, and patient. This is not easy on anyone. There are real fears to going back to school, but our staff is committed and ready to do what is needed and asked of us.

We are all doing the best we can in a situation none of us have been in before.

Question and Answer

I will do the best I can! :-)

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