



PUBLIC SCHOOL 340
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September 2026

Dear PS 340 Families,

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the start of an exciting new school year together. The entire PS 340 staff welcomes you back, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to ensure a successful year for all of our students.

We encourage you to take an active role in your child's education this year by participating in our academic and enrichment celebrations and attending the many exciting parent workshops we have planned.

Our first event of the year will be our **in-person Back-to-School/Meet the Staff Night on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 4:30–7:00 PM**. We encourage all families to attend this important event. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and learn about the curriculum, routines, and expectations for the school year.

Please also take a moment to visit our **school website at ****340Bronx.org**, where important school schedules, the school calendar, and upcoming events are posted for your convenience.

School Hours & Breakfast Program

As a reminder, our official school hours are:

- **Pre-K:** 8:15 AM–2:20 PM
- **Kindergarten & Grade 1:** 8:10 AM–2:25 PM
- **Grades 2–5:** 8:10 AM–2:30 PM

We will have a **hot breakfast program beginning September 15th at 7:45 AM in the Main Building**. All students in Grades K–5 are welcome to participate. During the first days of school, a grab-and-go breakfast option will be available until the hot breakfast program begins in the cafeteria.

Please ensure that your **child arrives at school on time every day**, prepared with the materials they need to learn. An essential ingredient to student success is being present in school every day.

We want to make the **2026–2027 school year a joyful, safe, and productive year** for every student. Please take time to review the **Parent/Student Handbook** together with your child, sign the **Student/Parent Responsibilities Form**, and return it to your child's teacher during the first week of school.

☐ **Afterschool Programs**

We collaborate with the **MMCC Beacon Program**, housed next door at PS 86, which begins in September. If you are interested in this program, please inquire directly at PS 86.

In addition, for the past several years, PS 340 has offered its own afterschool programs and has added a **free MMCC program beginning in mid-October**. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available later in September.

Please look for school communications through the **Remind App**, our **school website (340bronx.org)**, **Class Dojo** and **flyers sent home in your child's backpack**.

☐ **Enrichment Opportunities**

This year, we continue to offer many exciting enrichment opportunities during the school day and after school. These include:

- Music
- Orchestra
- Ballroom Dancing
- YMCA Swimming
- Cat Rock Ventures Planting and Biking Program
- Studio in a School Arts Program
- STEM and Drones program

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- And many more!

Students will have music once each cycle. Kindergarten and first grade students will engage in Studio in a School Art residency. **Second-grade students will participate in a swimming program at the Walton High School swimming pool.** **Third grade students will engage in a Biking program led by Cat Rock Ventures.** In addition, our **Fourth- and Fifth grade students will participate in a Dance/Art program.** We also offer a **Gifted and Talented Program** for students in Grades 3–5 and a **Sensory Exploration, Education, and Discovery (SEED) Program** in the Annex.

☐ Distraction-Free Schools & Electronic Devices

We continue to support the **Distraction-Free Schools Policy** signed by Governor Hochul. All students' personal internet-enabled devices must be stored during the school day.

Please review our [NEW Device Policy](#) for additional information. You can also visit the [NYCPS Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy](#) website for more information.

A personal internet-enabled device is any electronic device that is not issued by a school or NYCPS program and can connect to the internet, allowing the user to access content online. Examples include:

- **Communication devices:** cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches
- **Computing devices:** laptops, tablets, and iPads
- **Portable music and entertainment systems:** MP3 players and game consoles

☐ Partnering for Student Success

Our goal at P.S. 340 is to educate the **whole child**. We are committed to providing a rich and rigorous instructional program that includes intervention and enrichment opportunities.

We look forward to a productive partnership with you this year to ensure that every student can reach their highest potential. We recognize that the home-school connection is critical to our students' success. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- **Attend school daily and arrive ON TIME each morning.** Students arriving after **8:20 AM will be marked late**. The school day begins promptly at **8:10 AM for K–5** and **8:15 AM for Pre-K**.
- After **8:20 AM**, an office staff member will be available in the Main Lobby and Annex Lobby to greet students and provide Late Passes.
- **Call the school at 718-220-1830** or email attendance10x340@NYCDOE.onmicrosoft.com if your child is sick and must be absent, or if you need to communicate with school administration or staff.
- Inform the school if you feel your child needs academic assistance or if you have questions about their progress.
- **Follow our Visitor Protocol:** We have a door intercom and buzzer system in both the Main Building and Annex to provide additional security. Upon entry, all visitors must show identification.

We look forward to collaborating with you to make this school year a successful one! If you need assistance, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher through **ClassDojo** or email.

You may also contact our **Parent Coordinator, Maria Acosta**, at **718-220-1830, extension 1131**, or by email at Macosta@schools.nyc.gov.

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Septiembre de 2026

Estimadas familias de la escuela PS 340:

¡Bienvenido de nuevo!

Esperamos que hayan tenido un verano maravilloso y que estén listos para el inicio de un nuevo y emocionante año escolar juntos. Todo el personal de la PS 340 les da la bienvenida y esperamos seguir colaborando con ustedes para garantizar un año exitoso para todos nuestros estudiantes.

Les animamos a participar activamente en la educación de sus hijos este año, asistiendo a nuestras celebraciones académicas y de enriquecimiento, y a los numerosos e interesantes talleres para padres que hemos organizado.

Nuestro primer evento del año será nuestro **Reunión presencial de bienvenida al inicio del curso y presentación del personal el miércoles 30 de septiembre de 2026, de 16:30 a 19:00 horas**. Invitamos a todas las familias a asistir a este importante evento. Tendrán la oportunidad de conocer al maestro de su hijo, visitar el aula y aprender sobre el plan de estudios, las rutinas y las expectativas para el año escolar.

Por favor, tómese también un momento para visitar nuestro **sitio web de la escuela** en ****340Bronx.org, donde se publican los horarios escolares importantes, el calendario escolar y los próximos eventos para su comodidad.

☐ Horario escolar y programa de desayuno

Les recordamos que nuestro horario escolar oficial es:

- **Preescolar:** 8:15 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
- **Jardín de infancia y primer grado:** 8:10 a.m.-2:25 p.m.
- **Grados 2 a 5:** 8:10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

El **programa de desayuno caliente comenzará el 15 de septiembre a las 7:45 AM en el Edificio Principal**.

Todos los estudiantes de kínder a quinto grado pueden participar. Durante los primeros días de clases, se ofrecerá un desayuno para llevar hasta que comience el programa de desayuno caliente en la cafetería.

Asegúrese de que su niño **llega a la escuela puntual todos los días**, preparados con los materiales que necesitan para aprender. Un ingrediente esencial para el éxito estudiantil es la asistencia diaria a la escuela.

Queremos hacer que el **año escolar 2026-2027 sea un año alegre, seguro y productivo** para cada estudiante. Por favor, tómese el tiempo para revisar el Manual **para padres/alumnos Junto** con su hijo, firme el **Formulario de Responsabilidades del Estudiante/Padre Y devuélvelo** al maestro de su hijo durante la primera semana de clases.

☐ Programas extraescolares

Colaboramos con el Programa **de balizas de MMCC**, ubicado en la escuela PS 86 contigua, que comienza en septiembre. Si le interesa este programa, por favor pregunte directamente en la PS 86.

Además, durante los últimos años, la PS 340 ha ofrecido sus propios programas extraescolares y ha añadido un Programa **gratuito de MMCC que comienza a mediados de octubre**. Manténganse atentos para obtener más información a medida que esté disponible a finales de septiembre.

Por favor, busque las comunicaciones de la escuela a través de la **aplicación Remind**, el **sitio web de nuestra escuela** (<https://340bronx.org/>), **Class Dojo** y los folletos que se envían a casa en la mochila de su hijo/a.

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☐ Oportunidades de enriquecimiento

Este año, seguimos ofreciendo muchas oportunidades de enriquecimiento interesantes durante la jornada escolar y después de clases. Estas incluyen:

- Música
- Orquesta
- Baile de salón
- Natación de la YMCA
- Programa de plantación y ciclismo de Cat Rock Ventures
- Programa de Artes en un Estudio Escolar
- Programa de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM) y drones
- ¡Y muchos más!

Los alumnos tendrán música una vez por ciclo. Los alumnos de jardín de infancia y primer grado participarán en una residencia artística en un estudio escolar. **Los alumnos de segundo grado participarán en un programa de natación en la piscina de la escuela secundaria Walton. Los alumnos de tercer grado participarán en un programa de ciclismo dirigido por Cat Rock Ventures.** Además, nuestros alumnos de cuarto y quinto grado participarán en un programa de danza y arte. También ofrecemos un Programa para alumnos superdotados y talentosos de 3.º a 5.º grados y un Programa de Exploración Sensorial, Educación y Descubrimiento (SEED) en el Anexo.

☐ Escuelas libres de distracciones y dispositivos electrónicos

Continuamos apoyando a la Política **de escuelas libres de distracciones firmada** por la gobernadora Hochul. Todos los dispositivos personales de los estudiantes con acceso a internet deben guardarse durante la jornada escolar.

Por favor revise nuestra [Nueva política de dispositivos para](#) obtener información adicional. También puede visitar el [Política de teléfonos celulares y dispositivos electrónicos de las Escuelas Públicas de la Ciudad de Nueva York \(NYCPS\)](#) Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información.

Un dispositivo personal con acceso a internet es cualquier dispositivo electrónico que no haya sido proporcionado por una escuela o un programa de las Escuelas Públicas de la Ciudad de Nueva York (NYCPS) y que pueda conectarse a internet, permitiendo al usuario acceder a contenido en línea. Algunos ejemplos son:

- **Dispositivos de comunicación:**teléfonos celulares, teléfonos inteligentes y relojes inteligentes
- **Dispositivos informáticos:**portátiles, tabletas y iPads
- **Sistemas portátiles de música y entretenimiento:**Reproductores de MP3 y consolas de videojuegos

☐ Colaborando para el éxito estudiantil

Nuestro objetivo en P.S. 340 es educar al niño **completo. Nos** comprometemos a brindar un programa educativo completo y riguroso que incluya oportunidades de intervención y enriquecimiento.

Esperamos tener una colaboración productiva con ustedes este año para garantizar que cada estudiante pueda alcanzar su máximo potencial. Reconocemos que la conexión entre la escuela y el hogar es fundamental para el éxito de nuestros estudiantes. Les pedimos que guíen y apoyen el aprendizaje de sus hijos asegurándose de que:

- **Asiste a la escuela todos los días y llega PUNTUAL cada mañana.**Estudiantes llegando despuésLas 8:20 AM se considerarán retraso.La jornada escolar comienza puntualmente a las 8:10 AM para K–5 y 8:15 AM para preescolar.
- Después 8:20am un miembro del personal administrativo estará disponible en el vestíbulo principal y en el vestíbulo del anexo para recibir a los estudiantes y proporcionarles pases de entrada tardía.



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- Informe a la escuela si cree que su hijo necesita ayuda académica o si tiene preguntas sobre su progreso.
- **Siga nuestro protocolo para visitantes:** Contamos con un sistema de intercomunicación y timbre en las puertas tanto del edificio principal como del anexo para mayor seguridad. Al ingresar, todos los visitantes deben mostrar una identificación.

¡Esperamos colaborar con ustedes para que este año escolar sea un éxito! Si necesita ayuda, no dude en comunicarse con el maestro de su hijo a través de ClassDojo o correo electrónico.

También puede ponerse en contacto con nuestra **Coordinadora de Padres, María Acosta**, en 718-220-1830, extensión 1131 o por correo electrónico a Macosta@schools.nyc.gov.

Espero verlos a usted y a su familia en los numerosos eventos y celebraciones escolares a lo largo del año. No duden en comunicarse con la escuela o con el maestro de su hijo si tienen alguna pregunta o inquietud.

Atentamente,

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