The Superintendent's Spotlight

DISTRICT 32 - April 2020



Welcome to our Virtual CEC Meeting and taking the time from your extremely busy schedules to join us this evening! I want to also thank each of you for all the support you are providing our students, your children at home. My team and I review student work periodically and we are confident in letting you know that the work products we are reviewing are of high quality. That is in no small measure due to your support and partnership. Principals, Teachers, all Staff, the District Team, and I deeply miss our students and are looking forward to seeing them soon. Unfortunately, we will have to complete this school year in remote learning. The positive and best aspect of it all is that we continue to have you as always, our partners and a community of one!

Family Resources

The Monday Campaigns has some ideas for family yoga, cooking, and more. Please visit their website for additional information. Even as we practice social distancing and participate in remote learning, the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit is here to help educate New Yorkers with #FDNYSmart tips to prevent fires in the home. FDNY urges you to visit www.fdnysmart.org/connect to watch the full fire safety webcast with your friends and family and help prevent fires before they start.

Regardless of how hard, challenging, frightening, or difficult an experience may seem, everything is just as it needs to be in order for us to heal, grow, and learn.

Read the quote. What do you think about when you read it?? Discuss with your family!

Operations

All our Family Welcome Center locations are temporarily closed, but our staff members are still available to help. You can get direct support from a Family Welcome Center staff member by emailing: brooklynfwc@schools.nyc.gov

Family Welcome Center Staff Can Support With:

- Questions about admissions
- Guidance for students new to New York City
- Information about offers and waitlists (after offers are released)
- Adding your child to waitlists & accepting/declining offers

Still in need of borrowing an iPad from the DOE?
You can fill out the request form on the DOE website

Please continue to visit the <u>family page</u> on the DOE website for the latest updates.

We want your feedback. Families and students in grades 6-12 are invited to take the Remote Learning Survey from April-17 to May-1, 2020 For more information about the survey, and to access the survey itself, visit https://www.schools.nyc.gov/RLsurvey or call 311 to take the survey on the telephone

Remote Instruction & Engagement

Please continue to visit the <u>family page</u> on the NYCDOE website for the latest updates on teaching at home. Classroom Instruction is implemented via google classrooms, google, hangouts and google meet. Technical modalities such as, <u>Flipping the Classroom</u> includes pre-recorded lessons so students do not miss lessons. <u>Nearpod</u> is a student engagement platform that can be used to create amazing effects in the classroom. Teachers can create presentations that can contain Quizzes, Polls, Videos, Drawing-Boards, and Webs. We continue to encourage <u>Project-Based Learning</u> with digital units in many content areas. Further, the Gradual <u>Release of Responsibilities</u> is embedded in delivery of instruction. This structure allows the teacher to model succinctly the skills and strategies support the students in guided practice of the learning; students then practice the skills/strategies independently. Through practice students reach mastery of the skills/strategies. Also, Padlet is another effective resource with interactive boards that allow teachers to organize resources and concepts so that students can access these materials and comment on them in real time. It allows for students to give feedback and respond to what the teacher has posted and to foster a sense of community through an online discussion forum.

*We are here for you!

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