



July 17, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

I hope you are enjoying the quieter pace of summer and finding time to unwind, spend time with family, enjoy the outdoors, and stay healthy. By now, you've received a recent update from Dr. Joel Adelberg, our Interim Superintendent, with the current thinking around our re-entry plans for September (a complex work in progress). As I'm sure you are aware, there is great emphasis in the media on re-entry plans to school in September and the status of the COVID-19 crisis around the country. These are certainly challenging times with no easy answers. I want to reassure you that the safety of our students and staff will always remain our top priority.

Re-entry Update: We are working around the clock to make sense of the new guidelines outlined by the NYS Dept. of Health and NYS Dept. of Education, released this week, in order to develop safe, thoughtful and thorough plans. We will be in touch in the coming weeks with more specific details about our re-entry plans, safety protocols, and all the necessary preparations for the start of school.

School Summer Hours: The school building is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM for essential school business. If you need to drop off any essential school paperwork, please plan to do so during these office hours. Please wear a mask.

Secretary to the Principal: For the summer months, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Sabina Shapiro, one of our talented teacher aides, filling in temporarily as the interim Secretary to Principal. We are currently in the process of conducting a full search for our next Secretary to the Principal. You can contact Mrs. Shapiro, by phone at school (914-764-8133) or via email: sshapiro3816@bcsdny.org.

Staircase Project: Years in the making... we finally have a staircase to the lower playground thanks to YOU!!! A BIG thank you to Trish McGovern, Lena Nurenberg, the PRES PTA, and you, our community, for raising the funds to complete this project. Thank you to all who purchased a brick to help make this project happen! Please enjoy some photos of our [Staircase Project](#) here.

Summer Reading: Please keep summer reading alive by engaging your child(ren) in independent and family reading activities. Enjoy a family read aloud each night, have your child read to his/her siblings, and help your child get hooked into a good book this summer.

- Check out this great [Summer Reading Bookmarks article](#) with printable summer reading bookmarks by *3 Dinosaurs!* Print a bookmark, fill in your 18 "books," and **submit your completed bookmark to school in September to earn a prize!**
- For summer reading lists and other great summer reading resources, please visit [Mrs. Baldo's BCSD Summer Reading Bitmoji classroom](#).
- Connect with the Pound Ridge Library and register for the summer reading game program: <http://poundridgelibraryny14.readsquared.com/>.



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- Teachers College Reading & Writing Project offers summer reading book lists by reading level, which our students can access through MyON, an online book collection, through the BCSD Launchpad. Click here to view the list of books by reading level: [Leveled Book lists in MyON](#)

We are very excited to welcome many new families to our PRES school community this fall. A new family orientation, for new students entering grades 1-5 will take place, either virtually or in person, during the last week in August. More information to come. We also look forward to welcoming back our returning families to PRES in whatever form or fashion brings us back together safely. While the start to the 2020-21 school year may be challenging, I have no doubt that this school community will come together to make the best of it! Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Stay safe,

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