



BELL Academy

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Dear BELL Families,

Hoping all families continue to stay safe and well. With the nice weather slowly making its way, we hope you are able to safely enjoy some of the sunshine and warm weather.

I am pleased to report that BELL Academy is once again being recognized by the Anti-defamation League as being a school that promotes No Place for Hate! Please see virtual banner below. We proudly earned Gold Star status, which means that our students and staff went above and beyond to create a welcoming and nurturing learning environment where all students can feel safe and valued.

We would like to thank all families who have been participating in Parent Teacher Conferences with your child's teachers. It is not too late for students to work towards their academic goals. This includes working on missed assignments and participating in teachers' live sessions. Many of our staff members are offering additional support to help your child meet the grade-level standards. You are strongly encouraged to see that your child participates.

Official progress reports were originally scheduled to be sent home at the end of this month. Since teachers have been hosting Parent Teacher Conferences to share your child's current performance and academic progress, the reports will not be sent home. Rather, all families can access their child's most current academic performance data by logging onto Jupiter Ed. Teachers will have all grades updated by May 22nd.

I would like to share with you the new grading policy set forth by the NYC Department of Education. Students in middle school will receive a FINAL grade of either Meets Standards (MT), Needs Improvement (N), or Course In Progress (NX). The 4th marking period will still consist of a numerical grade. However, the Final Marking Period will indicate the course ratings indicated above and will appear on your child's official transcript. More information can be found on the DOE's Message to Families page at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learn-at-home/chancellor-s-message-for-families>

Please stay safe, healthy, and well. Your BELL Academy family is here for you!

Sincerely,

David Abbott
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