



BELL Academy

Bayside Enrichment & Long-Distance Learning Academy – MS 294

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Dear BELL Families,

As I'm sure many of you have been hearing, there is talk about schools transitioning to full-remote learning. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information, in the event there is a citywide announcement to transition to full-remote learning. Please note that **no announcement has been made** and we are sharing information for preparation and informational purposes only.

Google Classroom and Schedules

If we transition to full-remote learning, please note that your children will continue to follow their current programs. Teachers will provide your children with the Google Meets codes necessary to log into their regularly scheduled Google Classrooms. Student attendance will be tracked through your child's participation in their Google Meets. All schedules can be located on the school's website at www.thebellacademy.com.

Jupiter Ed

If your child is unable to log into their Google Classroom or Google Meets, please contact your child's teacher immediately. We will continue to use Jupiter Ed to update grades and for communication purposes. Teachers are available daily from 1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. for support.

Devices

If any family needs remote learning support, please contact LBelcastro@school.nyc.gov, or call the help desk at 718-935-5100, option 5. The help desk is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We have been working diligently to ensure all students have access to a device. If you are still in need of a device, we ask that you complete the DOE Survey: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>

Reminder for Parent Teacher Conferences

Our afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences will both be held on November 19th. All students will be dismissed at 10:50 a.m. All conferences will be held remotely between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. You should have received surveys from your child's teachers to request appointment times, as well as to indicate your meeting preference (email, phone call, video conference). Additional appointments will be available for families during teacher official office hours, which are Monday – Friday from 1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Translation services will be available. Please contact Ms. Lori at LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com for translation arrangements.

Communication

As always, if you have any questions or concerns we ask that you reach out to a staff member for support:

Principal, David Abbott- DAbbott@schools.nyc.gov

Assistant Principal, Jaclyn Rajwan- JRajwan@schools.nyc.gov

Parent Coordinator, Lori Belcastro- LBelcastro@schools.nyc.gov

School Secretary, Susan Yagerman- SYagerman@schools.nyc.gov

School Counselor, Elizabeth Johnson- EJohnson6@schools.nyc.gov

Dean of Students and Device Support, Jessie Williams- JWillia31@schools.nyc.gov

Attendance School Aide- Maria Morea- MMorea5@schools.nyc.gov

IEP Support, Christine Chu- CChu5@schools.nyc.gov

The BELL Family is here to support you throughout this journey. We know that this is certainly a challenging time for all, and we would like to assure you that we are fully prepared to support you and your children. We continue to navigate through this together. **Together, we are BELL Strong!** Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

David Abbott,
Principal