



# BELL Academy

*Bayside Enrichment & Long-Distance Learning Academy – MS 294*

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Dear BELL Families,

As October comes to an end, I wanted to provide you with a brief message regarding upcoming events, updates, and timelines.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge, and thank, members of the BELL Academy Parent Teachers Association and School Leadership Team for convening and working together to support our school community. We are grateful for everyone's time, efforts, and for moving forward together during these unprecedented times.

### **Opt-In Window for Blended In-Person Learning**

Families will have an opportunity to opt-into blended learning from November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>. The learning preference survey is located on our website at [www.thebellacademy.com](http://www.thebellacademy.com). Students will begin in-person learning the weeks of November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming regarding official start dates.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Our afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences will both be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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. Teachers will be sending out surveys with appointment times, as well as 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](mailto:LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com) for translation arrangements.

### **Grading Policy**

Report cards will be distributed on November 17<sup>th</sup>. You may access your child's report card by logging into your My Student account at <https://mystudent.nyc/>. As per NYC Department of Education recent guidance on the grading policy, middle school students will receive numerical grades (65-100) each marking period. Students will receive a grade of NX in place of failing grades (below 65). Families will have an opportunity to update any of their child's **final passing** grades to a 'P.' Grades of 'P' are not included in students' final Grade Point Averages (GPA). More information regarding parental requests for grade changes will be forthcoming at a later date.

### **Spirit Week**

All members of the BELL Family (Students, Staff, and Families) are invited to join us in celebrating spirit week next week, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>! Please look out for a flyer with all of the fun details! You can also access the details by clicking on this link: [Spirit Week](#)

### **Other Upcoming Dates**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Election Day: Full remote learning for all students. Please follow regular Tuesday schedule. Teachers will provide Google Meet codes to join the live sessions.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Day- **No School**

**November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving- **No School**

We continue to journey through this together. Together, we are BELL Strong! Have a wonderful and safe weekend

Sincerely,

David Abbott,  
Principal