



BELL Academy

Bayside Enrichment & Long-Distance Learning Academy – MS 294

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Dear BELL Families,

As we welcome October, I would like to share some important information and upcoming dates for the month.

iReady

Over the next few days, your child will be taking an iReady online assessment in both Mathematics and ELA. After completing the assessment, a report will be generated and shared with families. Please note that this assessment is not graded and is used solely to monitor your child's progress. It also helps inform our teachers as to how they can best support your child during instruction. Students will have an opportunity to work on targeted skills during the day, based on the data from this assessment. Please expect a report in the upcoming days.

Vaccination Status

If your child is vaccinated, we ask that you please upload their vaccination card as soon as possible at <https://vaccine.schools.nyc/>.

Partial Class Closure

If your child is required to quarantine due to a partial class closure, the New York City Department of Education is requiring that your child's teachers each post work asynchronously and hold at-least one live "office hour" per week. This live office hour will be used to work remotely with your child and your child's participation in these sessions is mandatory. Official attendance will be taken during the remote live instruction. A schedule of classes and meeting links will be sent to all students who are required to quarantine. Any questions regarding the live sessions and instruction should be directed to your child's teacher.

National Anti-Bullying Month

October is National Anti-Bullying Month. Although we promote a bully-free school every day and celebrate a culture of inclusivity, we are excited to engage our students in a Respect for All essay and poster contest this month. Details will be shared with your children. We are proud to have been identified as a Respect for All school for many years and we are proudly recognized as a No Place for Hate school (Gold Star Status!), awarded by the Anti-Defamation League.

Communications

Ongoing communication is key to ensuring a successful school year. Now, more than ever, we rely on communication systems to deliver very important information to families. If you are not yet signed up, please sign up for the following:

- **Jupiter Ed:** <https://login.jupitered.com/login/> (for assistance, email Verra@thebellacademy.com)
- **Class Dojo:** <https://www.classdojo.com/> (for assistance, email LMilazzo@thebellacademy.com)
- **Parent Coordinator Email Distribution** (for assistance, email LBelcastro@thebellacademy.com)

Upcoming Dates in October

- October 11th, Italian Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day- **Schools Closed**
- October 20th, PTA Meeting at 6 p.m.

As always, please contact the school with any questions. Your BELL Family is here to support you and your child. Together, we are BELLStrong!

Sincerely,
David Abbott
Principal