



BELL Academy

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Dear BELL Families,

We are grateful to report that our first week back was even better than anticipated. Our students were clearly ready to come back to in-person learning, and have been forming new friendships within their classes. As indicated in my previous letter, we dedicated the first week to focus on Community and Connections. Through fun-filled lessons and activities, we welcome this opportunity to learn more about your children.

It was recently announced that COVID-19 testing in all schools will increase from biweekly to weekly. Testing will continue to take place for 10% of unvaccinated students in grades 1-12. We strongly encourage all families to submit consent for testing through their [NYC Schools Account \(NYCSA\)](#), or by submitting a signed paper consent form as soon as possible, if your child is not vaccinated.

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

Back To School Night- Save The Date: Please see the attached flyer regarding our Back To School Night. Back To School Night will take place on Wednesday, September 29th from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Each grade will hold two sessions, please join the session most convenient for you. The first session will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the second session will begin at 5:30 p.m. If you cannot make either session, no worries, they will be recorded and posted on our website. The PTA meeting will take place immediately following, at 6:30 p.m. All meeting links will be posted on the flyer.

We wish a **Happy Mid-Autumn Festival** to all families who celebrate! September is also **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Students are discussing the extraordinary influence of key historical figures, as well as celebrating Hispanic Heritage creatively in art class.

As always, please contact the school with any questions. Remember, we have to work together to maintain the safest environment for our community. Together, we are BELLStrong!

Sincerely,

David Abbott
Principal