



BELL Academy

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Dear BELL Families,

We would like to thank all of the BELL families for quickly adapting to our remote learning platform over the past week and a half. While nothing will ever replace the family-like atmosphere we all enjoy when we are under one roof, we certainly have been making the best of our current reality. As I stated before, health is now at the forefront of our decisions, and I am beyond pleased with everyone's adaptability.

Currently, approximately 50% of our families have opted into full-remote learning. If you plan to have your child participate in full-remote learning, we ask that you please complete the survey as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. The link to opt into full-remote learning, along with other important information, can be found on our website at www.thebellacademy.com.

We are excited to welcome those students who will be part of in-person blended learning. As a reminder, **Group A** begins October 1st and **Group B** begins October 2nd. The October and November alternating Monday schedule for in-person learning is outlined below:

Group A Mondays: October 5th and 19th. November 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

Group B Mondays: October 26th. November 9th and 23rd.

*****Schools are closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.**

Please remember that all students will be required to submit the results to their daily health screening each morning upon arrival. As shared during our most recent Town Hall, you can access the on-line screener, or the downloadable paper version on our website.

The NYC Department of Education put forth guidance regarding student face coverings. Please see below:

What Types of Face Coverings Are Not Permitted on DOE Property?

- Bandanas and neck gaiters are not permitted.
- Face coverings with an exhalation valve or vent are not permitted as exhalation valves allow unfiltered exhaled air to escape to others.
- Face coverings that completely cover or hide an individual's face, such as ski masks, are not permitted.
- Unless otherwise approved by school administration, clear face shields cannot be worn unless accompanied by a face covering.

We know that this is an adjustment for all of us, and we continue to appreciate your support and flexibility on helping to make this a healthy and successful school year for all. Our dedicated, caring, and hardworking staff members are ready to welcome those attending in-person learning this week. Whether you will be learning full-time remote, or participating in blended learning, you are a valuable member of the BELL Family. Together, we are BELL Strong!

Sincerely,

David Abbott,
Principal