



Office of Family and
Community Empowerment

End of Week Wrap Up (12/11/2020)

EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Virtual Elementary Admissions Event

Learn about 3-K, pre-K, and kindergarten admissions. Find out what to expect and how to apply. All New York City families are welcome to attend.

Sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, December 15 at 2pm
- Thursday, December 17 at 6pm
- Wednesday, January 6 at 6pm
- Thursday, January 7 at 6pm (Spanish only)
- Tuesday, January 12 at 2pm

[Click here to register](#)—please register for just one event. When you register, be sure to indicate your language preference; interpretation services will be provided according to demand.

We are here to support you throughout the admissions process! If you have questions, you can:

- Call us at 718-935-2009 or
- Email us at ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov

RoadMap to College for ELL Parents of ELL High School Seniors - Part 2

NYS Language Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) presents a series of workshops for the **Parents and families of English Language Learners (ELLs) HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.**

Learn about the role that parents take in assisting, guiding and supporting their child through the financial aid and college application process.

WORKSHOPS WILL BE OFFERED IN:

CHINESE, ENGLISH, HAITIAN CREOLE, RUSSIAN, AND SPANISH

TOPICS ADDRESSED WILL BE:

Part 1: Helping my child navigate the college process from November through January

- o The parent's role in assisting their child with the college application process
- o Timeline of tasks that the parent and child must complete from now until January 2021
- o Information on student eligibility for financial aid

Part 2: How to select a college and navigate the financial aid process

- o How to select a college
- o Financial aid process
- o Making the best fiscal decision for college choice

Click [here](#) for more information about sessions and how to register.

Celebrar & Elevar

Workshop to Support Remote Learning with Spanish-Speaking Families

The DOE, in partnership with Ramapo for Children, is offering “Celebrar & Elevar,” a workshop in Spanish about strategies for families to strengthen their connection when they are learning remotely. Families may attend any of the following sessions:

- December 16, from 5:30-6:30PM
- January 6, from 5:30-6:30PM

Please share this workshop and [flyer](#) with your Spanish-speaking students and families.

Participants may register for any of these sessions here: <https://rb.gy/l9jzej>.

Coping During COVID-19

Our partners at the Child Mind Institute are offering a series of free workshops. Interested caregivers can learn more about the workshops and register [here](#).

Managing Grief and Loss - Monday, 12/14 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST

Mindful Parenting - Monday, 12/14 5:00pm – 6:00pm EST

Is My Child Going to Be Okay? - Wednesday, 12/16 4:00pm – 5:00pm EST

Managing Intense Emotions - Wednesday, 12/16 5:00pm – 6:00pm EST

For additional resources, please visit the Child Mind Institute’s website at: <https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>.

Holiday Fun at the Met Opera

Free **Met Opera** 5-Day Family Holiday Festival

Thursday, December 17 through Monday, December 21

During this festive time of year, the **Met Opera** is presenting a series of virtual workshops to guide kids and families through Hansel and Gretel, a wickedly entertaining, English language adaptation of the classic fairy tale.

All workshops will be livestreamed on **Facebook** and **YouTube**.

Visit www.metopera.org/family to learn more and register.

It’s Our Money

Young people vote and decide on how to spend \$100,000 to address their needs in this moment.

The Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) is running a participatory budgeting process designed by youth, for youth, in partnership with the Coro New York Leadership Center PB Youth

Fellowship Program. The goal of the project is to engage and empower young people to decide how to spend \$100,000 of expense funding on projects that meet their needs, address their interests, and strengthen youth engagement across the city.

Youth provider organizations will be invited to submit proposals that directly address the ideas and needs youth identify in the first stage of the project. Youth votes will determine the projects awarded.

If you are a young person between the ages of 9-24, you are eligible to participate by submitting ideas and voting on projects that qualify for an award.

If you are an organization serving young people in the following communities (insert link), you can submit a proposal for up to 20K in funding.

Visit <https://www.participate.nyc.gov/processes/itsourmoney> to learn more!

UPDATES

Chancellor's Regulations: Updates

Waiver to Chancellor's Regulation A-660

On December 11, 2020, Chancellor Carranza signed a Waiver of Sections of Chancellor's Regulation A-660. The full text is [here](#), below is a summary of key provisions.

- PA/PTAs who were unable to hold elections of their mandatory officers between 4.2.2020 and 10.31.2020 pursuant to the waiver issues on 5.5.2020 may request an extension to **December 31, 2020** by submitting a request to FACE at FACE@schools.nyc.gov.
- If a request to extend an extension of elections to December 31st has been granted, the terms of the PA/PTA officers can also be extended to **December 31st**, but no later than that date.
- Presidents' Councils who were unable to hold elections of their mandatory officers between 4.2.2020 and 10.31.2020 pursuant to the waiver issues on 5.5.2020 may request an extension to **December 31, 2020** by submitting a request to FACE at FACE@schools.nyc.gov.
- If a request to extend an extension of elections to December 31st has been granted, the terms of the Presidents' Councils can also be extended to **December 31st**, but no later than that date.
- PA/PTA meetings can be held virtually until **September 2021**.
- PA/PTA's deadline to submit the Annual Financial Report (extended to October 31st by the May 5th 2020 waiver) was extended to **November 16th, 2020**.

D-Regulations

The DOE has proposed changes to Chancellor's Regulations D-140, D-150, D-160 and D-170. These regulations address the process for the nomination and selection of the members of Community Education Councils (CR D-140), the Citywide Council on Special Education and the Citywide Council for District 75; the Citywide Council on High Schools (CR D-160) and the Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CR D-170). These proposed changes will be voted on by the Panel for Education Policy (PEP) at its January 27th, 2021 meeting.

The proposed changes will be posted for public comment on the DOE's website here:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/leadership/panel-for-education-policy>

The public comment period will be open until January 26 at 6:00pm. We encourage you to review them and give us your feedback.

Electronic Devices for Students

Whether they're learning in-person or remote, we are committed to equipping every student with the resources they need to access a high-quality education, and we've delivered 62,000 new internet-enabled iPads to schools in the past four weeks. We're working hard to get the remaining devices into the hands of students before winter break and will continue coordinating with schools to ensure their families' device needs are met.

We're working aggressively to distribute the new batch of 100,00 internet-enabled iPads to schools, of which 62,000 have been delivered.

Kindergarten application will launch on **Thursday, December 10th**. Please see a blurb below- would be great if you can share with your teams for public dissemination. We'll also be emailing schools and families (who have signed up for updates) directly. Flyers in all 10 languages are available [here](#).

Kindergarten Application Period Open

Beginning Thursday, December 10th, children born in 2016 can apply to kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. All families who apply by the deadline will receive a kindergarten offer in April.

All families should participate in kindergarten admissions, including children currently attending pre-K, students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and students with accessibility needs.

[MySchools.nyc](#) includes an online directory tool that allows families to explore program choices, save programs of interest and submit their application, all on the same site.

Families can apply to Kindergarten in two ways, online at [MySchools](#) and over the phone by calling [718-935-2009](#).

Announcement on Renewed Academic Priorities

On Thursday, December 10th, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Richard A. Carranza shared their 2021 Student Achievement Plan.

The key principles are:

- Leveraging the innovative work educators have done over the last eight months and making the best digital curricula available to all schools
- Implementing diagnostic assessments to understand where students are and help teachers target instruction and accelerate learning gains
- Phasing in a learning management system that enables a one-stop shop for all digital components of learning
- Increasing professional learning
- Expanding Parent University to bring family support into the home through digital courses in different languages.

COVID-19 Testing Report for Schools

The DOE's [website](#) has been updated to include the results of COVID-19 testing at individual public schools. Mandatory in-school testing is part of the Department of Education's comprehensive effort to keep school communities healthy and safe, and ensure our school buildings remain open. You can find citywide and borough-wide testing data below, as well as information for specific schools. The DOE testing site shows results from as recent as Monday, December 7, 2020.

For more information visit the DOE Website at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/covid-19-testing/covid-testing-results>

Opportunity to Nominate Outstanding Teachers for the Big Apple Awards

The Office of Teacher Leadership

teacherleadership@schools.nyc.gov .

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is excited to announce the nomination period for the 9th annual [Big Apple Awards](#). **Teacher Career Pathways encourages you to nominate excellent educators using the [nomination form](#) by January 10th.**

Last year, we received nearly 7,000 nominations across 75% of DOE schools, recognized more than 200 teachers as finalists via their superintendents, and selected 19 Big Apple Award [recipients](#) who are currently representing teachers citywide as members of the [Chancellor's Teacher Advisory Council](#).

[Nominations](#) are accepted through January 10; we need your help to highlight some of the city's best teachers and achieve our goal of at least one nominee from every NYCDOE school. Please share information about the *Big Apple Awards* with your community and consider [making a nomination yourself](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **All full-time public school teachers at NYC district schools, charter schools, and early education centers are eligible to be nominated.** In particular, consider nominating teachers who inspire students, demonstrate exceptional instructional practice, display outstanding leadership in and out of the classroom with colleagues and their school community, and support the key areas of our [Equity & Excellence for All](#) work
- **Everyone is welcome to nominate someone** – We encourage students and their families, teachers, school staff, school leaders, and community members to thank the teachers who do exceptional work every day on behalf of our students with a nomination
- **Spread the word** about the *Big Apple Awards* by sharing NYCDOE *Big Apple Award* [tweets](#) and/or [Facebook posts](#) with your community using #ThankATeacherNYC
- **To make a nomination**, visit [the Big Apple Awards page](#). Nominations are being accepted through Sunday, January 10th

Let's continue to celebrate the diverse range of great teachers who are setting the foundation for the next generation in New York City and engage in a citywide dialogue about what excellent teaching looks like.

If you have questions please visit [our website](#) or email us at teacherleadership@schools.nyc.gov.

IT Help Desk And Resources For Remote Learning For Families

Last week, we shared the DOE's IT HELP DESK AND RESOURCES FOR REMOTE LEARNING in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Chinese](#). This document outlines resources that are available to our families to support remote learning.

We are happy to include [Arabic](#), [Bengla/Bengali](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), [Urdu](#), [Korean](#) and [Haitian-Creole](#) this week.

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Community Meals

New York City is committed to making free meals available daily for all New Yorkers. While school buildings are closed, students and families can go to nearby school buildings for takeout meals. Additionally, any New Yorker can receive free meals available at locations across the city. Use the search link below to find a location online or Text "NYC FOOD" or "NYC COMIDA" to 877-877 (text messaging and data rates may apply)

Community and Citywide Education Council Elections

Are you ready to Run. Serve. Lead?

Parents who serve on Community and Citywide Education Councils promote student achievement and act as an important voice for all parents. In February 2021 you will have an opportunity to apply for a seat on an Education Council!

We encourage you to attend Community and Citywide Education Councils meetings and to invite other parents in your community - there is no better way to understand what Education Councils are and what they do than to actually observe them in action! This month, CECs will discuss their district's schools Capital Plans – it is a great opportunity to learn more about the process and how their work affects their community.

To encourage maximum participation in the Elections, the NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) will be the entry point for both application and voting. It is imperative that all parents create an account and link all their children to it before February 1, 2021. To create an account visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/student-journey/nyc-schools-account>.

Please invite the Elections Team to your parent events for more in-depth conversations about the 2021 CCEC elections. We are here to collaborate with our families and parent leaders to make these elections the most successful yet! E-mail us at Elections2021@schools.nyc.gov

Governor Cuomo Launches Free Online Platform for New Yorkers to Learn New Job Skills, Earn Certificates & Advance Their Careers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of a new online training platform which will enable unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers weathering the COVID-19 pandemic to learn new skills, earn certificates, and advance their careers at no cost. The new tool will provide access to nearly 4,000 online programs taught by leading professors and industry professionals on Coursera, with a focus on high-growth and in-demand sectors like advanced manufacturing, technology, and health care, among others.

Parent University is Here!

A reminder that we launched Parent University last week. Parent University is for all parents and family members. Parent University is a course registration and management system where NYC families can find free trainings on a wide range of topics. Parent University serves all families, from early childhood through adulthood, and seeks to educate and empower them as partners and advocates through free courses, resources, events, and activities.

You can check out the site here: <https://parentu.schools.nyc/>

For more information, including flyers in different languages please visit the [DOE's Family Empowerment site](#).