



PARENT NEWS

A Newsletter for the PS196 Community

SEPTEMBER 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

Lunch Collection

Monday, September 12, 2011

Thursday, October 13, 2010

PA MEETING

Tuesday, September 20th

@ 7:30 pm

MONTHLY STAR STUDENT AWARD CEREMONY

Tuesday, September 20th

@7:00pm in the Auditorium

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES

Thursday & Friday,

September 29th & 30th -

Rosh Hashanah



Monday,

October 10th —

Columbus Day



WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome everyone back to another exciting year of growth and learning. I hope that you had a restful summer vacation

SCHOOL HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY—8:37 AM—2:57 PM

EXTENDED DAY HOURS (GRADES 1—5)

MONDAY—WEDNESDAY—8:00AM—8:37 AM

THERE IS NO EXTENDED DAY ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

SCHOOL HOURS FOR ALL STUDENTS IS

8:37 AM—2:57 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

All kindergarten students should be dropped off at the main entrance of the school building in the morning before 8:37 a.m., commencing Monday, September 12th. If your child is enrolled in After School PS 196, they will be picked up at their classroom at afternoon dismissal. Outside afterschool programs will pick up their students in the auditorium. Bus children will be picked up by our school aides daily. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in arriving at school promptly for morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal.



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**WEB SIGHTINGS****TOP 10 BACK TO SCHOOL SITES**

It's about time, time to put away the swimsuit and shop for the new pair of sneakers. In honor of the thousands of students heading back to the classroom, we'll take a look at some of the top school sites on the Web.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS— http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back_to_school.html

Most parents hate returning to work after a vacation, so don't expect your kids to be jumping up and down when it's time to go back to school. The first day back can be difficult. Help your children ease into their first day in class with some tips from kidshealth.org.

SCHOOL BOOKS- <http://www.kaboose.com/features/backtoschool/books.html>

Some children are able to ease into school by learning about how others have handled it. If you'd like to share some tales of back-to-school adventures with your kids, check out the list of offerings at Kaboose.com

SCHOOL SAFETY— http://www.nsc.org/mem/youth/8_school.htm

Although we take it for granted, getting children to school, whether by bus, bike, car or feet, should be undertaken with great care. Check out the tips at the National Safety Council's Website.

IMMUNIZATION GUIDE - <http://immunizationinfo.org>

Schools are sticklers for immunization records, which means your child will be the recipient of a needle some time soon. Find out which vaccinations are safe and which are more trouble than they're worth, according to some medical professionals, at immunizationinfo.org

BULLIES AT SCHOOL - <http://www.bullyonline.org/schoolbully/index.htm>

Dealing with bullies at school can wreck a child's school experience, not to mention his or her self-confidence and outlook. While schools pay more attention to bullies, it's still important for parents to take a proactive approach to bullying, whether it's their child being bullied or the child who bullies.

SPEECH TIPS - <http://www.kidsturncentral.com/links/speakinglinks.htm>

Does your child freeze up in front of the classroom when making a presentation? Help her/him out with some great advice from the links at kidsturncentral.com. You'll find advice on preparing a speech, as well as tips on your presentation and delivery.

ASK FOR KIDS - <http://www.askforkids.com>

Weeding through Web sites can be time consuming, especially for parents who are trying to determine which online avenues are safe for their children. Ask for Kids takes some of the hassle away, allowing kids to use a search engine that filters out inappropriate sites and content.

DICTIONARY - <http://www.dictionary.com>

With words come great power, but no one ever impressed the huddled masses with a stream of misspelled words. Help with difficult spelling words is available at dictionary.com. It's a great way for your kids to learn a word a day.

WORKING MOTHERS - <http://www.workingmother.com>

One of the laments of working moms across the country is the inability to get more involved with their son's or daughter's school. Working Mother magazine is a great guide for moms who work while their kids are in school or daycare.

STUDY TIPS - <http://homeworktips.about.com>

Much of what we learn in school relies on our memory, but some kids have trouble remembering to brush their teeth each day, much less those historical facts that will be on Friday's test. Help your kids ramp up on memory improvement, along with other study advice, at about.com.



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FOR PARENTS IN GRADES 3-5

FREE BUS SERVICE IS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K—2
If you are in need of Private Bus Service for your children, please
contact RIVLAB BUS SERVICE at 718-318-1440 for more information.

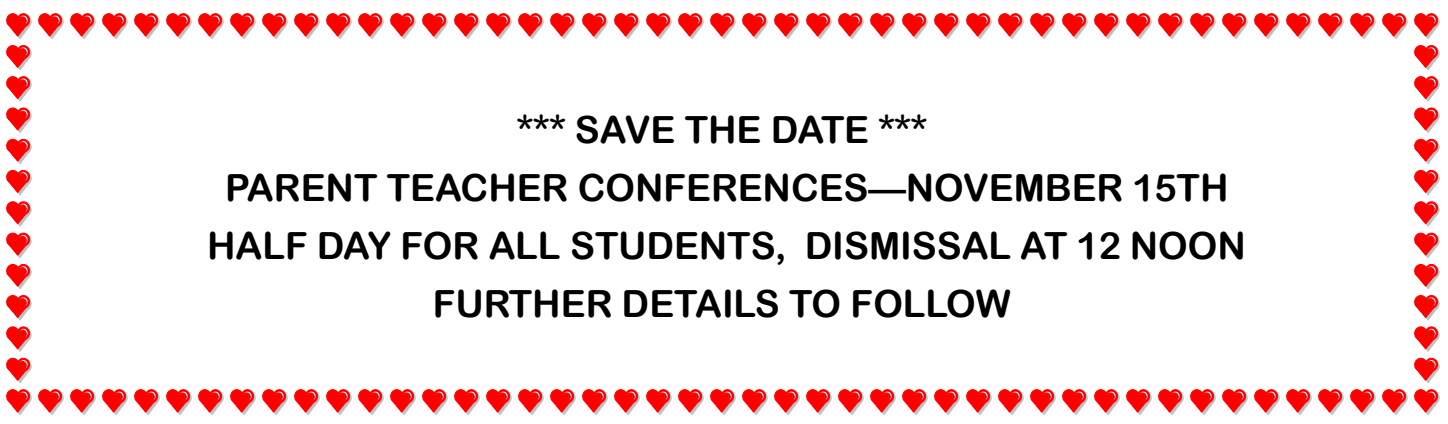


PLEASE JOIN
MRS. MIGLANO
FOR COFFEE &
CONVERSATION
SEPTEMBER 13TH @
7:45AM
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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***** SAVE THE DATE *****
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES—NOVEMBER 15TH
HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS, DISMISSAL AT 12 NOON
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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COMMOM CORE LEARNING STANDARDS

We would like to share a wonderful resource for parents on the COMMOM CORE LEARNING STANDARDS that are being instituted in schools. On the DOE's website there is a "Family Resource" link for parents to familiarize themselves with the Common Core Learning Standards, the expectations for the upcoming school year and ways to help their children. The link is <http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary/FamilyResources/default.htm>

LATENESS

Children arriving after 8:45 a.m. must report to the main office. Being late to school is a serious matter. Parents must send a note as to why their child is late. Students who are consistently late will be referred to the Attendance Officer who will contact parents to determine why excessive lateness had occurred.

PUPIL ABSENCES

Pupil illness is the primary reason a child may be absent from school. On the first day of your child's absence, please call the school at **718-263-9770** between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. After an absence, and on the first day back to school, a note signed by a parent, detailing the reason for the absence, **MUST** be sent with your child and given to their classroom teacher. If an absence is three days or longer, a doctor's note is required.

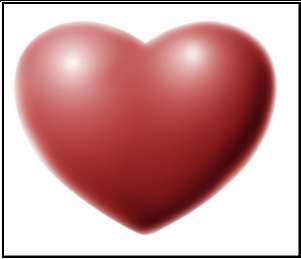
LUNCH FORMS

Each year, **every student (family) must submit a Lunch Form**. Children who were eligible to receive reduced or free lunch in June 2011 will continue to do so until a new application is submitted. **The school is required to have 100% return rate of lunch applications**. If you are not interested in receiving hot lunch, please return the form with your child's name and class and check the box that indicates you are not interested.

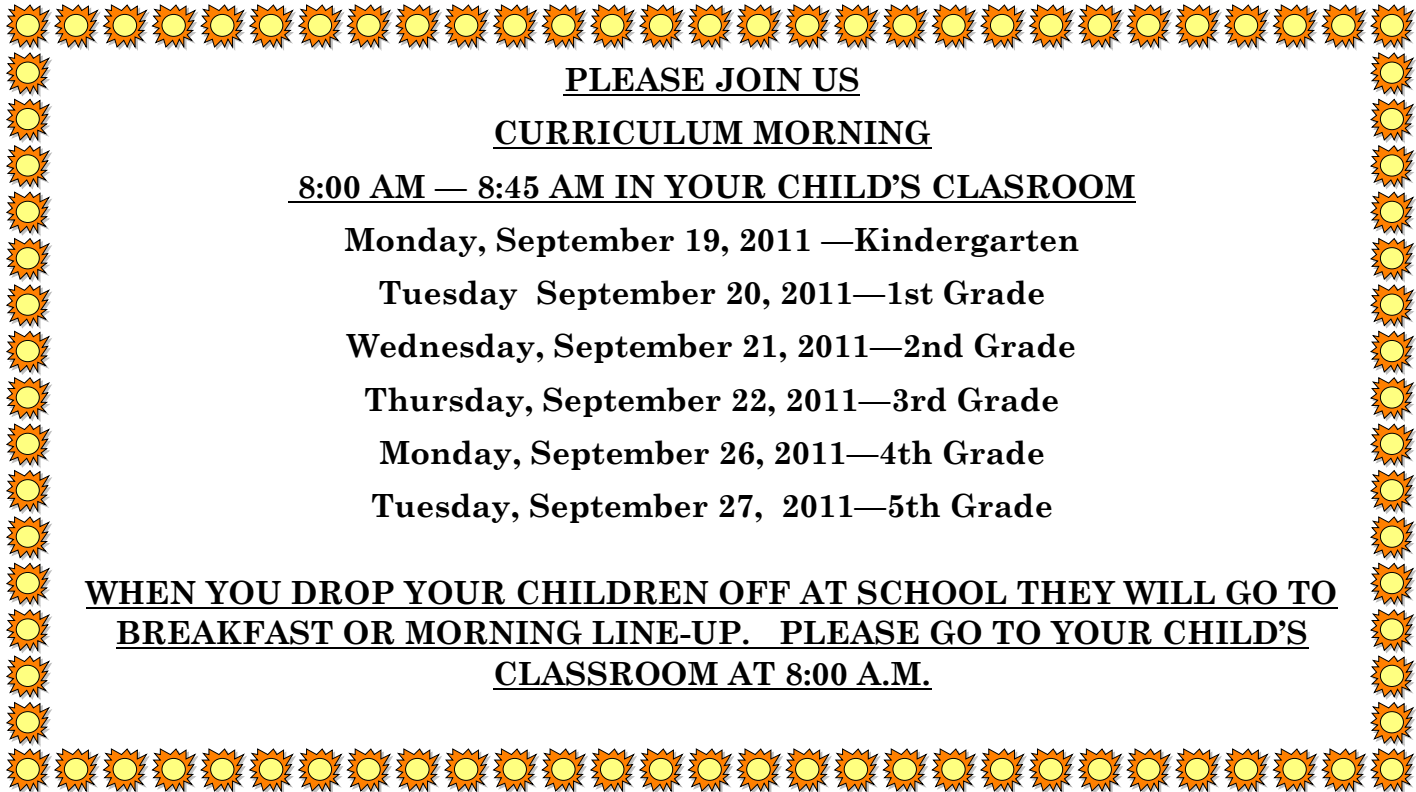
BREAKFAST

All public school students are entitled to **FREE BREAKFAST** no matter what their lunch status. If your child is attending Extended Day (Monday—Wednesday), he or she can go to breakfast at 7:40 a.m. All other students can attend breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. On Thursday and Friday, breakfast will be served from 8:00—8:30 a.m.

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PLEASE JOIN US

CURRICULUM MORNING

8:00 AM — 8:45 AM IN YOUR CHILD’S CLASSROOM

Monday, September 19, 2011 —Kindergarten

Tuesday September 20, 2011—1st Grade

Wednesday, September 21, 2011—2nd Grade

Thursday, September 22, 2011—3rd Grade

Monday, September 26, 2011—4th Grade

Tuesday, September 27, 2011—5th Grade

**WHEN YOU DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL THEY WILL GO TO
BREAKFAST OR MORNING LINE-UP. PLEASE GO TO YOUR CHILD’S
CLASSROOM AT 8:00 A.M.**

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AT A GLANCE

September 8 - First Day of School
September 8 & 9— Kindergarten 9:00—12:00
September 29 & 30 - Rosh Hashanah **
October 10 - Columbus Day **
November 8 - Election Day **
November 15—Parent Teacher Conference—1/2 day
November 11 - Veterans Day **

November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving Recess **
December 26—January 2nd —Winter Recess **
January 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day **
February 20-24— Midwinter Winter Recess **
March 13—Parent Teacher Conference—1/2 Day
April 6—13—Spring Recess **
May 28 - Memorial Day **
June 7 - Chancellor’s Conference Day **
June 27 - Last Day of School

**** - SCHOOL CLOSED**



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