

ES Council Meeting: September 22, 2021 via Zoom

Welcome | Alanna Leavell, ES Council Chair

-Gratitude for school staff and administration!

Superintendent's Office | Dr. Rachel Kelly

-Building Updates:

-Gratitude for 5 pumps in school to spare us from more extreme damage

-\$1 Million in damage but all classrooms are now up and running

-Air and Surface sampling done before allowing people in the building

-ES allowed MS to use a lot of their spaces

-Main Gym, Blue Gym, MPR and South Playroom will all need new flooring

-Covid Updates:

-Mask Mandates continue for everyone in the building

-Plexiglass dividers have been removed

-Student who wears mask properly does not need to quarantine if in close contact with positive case

-Adult who is vaccinated, and wears mask properly does not need to quarantine either

-Oct 4th School Board meeting will approve testing (at home saliva test)

-We are partnering with Mt. Sinai lab

-PCR test will come back in 24 hours; Parents will need to give consent for child to take test

-20% of population will be targeted for testing; it will mainly be those who are unvaccinated

-No Positive Cases in the building since beginning of school year

-Negative PCR, quarantine for 10 days or alternate diagnosis will be required for return to school

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Bronxville School Foundation | Katie Shah

-Awards grants to all 3 schools ranging from arts, athletics, tech, health, and wellness, etc.

-Goal is to have 100% participation from school families

-“Rising to the Challenge” is the theme this year

Principal's Report | Mr. Joe Mercora

-Gave brief bio-hails from Nyack Public Schools in Rockland County and loves being an educator

-Bronxville is like a family!

-School administrators worked hard to make sure school would open due to recent flooding

-Whole School Read this year is, “I Am Courage” by Susan Verde

-B3 Assembly will be this Friday-hoping to be outside but if weather doesn't cooperate it will be via Zoom

-Back to School Night will be virtual on Thursday 10/7 at 7pm

-New Families will have opportunity to go on tours through the school in October

-Will be held at 4pm, 5pm or 6:30pm-20 people per tour, wear masks, can bring children if needed

CARE (Community, Awareness, Responsibility, Empathy) | Dr. Joyce Vastola, School Psychologist

- Anthony Vaglica-PE Teacher and coach-will be working with the CARE Program
- Research shows that children show initial distress after trauma (Covid Pandemic) but most children are resilient
- Kids are concerned about Covid so be available to listen and address their worries at home

BOLD-Christina Provenzano

- Purpose of BOLD is to support children who learn differently
- Composed of parents of students who have IEP or 504
- Parents can come together to support each other

BASC (Bronxville After-School Classes) | Dean Vanderwarker

- Classes begin next week
- Huge enrollment-record amount!
- Waitlists are in effect
- 10 Week Fall Session; 10 Week Winter Session; 10 Week Spring Session
- Flood took away some spaces so classes may need to move locations
- 4-5PM Classes are being offered for the first time
- Matt Fisher is happy to address any questions/concerns

Chess Club | Zlata Gleason

- Returns for the fall semester
- Classes start week of October 12th
- Classes will be held in person during lunch
- Sign up will be on BASC website

Bronxville Skating Club

- Open to all ES Students
- October 18th will be the start of the season

Apparel Sale | Mariana Mingo

- Will be happening on Front Lawn from 9/29-10/1 from 11am-4pm

- Also happening on Chambers Field 9/30 and 10/2
- Sign Up Genius has gone out for volunteers

Miscellaneous:

Fall Socials

-Oktoberfest Theme

-Parents need to be vaccinated to attend and will be held outdoors

Homecoming Week is Next Week!

Membership Toolkit-Please sign up and make sure information is up to date. Join PTA and buy tickets to Fall Socials!