

PS 149 Danny Kaye Elementary School

2021 – 2022 OPENING DAY PROCEDURES for Grades 3K, PK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Dear P.S. 149 Parent/Guardian,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year at P.S. 149 Danny Kaye Elementary School. I hope your summer is going well and that you are taking advantage of the remaining days of summer recess to ease your child back into school time routines. As in years past, I am writing to update you on our opening day procedures.

- ✓ We are looking forward to **our opening day on Monday, September 13th, 2021**. On opening day, students in Grades K – 5, who are **already registered** at P.S. 149, will enter the building using the ***Vermont Street School Yard*** at **8:00AM**. Students will line up in the areas specified below based on their grade level. To ensure a healthy and safe environment for students and staff, parents/guardians **will not** be permitted to enter the school yard, accompany students to the classroom or travel around the school building. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining the safest learning environment for your child.

○ ***Unregistered students MUST be registered by our pupil personnel secretary before attending PS149.***

- ✓ ***3K & Pre-Kindergarten 2 thru Pre-Kindergarten 4*** students will enter the Annex building located at **373 Pennsylvania Avenue** (between Sutter and Blake Avenues) at 8:00AM.
- ✓ ***Pre-Kindergarten 1*** students will enter the main building (located at 700 Sutter Avenue) using the Vermont Street school yard and will line up in the Vermont School Yard beginning at 8:00AM.

Modified Pre-Kindergarten Schedule	
Date	Activity
Monday, September 13, 2021	Students attend from 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	Students attend from 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Students attend from 8:00AM – 2:20PM (first full day of School)

- ✓ ***Kindergarten*** students will enter the main building (located at 700 Sutter Avenue) using the Vermont Street school yard and will line up in the Vermont School Yard beginning at 8:00AM.

Kindergarten – Grade 5 Schedule	
Date	Activity
Monday, September 13, 2021	Students attend from 8:00AM – 2:20PM

LINE-UP SCHEDULE

- ✓ ***Grade PK, K, 1 & 2*** students will line-up in the **Vermont Street school yard** beginning at 8:00AM on the **right side**, closest to Blake Avenue; the area will be labeled. To control for crowd size, we will require parents/families to **stay outside of the gate.**
- ✓ ***Grades 3, 4 & 5*** students will line-up in the **Vermont Street school yard** beginning at 8:00AM on the **left side**, closest to Sutter Avenue; the area will be labeled. To control for crowd size, we will require parents/families to **stay outside of the gate.**

****In the event of inclement weather, please expect modifications to be made to these line-up locations.***

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

For safety purposes, the NYC Department of Education require that all parents/guardians complete the digital **Blue Emergency Contact Card** at this link: <https://app.mybluecard.org/login>. If you have never completed a digital **Blue Emergency Contact Card**, you may do using this link: <https://app.mybluecar.org/register>. The site is easy to use and is only available to the teachers and administrators at PS 149. ***It is very important that we have a completed emergency contact card on file for the 2021-2022 school year, even if your contact information has not changed.*** You can also access the digital blue card via the school's website.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Donna White, our Parent Coordinator at 718-688-7620, starting Monday, August 30, 2021 at 9:00AM. ***Our official school hours are 8:00AM – 2:20PM, Monday - Friday.***

With warmest regards,
Yvette Donald
Principal

*****Please continue reading this letter for regular drop-off and pick-up procedures*****

P.S. 149: Danny Kaye School's Regular Drop-Off and Pick-up Schedule

Below you will find the arrival and dismissal schedule for the week as well as the times when the school doors open for school. All parents and guardians are asked to please respect and follow this schedule.

Daily Schedule

(Monday-Friday)

Our school doors open at 7:50AM for students on school days

Arrival:

- **Grades Pre-K 1, Kindergarten – 5** → Students enter through the Vermont Street school yard at 8:00AM. For health and safety reasons, **parents are not permitted to come into the gate** to retrieve their children. The Vermont Street Exit will close at 8:05AM. Classes will begin promptly at 8:05am. Breakfast will be served in the classrooms. Students arriving to class after 8:05AM will be marked late.

Dismissal:

- **Grades Pre-K 1, Kindergarten – 2** → Students will be dismissed from the Vermont Street school yard at 2:20PM. All students will be dismissed from the entrance of the gate by staff. For health and safety reasons, **parents are not permitted to come into the gate** to retrieve their children.
- **Grades 3 – 5** → Students will be dismissed from the Vermont Street school yard at 2:10PM. All students will be dismissed from the entrance of the gate by staff. For health and safety reasons, **parents are not permitted to come into the gate** to retrieve their children.

(Parents are strongly discouraged from picking up children half an hour (30 minutes) before dismissal times. This causes confusion and other challenges.)

We ask that all parents/guardians arrive on time when dropping off and picking up their child(ren).

P.S. 149: Pre-Kindergarten ANNEX Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedule

Arrival:

- **Grades 3K, Pre-Kindergarten 2 – Pre-Kindergarten 4** → Students enter through the play yard entrance. Breakfast starts at 8:10AM, please be sure to arrive on time.

Dismissal:

- **Grades 3K, Pre-Kindergarten 2 – Pre-Kindergarten 4** → Students will be dismissed at 2:10PM from the classroom exit door. Parents /guardians will pick up students at those locations.