



THE DOUGLASTON SCHOOL
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Dear PS 98 Families,

June brings a sense of closure and the excitement of new beginnings. In this month, our students traditionally showcase their yearlong achievements and growth. This includes the graduating class celebrating their accomplishments, and PS 98 showing appreciation to parents and parent volunteers who have supported our school community all year long.

Despite the challenges of these times, we won't let our spirits be dampened. We plan to celebrate the completion of the school year with as much excitement, heart and energy as we have in years past.

We remain in uncharted waters regarding next school year. However, we are doing our best to embrace this uncertainty with optimism and resiliency. The City and State have set up various task forces and advisory councils to offer guidance on re-opening school buildings. Until the decision is made, it is up to us adults to model for our children through our actions that in times of adversity we forge ahead with positivity and confidence.

Please see the attached June calendar filled with activities, events and celebrations:

- **Recess is Back (Week of June 1)**

Led by Ms. Abramo, Ms. Amato, and Ms. Mazzola, our staff have planned fun-filled activities and games for students where they can have play and socialize together in a supervised setting

- **Virtual Field Day (Week of June 8)**

Mr. Sciabarassi will lead our students in a week of fun! All field day information will be shared on the Google Classroom folder labeled "PS 98 School Council School Spirit". There will be opportunities to share photos and videos on this page. Mr. Sciabarassi will also be meeting with all classes throughout the week to do some activities as a class on Google Meet. It would be great to see a display of school spirit, whether it is wearing school colors ([Blue](#) or [Gold](#)) or school gear while performing activities on Google Meet or in your postings.



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- **Virtual Art Exhibition (Week of June 15)**

Art is a shared experience. Ms. DeVito has curated a Virtual Art Exhibition. Enjoy the beautiful Fine Art selections created by PS 98 students during the remote learning period. Hosting this virtual art exhibition provides an opportunity to showcase the wonderful imaginative work our students have produced. The arts have the ability to lift our spirits and alter our perceptions.

- **Virtual Chorus (June 18)**

Led by Mr. Carpentieri, PS98 Chorus members have been working tirelessly on the song Don't Worry Be Happy throughout the year. This song provides a simple and uplifting message of not worrying about life's troubles and enjoying whatever makes us happy.

- **Broadway Show (June 19)**

Led by Mr. Carpentieri, students who are in the Broadway-Musical afterschool group have put in endless hours of work for the production of Annie. While we didn't get to perform the show as a whole, we can look forward to the release of a virtual performance of the song Tomorrow. Tomorrow presents an inspirational message that while things may look bleak, there's always another day to be excited about.

- **Moving Up Celebration for K Students (June 22) and Pre-K Students (June 23)**

- **Grand Finale: Graduation Ceremony (June 25) for our proud 5th Grade 2020 Graduates**

Specific information will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

As always, thank you so much for your support. Wishing health, peace and love for all our families.

With gratitude,

Lena Kim
Principal