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Dear P. S. 98 Families,

Despite many obstacles, we were able to open our school safely and engage all of our students in learning whether it be in-person or remotely. Students have adjusted well to the new learning models and are happy to see their friends and teachers again. They are also excited to get back into a learning routine. While the weather is still nice, teachers have been engaging students in lessons outdoors.

We plan on continuing autumn activities with social distancing. With support from our PTA, grades K-2 will be gardening and planting on our school grounds and garden boxes. The PTA and the school are collaborating with the Douglaston Garden Club for gardening options for the full remote learners. Book Character Day will now take place over the course of two days for in-person students and remote students. Adjustments were made to include all learners in these events.

We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month this month! Students and teachers discussed a variety of Hispanic traditions, celebrations, art, foods, and famous Hispanic Americans in our history using literature, storybooks, songs, presentations, etc.

Our students have been learning about the election process and some of our students are running for student office. They have crafted their own speeches and created campaign posters. Students in grades 2-5 will be voting for the team they think is best qualified. Student voting will open next week and specific information on voting will be given on each class' Google Classroom. We wish all of our candidates the best of luck! We will also begin our Ambassador Program which gets students involved in community projects and develops good citizenship.

We look forward to many more exciting learning opportunities to come!

Sincerely,

Kristy Chan

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