



WHEELER AVENUE SCHOOL



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Principal

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Dear Wheeler Avenue Family,

As the new principal of the Wheeler Avenue School, I am humbled, honored, and excited to join this amazing school community. Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to connect and learn from the district team, the PTA, and the previous principal Dr. Steele. I am humbled by the welcome I have received and all that I have learned. The level of commitment to putting our students at the center of our work will guide my leadership.

My career has taken me from being a classroom teacher in the Bronx, a teacher development coach in the secondary level, an instructional coach and teacher in Valley Stream 13, and lastly, an assistant principal at the Hewlett-Woodmere school district. In that journey, I have learned that our purpose, decisions, and focus centers around each of our students. I was excited to join the Wheeler Avenue School because it is a unique environment with people filled with a sincere heart for meeting the needs of our students.

We continue to enhance our environment and refine our curricula. This year, we are making strides in our renovation journey, which offers ongoing work on our new cafeteria and elevator, updated bathroom, and sidewalk cement work! We are also excited to share that our learning spaces have undergone necessary upgrades throughout the summer. Also, we will work to review and develop our academic and social programs so that we can continue to provide a high-quality educational experience for our students. Together, we can ensure that we are doing what is best for our students and our school.

We value your input and appreciate your involvement. I am genuinely looking forward to partnering with you this school year. In addition to communicating with your children's teachers, please join us for school and PTA events such as Tears to Cheers, Wheeler open house, movie night, multicultural night, and many more! For more information about school events, please follow us on Twitter @WheelerAvenue and review the district calendar. Attached is also a Wheeler Save the Date list of special dates. **Please read the important first week procedures below.**

It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that I am joining the Wheeler Avenue School, and I look forward to learning and leading together as a school community.

Best Regards,

John Frias
Principal

Important First Week Procedures:

First day of school: September 4, 2019

School day: 8:50 AM -3:15 PM

Arrival: 8:35 AM -8:45 AM

First week for grades 1 and 2:

- Grades 1 and 2 will enter through the main door and staff will escort them for lineup
- Due to the construction **we will NOT** lineup on the blacktop behind our school

Supplies:

- For grades 1 and 2 there will be staff members to assist with supply bags at the main door
- Parents **will not** be allowed to walk in with their child

Tears to Cheers:

- September 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM
- If you are attending the event please wait by the main door way, and once we have the students in then we will begin allowing families in to the auditorium.

Lunch hours:

Grade 1	11:10-12:00PM
Grade 2	1:00-1:50 PM
Grade 3	1:00-1:50 PM
Grade 4	11:10-12:00 PM
Grade 5	12:05-12:55 PM
Grade 6	12:05-12:55 PM

Price of lunch and breakfast:

- Lunch is \$2.25 and breakfast begins at 8:35 AM for \$0.75
- Complete school lunch information will be posted on our website

List of Important Dates Below

Wheeler Avenue
Save The Date List

2019-2020

September 4	Tears to Cheers- 9:00 am
September 18	Wheeler Open House 6:30-7:15 pm Grades 1-3 7:20-8:05 pm Specials and Principal 8:10-8:55 pm Grades 4-6
September 25-October 16	Coupon Book Sale Begins
September 27	Movie Night- 8:00 pm
October 2	Picture Day
October 2-November 1	Coat Drive Begins
October 3	Book Fair
October 4	Book Fair
October 15-October 30	Pie Sale
October 25	Pumpkin Patch Grades 1-3
October 20-November 6	Booster thon Begins
October 31	Fall Festival Parade- 2:15 pm
November 8	Booster-Fun Run
November 12-December 6	Toy Drive Begins
November 20	Multicultural Night- 6:00 pm
December 2	School Picture Retake Day
December 7	Holiday Luncheon
December 13	Winter Concert- 9:30 am, 1:50 pm, 7:00 pm
January 31	Painting Palette Party- 7:30 pm
February 7	Sweetheart's Dance Grades 1-3- 7:00 pm
February 12	Talent Show
March 20	Spring Concert 1- 9:30 am, 1:50 pm, 7:00 pm
April 3	Spring Fling Grades 4 and 5- 7:00 pm
May 4	Staff Appreciation Luncheon

May 6-May 7	Mother's Day Plant Sale
May 12	Field Day Grades 4, 5 and 6
May 14	Field Day Rain Date
May 19	Spring Concert 2- 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
May 28	Kindergarten Visit
May 29	Primary Picnic Grades 1, 2, and 3
June 2	Primary Picnic Rain Date
June 9	Installation Dinner
June 11	Father's Day Food Truck Event- 5:30 pm
June 17	PARP Carnival
June 25	6 th Grade Closing Exercises

Spirit Days

September 27

November 22

December 20

January 31

February 28

March 27

April 24

PTA Meetings

Executive Board 6:00 pm PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

September 10 (Executive Board only)

10/3

11/20 (Only PTA meeting)

February 5 (Founders Day/Reflections Meeting) 7:00 pm

April 1

June 3