



Central Park East I Elementary School

March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

On the other side is a letter from the chancellor, canceling in-person parent-teacher conferences for middle schools. For now, children will keep coming to school. Canceling face-to-face conferences suggests the city wants to reduce meetings and travel for *adults*.

CPE1 had its required parent-teacher conference time last week. Our second, unofficial evening was planned for March 19. To be consistent, CPE1 should reschedule.

We hold two nights of conferences to avoid rushing. We take extra time so fifth graders can reflect honestly on their notebooks and projects, so that pre-k children can walk their grownups into the block area and show how they build each day. For pressing concerns, please schedule a phone conference. Otherwise, we will wait to finish our family conferences the right way: in person, with children fully present.

In the same spirit, for now, we will be:

- canceling our March parent association meeting;
- postponing next week's workshop for families on math;
- and conducting IEP meetings by phone.

Be sure you're getting up-to-the-minute information. If you have not signed up for CPE1's text messaging service, please text @kb6gf6 to the number 81010.

Children keep laughing and learning while they're at school. Thanks to all of the adults who keep making that possible.

-Gabriel

March 11, 2020

Dear Families,

The health and safety of all students, staff, and families continues to be the DOE's first priority. Based on current recommendations from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and in an abundance of caution, we are asking all of our middle schools to use phone or technology-based options to conduct March Parent Teacher Conferences this week.

Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for Thursday evening (3/12) and Friday afternoon (3/13) will still take place; however, you should not attend in person. Instead, Parent Teacher Conferences will occur by phone or virtually.

For now, here is what you need to know:

- Since time is already held on school and parent calendars this week for conferences, Parent Teacher Conferences proceed Thursday, March 12 – Friday, March 13 as planned. But, instead of convening them in person, we are asking you to participate virtually or by phone.
- Someone from your school will proactively contact you about participating in the phone or virtual conferences. If you are unable to connect virtually or by phone during the 3/12 evening conference or 3/13 afternoon conference times, schools can reschedule for a time that would be convenient for you.
- To get ready for the Parent Teacher Conferences, families can access their child's grades through the New York City Schools Account (NYCSA). If you don't have an account yet, visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/in-our-classrooms/nyc-schools-account>

We appreciate your flexibility at this time. This change helps us promote the safety and health of parents and students, while ensuring these critical conversations with your child's teachers occur.

Please visit schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus at any time for important school-related updates.

Sincerely,



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