



April 6, 2022

Dear Families,

Right now, masks are optional in grades K - 12. At CPE1, some students always stay masked, some never wear masks, and some take them off and on several times per day. Other than in pre-K, where the city still requires masks, staff mostly do not talk with children about mask choices.

While masks will continue to be each student and family's choice, we are making a request. Mingie now is in the final two months of pregnancy. She has been advised to limit potential exposure to COVID... though the music room welcomes every class in the school several times each week. So, we are requesting – not requiring – that children wear masks to music class.

This request did not come from Mingie. We met as a staff and agreed to the idea, knowing that one member of our staff will have a higher risk for a limited time.

Before K-5 students go to music, we will tell them about the idea to have more masks in music. Masking is still a choice. Some children and their families may wish to remain unmasked at all times. Some who are not wearing masks regularly may choose to wear masks to music only.

## **Picture Day**

School picture day is coming up next month. During the final week of May, Streetfly Studio Photography will be at CPE1 to take individual and

class photos. If this would be your first picture day at our school, Streetfly photos bring out a lot of each child's personality – much more than traditional, stiff school pictures.

We will share more details about how to order photos soon.

## **Summer Rising Update**

Summer Rising is returning to New York City, but not to CPE1. Our heating system will be repaired this summer, so our school building will be closed every day at 1:00. That means we cannot host a summer program.

You still can sign your child up for free Summer Rising programs in another building. Like last year, Summer Rising will have academic learning in the morning, and camp-style sports, arts, and trips in the afternoons. Summer Rising will be free once again.

You can sign up for Summer Rising wherever it is convenient for you. The online application will open next week. We will share the application it opens.

## **Citywide Survey Extended**

If you have not completed your school survey yet, you still have time. The deadline has been extended to April 15.

The city uses these surveys to evaluate all public schools. To complete your survey, go to:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login>

If you need the access code for your child, please reach out to [alana@cpe1.nyc](mailto:alana@cpe1.nyc)

## **Community Coffee**

On Friday, April 27, please join us for a community coffee. If it's not raining, we will gather outside in person to talk about the life of the school and whatever is on families' minds.

We have not gathered for coffee outside since late this fall. I am hoping for good weather on April 27 so we can be in person once again.

Gabriel