

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March 2021

❖ I hope we had a restful winter-break.

**★ All students schoolwide have continued to engage in conversation about being different. Everyone is different and that is OKAY! We have added to our list and have agreed that it is NOT “OK” to be mean, make ourselves to be better than or bully someone because of their GENDER, ABILITIES, skin color, country, culture, name or language.**

**3rd graders** have all received a recorder and have begun learning the basics of playing the instrument. We have learned the first notes, B, A and G. We have also added a new note called C. Since we cannot play in school I encourage you to use the resources I post on the stream of Google Classroom and practice at home.

**3rd, 4th and 5th graders** continue to learn music from a program through Carnegie Hall called *LINK UP, THE ORCHESTRA ROCKS*. Continue to sing and play “Come to Play” and “O Fortuna.”

**Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders** students have been learning fun ways to listen to music at home. We continue to learn songs on the keyboard and there will be a new platform for learning available soon through MUSIC AND THE BRAIN.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** I will start announcing this year’s talent show and which grades will be involved. I will make these announcements in class and on my google classroom. I will post a FLIP GRID assignment for anyone who wants to audition. The video will be 30 seconds long and you can only submit one video. This is NOT mandatory, only those who are interested in auditioning for the talent show. Not everyone will be invited to be in it. I will choose only a few of the many videos I will receive.

**NYSSMA:** Any students interested in participating in NYSSMA this year please email me for a sign up sheet. [ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov)

Sincerely,  
Mr. Ramsingh