

Dear Families,

Welcome to class K-104 with Ms. Bassil and Ms. Cammarata. We are looking forward to working with your children and with you to make this a successful and exciting school year. We wanted you to get to know us a little more. I am Ms. Bassil the Kindergarten General Education teacher. PS 39 has been my cherished home for the last 20 years. I both live and work in this area, where I am constantly approached by former students. It brings me such great joy to see how much they have grown and enjoyed their time in PS 39. I am both a classroom teacher, and special education related service provider. I am very excited to be back in Kindergarten, Early Childhood is my first love. I can't wait to meet you and your child!

I am Ms. Cammarata the Special Education teacher. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. I would like to welcome you and your child to the new school year. I have been a part of P.S. 39 for 5 wonderful years. I taught Science three days a week in grades 1-5, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade. Before coming to P.S.39 I was a camp counselor in an elementary school in Bay Ridge, in which I worked with kids from kindergarten to grade five after school and during the hot summer months! I then became the dance instructor for the program and finally the assistant director. In total, I have been working with children for eleven years and look forward to many more years of teaching!

The first few weeks of school will be a time to get used to our classroom routines, procedures, and schedule while embarking on new learning adventures. The following is class K104's special class schedule:

**Monday: Art & Music**

**Tuesday: Music**

**Wednesday: Gym**

**Thursday: Science & Music**

**Friday: Gym**

**Bell Schedule:**

**SEL Routines:**

8:20-8:50

p.1 – 8:50-9:40

p.2 – 9:40-10:30

p.3 – 10:30-11:20

p.4- 11:20-12:10

p.5 – 12:10-1:00

p.6 – 1:00-1:50

p.7 – 1:50-2:40

Afternoon dismissal will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> St side of the building where the students line up in the morning. In case of inclement weather they are to arrive to the cafeteria through the right door of the front steps on 6<sup>th</sup> avenue.

Please note that for your child's safety and protection that we are requiring each parent/ guardian to please wait until we acknowledge you by making eye to eye contact before you take your child from the line at the end of the day. Dismissal is a hectic part of the day and this system of us making eye contact and waving to you before we send your child to you helps us a great deal. Our policy, especially for the beginning of the year, is that your child return their name card to us so that we can see who has been picked up and who

is still left at a glance. Also, for your child's safety and protection we ask that if you aren't picking up your child that day, that you send in a note at the beginning of the day stating the change in the pick-up status. You may also email this note to us , but please do so at least the day before or before the end of the day to ensure that we have seen it. Written notification is required with a signature.

Another reminder is that it is important that every student wear sneakers to school every day of the week in the event that our special class schedule changes. This will ensure that even if your child has gym on an unexpected day, they are prepared to participate appropriately. Although we try to stick to our daily schedule, sometimes changes cannot be avoided.

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2:40-3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside for face to face meetings, telephone conversations, and written correspondence (including email) with parents. Please take advantage of this time to communicate with us as needed across the school year. Although this specific time has been provided it is not the only time that we're available to meet or speak with parents. We'll be communicating regularly. School/family communication is important at PS 39!

If you have any concerns or would like to speak to us, please do not hesitate to email us directly to set up an appointment or call the school at the phone number listed below. We welcome your questions and we are here to help.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!!

Thanks,  
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### **Upcoming School Events**

Curriculum Night- Sept. 12  
Welcome Dinner- Sept. 21  
PA Meeting- Sept. 26 7-8pm