

Welcome to Pre-K Orientation at P.S. 89!



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PS/MS 89

The Williamsbridge School



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ΓΕΙΑ HELLO
こんにちは ПРИВЕТ



Mrs. Conte



Hi there! My name is Mrs. Conte. I have been teaching Pre-K for 10 years and have been part of the P.S. 89 teaching staff for 8 years.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Childhood and Early Childhood Education, and a Master's degree dual certification in Literacy and Special Education at Iona College. I am married to my wonderful husband for 6 years, and we have an amazing 3 year old son, and a 2 month old daughter, whom I adore so much!

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love to spend time outdoors visiting parks and playgrounds with my son. I also love to cook and bake every day!

I absolutely love teaching Pre-K because it is the first step in your child's education. It is the period of time when children acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes towards learning that will impact their life-long success in school and career.

I am looking forward to teaching your children and watching them grow and make memories every day!



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Mrs. Carey



Hello! My name is Mrs. Carey. I have been teaching for 17 years. I love teaching Pre-K because I get to guide students as they explore so many new ideas and experiences. I plan to make their first classroom experience magical and meaningful. I believe that working as a partner with parents is so important in Pre- K..

I am a mom and my little one is starting 1st grade this year. I love watching wildlife and taking photos of how beautiful nature can be. My family and I like to go hiking together.

I look forward to working together to make this year a success! I am so excited to meet your children and I am so lucky I get to be their teacher this year!





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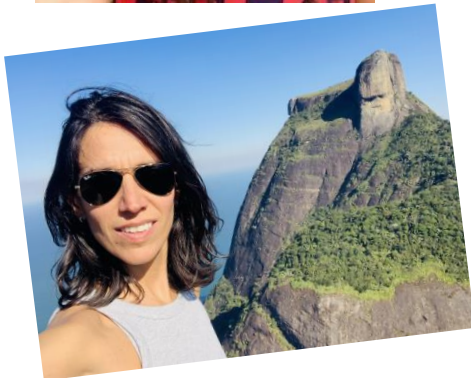
Mrs. Collins



My name is Roberta Collins and I was born and raised in Brazil. In my free time I like to travel and spend time outdoors with my family. We often explore mountains, lakes and rivers for some workout and fun times!

I earned my Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Sociology/Education from Lehman College, Bronx. I have been teaching Pre-K for eight years and I am grateful to be part of the P.S.89 school community for the last four. It is a pleasure to get to know your children and be part of their development.

My goal as a teacher is to give children a safe and caring environment that will allow them to become autonomous and confident individuals. It's very rewarding to watch my students grow and learn from beginning to the end. I look forward to another successful year of teaching and learning for all of us.



Arrival



8:00 AM arrival for Pre-Kindergarten (**Please note that PreK will have half days on Monday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.)**)

Upon arrival students report to Exit 10 (by the staircase) where they will be picked up by their teachers.

1. Take students' temperature and document
 2. Ensure masks are placed correctly. Masks will be distributed for students that do not have one. Masks must be worn.
 3. Sanitization stations will be in place throughout the building
- Parents drop off students by their teachers by exit 10. Student names will be checked off on rosters. Please be sure to follow proper social distancing protocols, maintaining 6 feet of distance from others. Please be advised that parents are NOT allowed in the building at this time.
 - Early pickup- sign in at front, student will be walked out of their classroom by a staff member by the mini building.
 - Check the weather! Prepare for bringing appropriate clothing and an umbrella



Dismissal

- ✓ For Pre-K, dismissal is at 2:20 in the school yard. Please make sure you are on time and that you have made arrangements for your child in advance.
 - Please note that teachers keep a list people who can pick up students. If a person comes to pick up a child that is NOT on that list, the teacher will NOT release the child to that person. If someone else is going to pick up your child, you MUST provide a note **the day before or in the morning** stating the child's name, date, and the name and phone number of the person picking up your child that day. That person must provide the teacher with a **picture i.d.**
- ✓ If the child is not picked up by 2:25, the teacher will escort the student to the late room. If your child is not in the yard, you must walk around to the front of the building. You must present the security guard with a picture I.D.
- ✓ The late room is located in the Small Cafeteria. You must sign the book before taking your child. Your child will be escorted out to you. Please be advised that if your child is picked up late excessively, a meeting/phone call will be requested with administration.
 - Please note that there are **no pets or recreational transportation such as bicycles, motorized toy scooters or quads** allowed in the yard during arrivals or during dismissal. If your child arrives to school using one of those recreational transportation items, please leave them by the gate entrance. **Of course, handicapped mobility support such as wheelchairs, scooters, are always allowed.**



WILLIAMSBRIDGE ROAD



Large Yard

Community Garden



EXIT 10

Small Yard



EXIT 4

EXIT 5

Large Cafeteria



EXIT 2

Exit Ramp



Mini Building

EXIT 9

Auditorium

EXIT 7

EXIT 8

Parent Coordinator Room154

Small Cafeteria

EXIT 1

School Safety

Main Entrance

Pelham Parkway Houses

COLDEN AVE



Attendance

- ✓ It is imperative that your child is in school on their assigned days. School hours are from 8:00 am to 2:20 pm. If your child is not feeling well, has a fever, or displays symptoms of Covid-19, please keep your child home.
- ✓ If your child is absent, you must bring in a **doctor's note** or a note explaining why he or she is absent.
- ✓ Please be sure to call the school when your child is absent. Communication is important to us!
- ✓ Multiple absences/late pick-ups will be addressed as per Department of Education protocols



School Dress Code

- ✓ **Uniforms** must be worn everyday in school
- ✓ Girls - Light blue shirt, navy pants/skirt/shorts
- ✓ Boys - Light blue shirt, navy pants/shorts
- ✓ All students- sneakers / comfortable shoes





Toys and electronic devices (with the exception of student devices) are not allowed in school



Accessing NYC DOE Student Accounts

Every single New York City public school student, including 3K and Pre-K students, has a DOE student accounts.

The account gives your student access to TeachHub.

[What is a DOE Account and How Do I Access It?](#)

[Video Tutorial - How to Access DOE Accounts](#)

School Website Parent Information

<http://www.ps89x.org/parents>

Kathy Burgos: Parent Coordinator- email: KBurgos7@schools.nyc.gov



Obtaining a Device

PS 89x will contact parents in the near future to come in and pick up devices. We are currently waiting on the orders to come in.

You can also call 718-935-5100 and choose option 5 on the menu to speak with someone about obtaining a device with internet connection.

You can also visit

[https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/remotelearning
devices](https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/remotelearningdevices)

HEALTH & SAFETY

CONTEXT

The health and safety of students and staff are of the utmost priority when considering reopening schools.

This guidance has been developed collaboratively with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and Health + Hospitals.

The key tenets of NYCDOE's plan align to CDC and New York State Department of Health guidance on school reopening. In addition to these public health protocols, we are prioritizing mental health, social-emotional learning and trauma-informed supports for all schools.

KEY TENETS OF PLAN

A Promoting Behaviors that Reduce Spread

- Physical Distancing
- Wear a Face Covering
- Keep Hands Clean
- Signage and Floor Markings

B Maintaining Healthy Environments

- Changes to School Building
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Food Services

C Maintaining Healthy Operations

- Testing
- Screening Entry Protocols

D Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

- Stay Home When Sick
- Returning to School After Symptoms
- Response to an Unconfirmed Case
- Response to One Confirmed Case
- Response to Two or More Confirmed Cases

SAFETY FOR COVID

PROMOTING BEHAVIORS THAT REDUCE SPREAD



Physical Distancing

All individuals in school buildings should remain at least 3 feet apart. We will work with schools to create conditions that make physical distancing possible.



Mask are Mandatory

Face coverings will be required inside school buildings. Each classroom is equipped with two air purifiers. Windows are open in all hallways and classrooms as well.



Keep Hands Clean

There will be increased access and regular opportunities for students and staff to wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the building.



Temperature Checks

Health screening forms must be completed upon arrival. Temperature checks will also be taken prior to entering the building.

For additional information, please refer to the DOE Homecoming 2021 Health and Safety Guide for Families

B MAINTAINING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS

Cleaning and Disinfection:

- Schools will need to implement enhanced cleaning and disinfection of surfaces to ensure the health and safety of staff and students.

Food Services:

- Grab-and-go meals will be available for breakfast and lunch each day, though students will also be permitted to bring their own lunch if preferred. Doing so will allow for more flexibility so students and physical distancing can be maintained during lunch time, a time when many students usually gather in one location. Grab-and-go meals will be delivered to students in 3K to K classrooms. Lunch will be in classrooms to minimize interaction between groups of students.

Safety continued...

- ✓ We kindly ask that you make (remote) appointments to speak with teachers and **refrain from talking to them in the yard at dismissal or at arrival as they are walking to their** classrooms from the auditorium. This poses a safety hazard to all students in the class. Teachers must keep their eyes on students and focus on getting them safely to their families or their classrooms.
- ✓ Please be advised that meetings will be conducted remotely until further notice. Parents and family members cannot enter the building past security. All meetings will be remote in order to continue to maintain proper social distancing in the school building.
- ✓ Every year, we encounter some students who are upset the first few days/weeks of school. At PS 89, we help to comfort those students and ask that parents allow them time to adjust to their new routine. Again, parents are not allowed to come into the building and sit with their child in the classroom.





Supplies



✓ We are asking that each parent sends their child in with their **own individual supplies** because students will not be sharing materials :

- Mask (Mandatory)
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Durable Plastic Folders (2)
- Thin Dry Erase Markers - Pack of 4
- **Mini size sanitizer for Personal use**
- **Hand Sanitizer for Class use**
- **2 bottles of hand soap**
- Paper Towels (3)
- Tissues (3)
- Individual Pencil Case for your child's supplies
- 1 ream of white computer paper



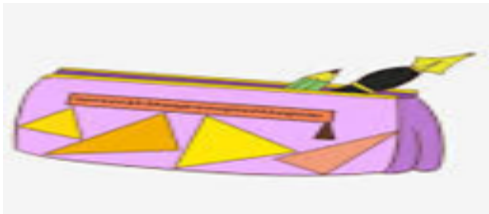
- **1 Backpack**
- **1 child sized blanket**
- **1 change of clothes**
(weather appropriate)



Class supplies

Please refer to your child's Pre-K class supply list.

- ALL supplies must be LABELED with your child's name & please provide a pencil case/box so we can put their own INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES IN
- Students will not be sharing supplies with each other





Curriculum



- ✓ Our lessons are aligned with the **Pre-Kindergarten Foundation Common Core Learning Standards of New York State (CCLS)**.
- ✓ We focus on the following academic skills:
Communication & Oral Language, Reading, Writing, Math, Social-Emotional Skills, Physical Development, Art.





Themes




Here are some of the themes that our Pre-K Students will explore this year:

- School
- Five Senses
- All About Us
- Where We Live/ Our Community
- Transportation
- Light
- Water
- Plants
- Babies



What Happens In Pre-K?

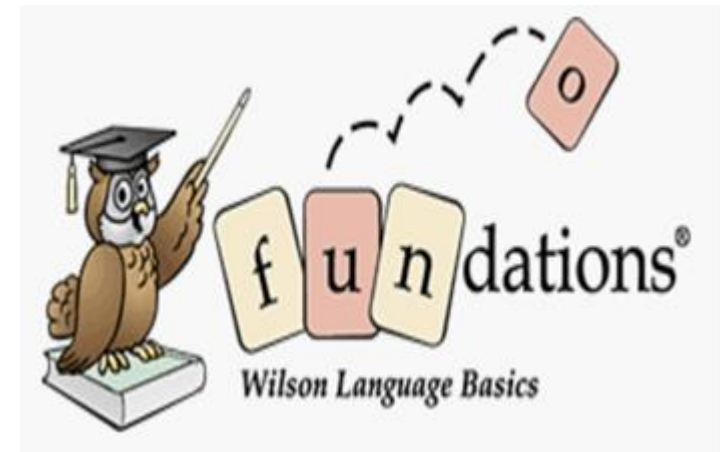
- **Centers**
 - **Thematic Units**
 - **Reading/ Writing/ Mathematics/ Science/ Social Studies/ Music/ Art/ Physical Education**
 - **Meaningful conversations that build oral language and vocabulary**
 - **We played today!”**
 - **“I played” also means “I learned” or “I worked.”**
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Wilson Foundations

A whole class reading program that teaches students the foundation of reading. The program is taught daily for 30 minutes

Focus on:

- Letter Identification
- Letter-sound correspondence
- CVC words
- Multisyllabic words
- Phonemic Awareness
- high frequency word study
- Comprehension strategies
- hand writing (letter formation)



Rest Time



- Students will have a rest time for approximately 45 minutes every day.
- Students will need one sheet/towel, and one child-sized blanket for this time.
- Blankets will be sent home weekly for cleaning.

(All based on the number of students in each class)

Big Picture Learning



- **Over 65** Big Picture schools in the United States and many more around the world
- **Philosophy:** Putting students directly at the center of their own learning.
- Creating **STRONG** classroom community
- **Teachers & advisors**
- **Team Building & Community Circles**
- **Movement & Mindfulness** (awareness of thoughts, feelings, body sensations)
- **Real World Application**
- **Exhibitions:** Students and parents are active in their learning!

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Homework

- ✓ Homework will be given to your child weekly.
- ✓ Please help your child while he or she is completing the homework assignment; do not do it for them.
- ✓ Please check your child's folder daily. **In addition, please empty out the "Keep Home" side every night.**

Potential Class Changes

*Please be advised that there may be changes with your child's classroom assignment.

*This is due to the amount of students that are registered during the beginning of the school year and adjustments need to be made in order to place students accordingly.

*We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!



End of Year Celebrations

*Please note, the school will inform families of what the end of year celebrations will look like once we obtain further guidance from the DOE.