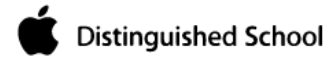




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Dear MS 442 Families,

I hope that you and your families are staying healthy in this unprecedented time.

The move to remote learning was sudden and we are all learning how to do this to meet the needs of all our families. The MS 442 staff have been working collaboratively to address any glitches and sharing effective practices to make this a positive learning situation for our students. Teachers are doing a mix of holding virtual classes through Zoom and posting assignments to Google Classroom. Teachers are utilizing the Remote Learning Dashboard, accessible from ms442.org, to be a one-stop hub to help you and your child to stay informed on Zoom sessions and what assignments are due in Google Classroom without the need to comb through Google Classroom to try to figure it all out. In the afternoon, teachers and staff are also available during office hours to work with kids, answer emails, or attend virtual IEP meetings.

For children with IEPs and English Language Learners, we are continuing to provide mandated services to the best of our abilities within the context of a virtual meeting or classroom. Children who get these services have been contacted by related service providers and intervention teachers to work out individualized programs.

As we rely more than ever on the internet and our virtual interactions for remote learning, I would like to emphasize the importance of appropriate online behavior. Our learning environment must be safe for all students, and we expect students to adhere strictly to appropriate internet use, as outlined **here** in the NYC Department of Education's Internet Acceptable Use Policy. We cannot tolerate unkind, bullying, or discriminatory behavior on our online tools. Furthermore, we expect students to interact according to the assignment at hand, and refrain from online behavior or commenting that is distracting or disruptive. Families, we will rely on you to help monitor your child's online. Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your child, please do not attempt to address the teacher during "class time". This time is strictly for staff and students. Check our remote learning dashboard for information about teacher office hours.

If you or your child notice inappropriate behavior online, you should contact one of our deans to report an issue, Ms. Molina (ymolina@ms442.org) or Mr. Tavoularis (gtavoularis@ms442.org). All students must adhere to the [15 Rules of Netiquette for Online Discussions](#) poster and the [NYC DOE Internet Acceptable Use Policy](#).

So many of you have reached out with supportive emails and we do appreciate that. If you have any concerns, please continue to reach out to us because we are all here to support you.

I hope that you and your families are staying healthy and I wish you the best during these challenging times.

Best,
Noreen Mills

Principal