



Principal Message | Mensaje del director



Dear Girls Prep Families,

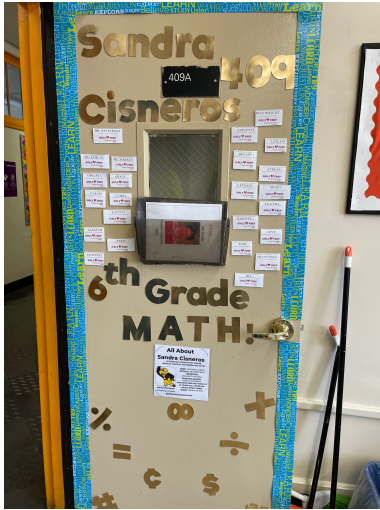
I cannot believe in a few short hours we will be welcoming all our scholars back to school and launching the 22-23 school year! We had a fantastic day with new scholars today and are eager to see their classmates in the morning. Here is what to expect at arrival and dismissal tomorrow:

- 5th and 6th graders-- enter through the Courtyard
- 7th and 8th graders-- enter through 11th St.
- Check in stations will be set up at both entrances to distribute student name tags, collect cell phones, and share our new attendance codes
- Check in will begin at 8:00am
- Doors open at 8:15am
- Scholars are tardy at 8:31am
- Scholars dismiss at 12:30pm from the same entrance they use at arrival
- Grab and go breakfast and lunch will be provided

Please send your scholar in full uniform with a clear, reusable water bottle! We want students to remain hydrated and we now have water bottle refilling stations students can use throughout the day. If you need support with either of these things, just reach out to Ms. Lopez, klopez@girlsprep.org, and we will make sure your scholar gets what they need! Also, please review our updated cell phone policy included in this newsletter. We want to ensure everyone knows what to expect on day one!

Also, don't forget about our Lemonade Social this Friday at dismissal in the Courtyard! You'll have a chance to meet your scholar's teachers and staff, as well as tour the building. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Lastly, enjoy some photos of our first day! We can't wait to see you all in the morning!



Meet our School Leadership and Student Support Teams



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Photos from staff training! We are ready for your scholars!



Monthly Calendar | Calendario Mensual

<div>  <div>SEPTEMBER 2022</div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month Start (9/15-10/15)	1	2 Lemonade Social 12:30-1:00PM	3
4	5 School Closed Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Back to School Night 5-6:30PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 ELA Curriculum Craft Night 5-7PM	23	24
25	26 MAP Testing Window	27 MAP Testing Window	28 MAP Testing Window	29 MAP Testing Window	30 MAP Testing Window Colors of Hispanic Heritage October Family Newsletter Sent	

These dates are subject to change please reference monthly newsletter and communication from your POC for any updates that may occur.

Lunch Menu/Lunch Forms | Menu del almuerzo/ Formulario

[September Lunch Menu ← CLICK HERE!](#)

Date	Menu
Daily Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Lunch Specials • Peanut Butter & Jelly (VE) • Cheese Sandwich (V) • Hummus Grab & Go (V) • Only Monday and Friday Chickpea Wrap (V) • Only Tuesday/ Wednesday and Thursday Tuna Sandwich • 1% Low Fat Milk (V) • Fat Free Milk (V) • Fat Free Chocolate Milk (V) • Condiments: Ketchup (VE)/ Mustard (VE)/ Mayonnaise (V)/ BBQ (VE) and Hot Sauce (V) • Fresh Fruit (VE) • Dressings: Chipolte Ranch (V)/ Balsamic Vinaigrette (V)/ Ranch (V)/ Asian Sesame (VE)/ Honey Mustard (V)/ Caesar/ French (V)/ Italian Vinaigrette (V) • Flavor Station: Granulated Garlic (VE)/ Red Pepper Flakes (VE)/ Parmesan Cheese (V) • Options may vary by location
September 1, 2022 Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Dumplings • Roasted Carrots (V) • New York Apples Slices (VE)

Don't forget to complete your lunch forms:

[Click here to complete online](#)

No olvide completar sus formularios de almuerzo:

[Haga clic aquí para completar en línea](#)

General Announcements | Anuncios generales

After-School at GPLESM

The GPLESM After School Program is currently accepting applications for the 22-23 school for 6th-8th grade scholars. Please fill out an application and submit it our Program Director Ms. Baker via email (bbaker@girlsprep.org). Please bear in mind all program slots are allotted on a first come first served basis.

[After School Application](#)



Summer Homework <REMINDER>

[Summer Homework and Supply List:](#)

- Click on the link above for your Summer Homework and Supply List by grade.

Cellphone Policy <REMINDER>

We are so excited to welcome students back next week! New students: 8/29
Returning students: 8/30. Please note: Start time is 8:15 and cell phones will be collected at the front door for safety purposes. [Please click here](#) to read the cellphone policy in its entirety. All scholars must have a locker policy signed and returned by September 2nd.

Uniforms | Uniformes

The official school uniform can be ordered online at www.flynnohara.com or by visiting the retail store.

El uniforme escolar oficial se puede pedir en línea en www.flynnohara.com o visitando la tienda.

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[CLICK HERE FOR THE PUBLIC PREP UNIFORM GUIDE - ENGLISH](#)

[CLIC AQUÍ PARA LA GUÍA DE UNIFORMES DE PREPARACIÓN PÚBLICA - ESPAÑOL](#)

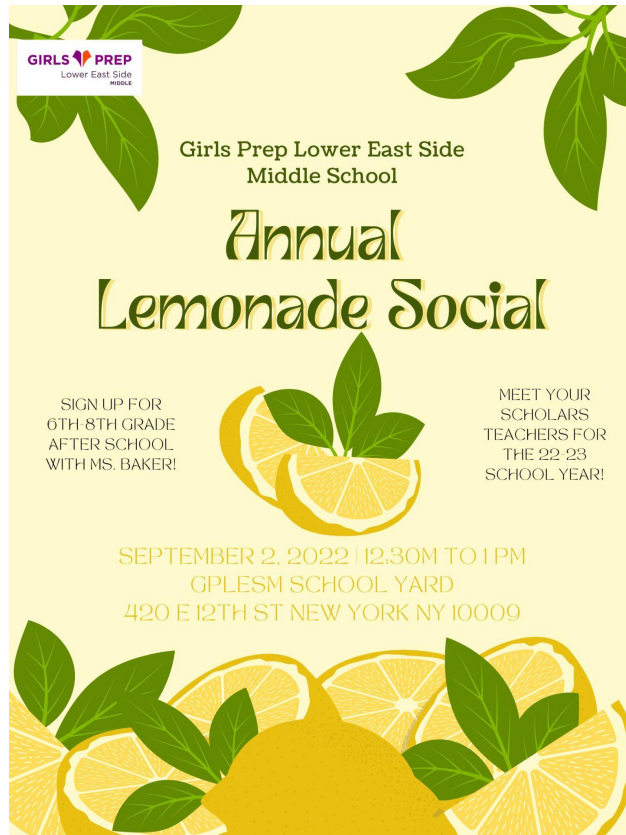
Upcoming Events | Próximos Eventos

August 29th - September 2nd, 2022

First week of school! **12:30 dismissal every day!**

September 2nd, 2022

Lemonade Social! See the flyer below!



September 5th, 2022

Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 6th, 2022

First full day of school -- dismissal at 4:30PM

September 15th, 2022



September 22nd, 2022



Community Council | Consejo Comunitario

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD!

What is the Community Council?

The Community Council is made up of the entire Public Prep Community. Every family is part of the Community Council.

What is a Community Council Executive Board Member?

A Community Council Board Member is a family member/guardian who is elected to represent the entire Girls Prep or Boys Prep Community and represent the families throughout the year. It is made up of 3 family members.

What is the difference between the two?

The Community Council meets as an Executive Board, with the school leadership team and facilitates Community Council Meetings to the community to discuss events at the school and any concerns they may have. They present their ideas and desires for events and activities to the entire community during Community Council meetings.

Board Members meet to plan and implement activities that families can enjoy in order to facilitate a closer community. They listen to the community's ideas and concerns and present them to the school leadership team to implement them or try to find solutions.

Who can be on the Board?

Any family member/guardian who has the time and is willing to work with other families and the staff can be elected to the Board.

What does being on the Board entail?

Board Members meet at least once a month in person. Board members hold elected positions. Board members must be willing and flexible to meet, plan, participate in and attend all Community Council events as well as assist the school with other events. The Board collaborates with the staff very closely. All events and programs must receive the approval of school leadership team.

We are accepting Nominations for this year's board. If you are interested in serving on the Community Council Executive Board please read the descriptions for Board positions listed on the back. You may nominate yourself or another fellow parent for a position.

All are welcome to apply!

2022-2023 School Year Election Process:

- **August 29, 2022 - September 9, 2022** - Interest letters distributed to the community.
- **September 12, 2022 - September 16, 2022** - Applications for Executive Board Roles submitted.
- **September 19, 2022-September 23, 2022** - Voting
- **September 30, 2022** - Community Council Executive Board Member Announced.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLES

The Executive Board (E-Board) of the Community Council is the leadership team, responsible for operation and coordination of each Community Council. The following is a list of positions that can be included in a Community Council Executive Board, with the President position required for all boards. All E-board members are required to attend network and school leadership meetings, volunteer at select school events, and support in planning Community Council-led events and activities.

- **PRESIDENT:** The president is responsible for running Community Council meetings, logistics for events and fundraisers as well as administration of finances in coordination with the network and their school's Director of Operations. Supports the management of Facebook group, posts flyers approved by Student and Family Affairs Team (SFA), amplifies messages about events. Examples: ensures members of FB group are following guidelines (direct families to speak with leadership regarding individual inquiries).
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Recruits families to volunteer at school events and supports student recruitment efforts in partnership with Public Prep. Identify community resources for families, and plan local community services opportunities. Examples: spreads the word about Community Council events, phone banks for new applicants, etc. Informing families of local giveaways, coordinating participation in Council Member's charity walk, etc.
- **SECRETARY:** Creates flyers approved by Student and Family Affairs Team (SFA), amplifies messages about events and takes notes at Community Council meetings and manages the write up for the Community Council section of the campus family newsletters.

As outlined in our Charter, one senior officer from all Public Prep Academies Pre-K through 8th grade school (GP LES, GP Bronx or BP Bronx) will be selected to serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors.

[CLICK HERE FOR A NOMINATION FORM](#)



Families who are interested in running for a Community Council Executive Board spot can submit their nomination forms using the link or the QR code on the flier attached. Here are our [Community Council Guidelines](#) for 22-23 school year

Social Emotional Learning | Aprendizaje socioemocional

Welcome back, GPLESM scholars and families! We are so excited to work with you all this school year. As we begin the year, we wanted to re-introduce ourselves and offer any support you might need!

I am Sarah Mullery, LMSW, School Social Worker at GPLESM. I work with scholars who have IEP-mandated counseling, in individual and group settings, as well as students who need at-risk, SEL support. Additionally, I support all scholars, staff and families with SEL, behavioral, and community needs. If you would like to discuss any socioemotional vulnerabilities your scholar may be experiencing and/or counseling for your child, please email me at smullery@girlsprep.org to schedule a call.

I look forward to connecting with you all this year, and am so excited to see your scholars in person next week! :)



Sarah Mullery, LMSW
School Social Worker