



The Math & Science Exploratory School

Middle School 447

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Re: Opening Days of School

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Dear MS 447 Families,

The first day of school for the 2014-15 school year is Thursday, September 4, 2014. Students and staff will participate in an alternate schedule on the first two days of school. The school day will begin and end at regular school hours (8:00-2:20). However, we will NOT follow a Letter Day schedule. All regular periods will be suspended to support students as they transition to the school year. Instead, we will spend our time laying the foundation for a successful year. Students will spend time doing the following:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Business: Schedules, lockers assignments, school tours (grade 6), Agenda Books (\$5 cost), and required paperwork
- Grade-wide Assemblies: Introductions to grade supervisors, counselors, dean, and other key staff members.
- No Place for Hate: Introduction to M.S. 447's participation and promotion of the ideals sponsored and shared by the Anti-Defamation League's *No Place for Hate* program and the Pledge of Peace. Our students will be introduced to our school's Pledge of Peace.
- Abbreviated class schedules: Over the first two days of school, students will follow a shortened class schedule for all core and non-academic classes. During these class meetings, teachers will meet & greet students and provide introductory information about their classes.
- Off-Site Excursions (9/5): Students will travel by advisory group to the park for ice-breaker activities and community building games. (PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN THE PERMISSION SLIP PROMPTLY! Grade 6: Fort Greene Park; Grade 7: Brooklyn Bridge Park; Grade 8: Prospect Park)

We are looking forward to the start of a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

The MS 447 Administration & Staff