

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2021

- 01/18: MLK Day- **No School**
- 01/28: Save the Date- UES Family Meeting
- 01/29: Save the Date- LES Family Meeting

February 2021

- 02/10-11: Family Conferences
- 02/12: Staff PD Day
- 02/15: President's Day- **No School**
- 02/16-19: Winter Break- **No School**
- 02/22-25: Family Conferences

Starting Next Week:

Verify Your Scholar's Contact Info

Next week Monday, January 11th we will be launching a family contact survey to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact information for **each** of your scholar(s). You will receive a secure document via Parent Square with the information we have on file. You will need to verify that your address, phone number and emergency contacts are correct.

If your address information has changed, please note that you will have to provide two additional proofs of address. This includes:

- Current lease or deed
- Utility or cable bill (dated within the last 60 days)
- Current NYS ID or license

If you have questions or would like to provide the necessary documents, please contact your campus Operations Coordinator, Steph Myrie at smyrie@coneyislandprep.org or 929-275-5864.

Important Update:
School Reopening Pushed Back to
March 8

As you may have seen in an earlier post today on Parent Square, we are now targeting the week of March 8 for the start of in-person learning. We were thrilled to see that a majority of families selected in-person instruction in our most recent "Inside/Online" survey and we know that this decision may be disappointing. As excited as we were to open, we are equally committed to keeping our community safe.

In the weeks leading up to early March, we'll review state and city data and parent input again to inform what works for our school. We are hopeful we'll be looking at more promising news by late February.

Please look out for more information in the coming weeks to confirm this date.



**There will be no classes on Monday, January 18, 2020
in observance of Martin Luther King Day**

ACADEMIC TIDBITS



Learn more about what our scholars are up to in class and how you can best support them at home.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

We are very proud of the progress our second-grade scholars have made in 2020! In the New Year, we plan to continue focusing on reading with fluency and engaging in higher level comprehension conversations. This will equip scholars with the skills needed to tackle more complex texts in third grade.

In Reading Mastery, Geodes, and Wit & Wisdom, scholars will be practicing the necessary skills to become confident and fluent readers who deeply understand texts. As a result, teachers will be working diligently to ensure scholars are word solving unknown words, reading with fluency, and answering well crafted questions about texts they are reading. To support this work, please encourage your scholar to read at home, retell stories with major events, and answer comprehension questions as they are reading.

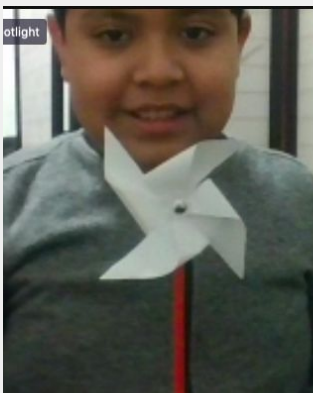
Additionally, we are continuing to engage with critical work of the grade level in math. Scholars are exploring measurement and length using the metric system. Throughout this math unit, scholars will deepen their understanding of measurement to relate addition and subtraction to length. This work will help support your scholar's understanding of place value, in preparation for more sophisticated concepts as the year progresses.



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Scholars are nearing the end of their first Science Unit for the year. 3rd Grade have been exploring non-touching magnetic forces along with what happens to an object when two forces are balanced to explain why an object can change from floating to falling. 4th Grade has been busy identifying new parts of the electrical system, and working to design an effective solution to the problem of the Ergstown Blackout by selecting the most efficient and environmentally friendly energy source for the fictional town.

5th Grade is continuing to study the night sky to identify what constellation might be on the missing piece of their ancient artifact. Scholars have been exploring the concept of gravity, and how it dictates which direction 'up' is when we look up into the sky. They are also investigating how the daily rotation and yearly orbit of the Earth effects which stars are visible from different points on the Earth. Throughout December Mars, Jupiter and Venus are all visible from New York without the use of a telescope, see if your scholar can spot them in the night sky!



4th Grade scholar Marco with a wind turbine he created to convert wind energy from the source into electrical energy for the grid.



Dear Coney Island Prep families,

Happy New Year, and we hope you all had a healthy and wonderful holiday break. I am writing to update you on our efforts to reopen our schools for in-person instruction.

While we were cautiously optimistic that early 2021 would allow us to bring our scholars back sooner, we now believe that delaying in-person instruction is the best decision. Unfortunately, scholars will not be able to return to campuses on Tuesday, January 19.

We did not come to this decision lightly. As of today, the infection rate in the zip codes we serve is significantly higher than the rest of the city; NYC's Department of Education has closed more than 100 school buildings citywide, and most health experts anticipate a continued increase in infections and hospitalizations.

We know this decision may be potentially disappointing. We were thrilled to see that a majority of families selected in-person instruction in our most recent "Inside/Online" survey. As excited as we were to open, we are equally committed to keeping our community safe. When the time comes, we know we're ready - we've been preparing for months!

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Thank you again for your continued partnership. We know these are challenging times, and we remain committed to providing support to your family in any way we can. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Happy New Year and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Leslie-Bernard Joseph
Chief Executive Officer