



District 20 Pre-K Centers  
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# The Parent Connection!

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**A Message From**  
**Dianne Gounardes,**  
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Welcome to our District 20 Pre K Center program. We are so very excited to have you join us for this most important start of your formal education. You and your child are about to embark on a wonderful journey of discovery and exploration. Our goal is to prepare our youngest learners to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond. We do this by providing a strong foundation in every child's social and emotional skills, along with ensuring that everyone is ready for the rigor and high expectations of elementary school.

This year we are expanding our dual language program to 4 sites, offering 2 Spanish/English classes at the Brooklyn Army Terminal site and at our 1423 62<sup>nd</sup> Street site. We will also expand our Mandarin/English classes at our 7415 Fort Hamilton site and our 21 Bay 11<sup>th</sup> Street site. At our site on 93rd Street (Z111 at 369 93rd Street), we have opened self-contained special education classes. We also opened up 7 self-contained special education classes at our site located at 1423 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, which operate year round.

No matter which of our buildings your child will attend, we promise that you will be inspired by the richness of the experience. We follow the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core and integrate these into the Department of Education's Framework for Great Schools. We believe strongly in appreciating our diverse community and instilling in our students a feeling of trust, offering a supportive environment, and building strong family and community ties.

We invite you to meet with our Parent Coordinator, Camille Loccisano, our Assistant Principals, (Danielle Bennett; Maria Genao Duran; Kelly Mazzariello; and Lauren Napolitano); our Site Coordinators, our Teachers and our Paraprofessionals so that you can also get the most out of our program.

We are so excited to have you with us this year and promise that your child will have a memorable experience, ready for the next step in their educational journey.

**Z011**

1258 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

**Z013**

1668 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11234

**Z067**

1355 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11228

**Z072**

8501 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11209

**Z073**

7415 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy  
Brooklyn, NY 11228

**Z074**

140 58<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11220

**Z075**

21 Bay 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11228

**Z094**

2165 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

**Z099**

550A 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11220

**Z111**

369 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11209

**Z112**

1423 62<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219



Every family with a child enrolled in District 20's Pre-K Centers will be gifted with a free Cool Culture pass and the opportunity for exciting cultural outings throughout New York City!

Cool Culture ensures that New York's most diverse families with young children have access to arts and culture as a way to increase literacy and learning in early childhood and to prepare children to succeed in school and life.

We encourage families to explore the Cool Culture website and to visit them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media outlets. Families will find up-to-date event information as well as trip tips and parent facts.

[www.CoolCulture.org](http://www.CoolCulture.org)

[Twitter@coolculture](https://twitter.com/coolculture)

[Instagram@coolculture](https://www.instagram.com/coolculture)

[Youtube.com/user/coolculture](https://www.youtube.com/user/coolculture)



## Parent/Teacher Information Meeting

Wednesday,  
September 18, 2019

We encourage all parents to attend and receive important information about our curriculum and units of study.

Parents will have a choice to attend one of our 3 sessions:

Session 1: 4:30 P.M.

Session 2: 5:30 P.M.

Session 3: 6:30 P.M.

Gifted & Talented (G&T) programs are one way that New York City supports the educational needs of exceptional students. Our G&T programs vary in approach, but they all offer specialized instruction and enrichment opportunities designed for gifted children.

We look forward to hosting an information session during our monthly parent meetings in October so that parents may learn more about this special option.

Our information session dates are as follows:

Z011-10/7

Z013-10/16

Z067-10/3

Z072-10/2

Z073-10/21

Z074-10/8

Z075-10/11

Z094-10/4

Z099-10/15

Z111-10/18

Z112-10/10



For more information, please contact our Parent Coordinator– [Cloccisano@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Cloccisano@schools.nyc.gov)

## Reminder... No School

Pre-K students will have additional days off during the school year. We will keep parents and caregivers informed of all schedule changes!

- **Rosh Hashanah:** September 30, - October 1, 2019
- **Yom Kippur:** October 9, 2019
- **Columbus Day:** October 14, 2019
- **Veterans Day :** November 11, 2019
- **Thanksgiving Recess:** November 28–29, 2019
- **Winter Recess:** December 24 – January 1, 2020
- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day:** January 20, 2020
- **Midwinter Recess :** February 17–21, 2020
- **Spring Recess:** April 9–17, 2020
- **Memorial Day:** May 25, 2020
- **Brooklyn/Queens Day :** June 4, 2020
- **Last Day of School :** June 26, 2020

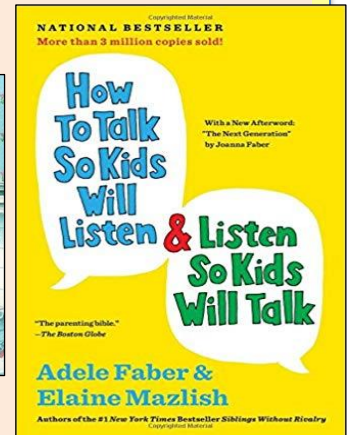
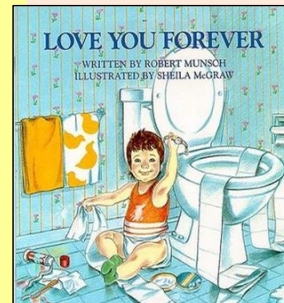


For parents and caregivers who are still considering after-school options, many of our centers offer after-school hours provided by NIA, a local community service organization. Children enrolled in the program will remain in their own Pre-K building. Activities are planned daily and dismissal is at 5:30 P.M.

For more information, please contact our Parent Coordinator - Cloccisano@schools.nyc.gov

## Reading for Kids!

Reading every night to your child holds a lot of value for more than one reason. As well as an important bonding time, it teaches youngsters the love of reading. Our special book pick is “Love You Forever,” written by Robert Munsch and illustrated by Sheila McGraw. It is a story of how family love continues from generation to generation.



## Reading for Parents!

“How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk” is a bestselling read that offers advice and observation on how to effectively communicate with children and building lasting and meaningful relationships between parent and child.



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For news of our special events and monthly parent meeting dates, visit us at [www.District20prek.org](http://www.District20prek.org)