



June 18, 2025

Dear Families,

Our schools are simply better with your children present—and we're not done yet! School is in session through **Thursday, June 26, 2025**, and every day still holds meaningful learning, joyful celebrations, and unforgettable memories.

June is a special time of year. Students are wrapping up important learning, connecting with friends and teachers, and getting ready for exciting transitions. Our incredible staff is here each day to support, celebrate, and guide them through these final days. We want every student to finish strong!

Every day counts. Research shows that preschoolers who regularly attend early childhood education programs are *five times* less likely to be chronically absent by second grade. From Kindergarten on, strong attendance habits support reading at grade level, long-term academic success, and ultimately high school graduation. The habits we build now open doors for the future.

Even with summer heat on the way, our schools are keeping cool—literally and figuratively! Our schools are a great place to be!

- Our classrooms are ready for warmer weather with air conditioning to keep learning comfortable.
- Spirit Weeks are in full swing, bringing fun, energy, and community to our schools.
- There's still so much to experience—don't miss these final days of learning and laughter!

Please visit our Emergency Readiness webpage (schools.nyc.gov/emergency-readiness) for more information on how to stay safe during extreme heat. The page also includes a link to the National Weather Service for up-to-date weather information in the coming days.

Let's make every remaining day count. If you need support getting your child to school, we are here to help. Please reach out to **your school's principal, assistant principal, school counselor, or parent coordinator**—we'll work together to ensure your child has a strong finish to the school year.

Thank you for being a partner in your child's education. Let's finish this year with pride, purpose, and plenty of smiles.

In partnership,

Melissa Aviles-Ramos
Chancellor