Dear IS289 families,

This week’s announcements are fewer than past weeks and include big news.  However, there are many details still missing from the announcements below.  This means that you’ll receive a few more emails from me, or others from school, as soon as more information becomes available about each of the items below.

Thank you to all the families and students who sent emails and photos for teacher appreciation week! Your words of support and celebration go a long way.  Remember: you can send a note to your teachers anytime, you don’t have to wait until next year’s teacher appreciation week.

Here are the announcements for this week:

1. **Zoom is now allowed and we’re thrilled!**  Because the DoE now has a contract with Zoom, students and staff will use a special login for the NYC DoE domain and will not be able to change certain settings.  We expect to learn more about the implications of these settings during the next two weeks while many teachers at IS289 make the move from Google Meets to Zoom.
2. **Guidance on Spring Parent Teacher Conferences were released by the DoE last week.**  Because IS289 normally hosts events for our community rather than traditional conferences, and because the guidance was revised on Friday afternoon, I will send specific instructions for our school later this week.
3. **The new Grading Policy is being updated in the borough.**  The district, the borough, and individual schools continue to collaborate to develop coherent practices that align with the DoE guidance; we agree that it should both support students and celebrate students. At IS289, we continue to keep track of whether students are turning in work, and teachers continue to provide feedback on the quality of the work through Google Classroom, but we will not enter grades into Alma yet.
4. **The links to this week’s Week-At-A-Glance and Suggested Student Schedules** for each grade are here: Week-At-A-Glance ([6](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zYIudDxGGxolnyK3FOWfYpvIALheDhqvsXHmXyajzMQ/edit?ts=5eb85735#gid=0), [7](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gwRjRA0OvbdgV7A9jeqih-ntI3AWCJxSa3gQ655pX7w/edit?usp=sharing), [8](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CZXYjmjIX582fJEu9J9ctKXnuOn410cWMrRTgTAB7GE/edit?usp=sharing)) and Suggested Schedules ([6, 7, 8](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IQ_XQXm25u4MZR6fXuwTbETOQpod5bNZ/view?usp=sharing)).

Happy Mother’s Day!

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