

Principal Message

Dear GPLESE Community,

I hope you had a safe and relaxing summer break. Now that summer is almost over, we are so excited to welcome our new families to school on Monday, August 29th - or back to school for our returning families on Tuesday, August 30th! These past few weeks our staff has been collaborating with teachers across Public Prep, during Summer Institute, to prepare for a strong start to the 2022-23 school year. These first few weeks of school, we will be partnering with students and families to build strong home-school learning partnerships through virtual home visits and regular communication with your child's teacher. **We will also be hosting a Pizza & Lemonade Open House after school on Friday, September 2nd from 1-3pm immediately following early dismissal.** At this family event you will be welcomed into your child's classroom to meet the teacher and see their learning environment. Throughout the year at GPLESE, we will be focused on developing a Love of Literacy in our learning community. We will continue to deepen the love of reading in our school through implementing a new phonics program in K-1st called Fast Track Phonics and cross-grade differentiated guided reading groups in 2nd-4th. We will also continue to celebrate growth and achievement in all subjects throughout the year. We can't wait to see you next week!

In Partnership,
Katrina Liebst
Proud GPLESE Principal



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September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	First Day of School for New Students ONLY	First Day of School for Returning Students			Pizza & Lemonade Open House (1:00pm - 3:00pm)	
	FAMILY WELCOME WEEK (Half Days: 7:40am - 12:30pm)					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day (PPN Closed)				Coffee with the Principal 8-8:30am	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Community Conversations #1 4pm-4:30pm (via Zoom)		Hispanic Heritage Month begins	Whole School Morning Meeting Sing Along #1 (8am - 8:30am in the mini gym)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
		Community Conversations #2 4pm-4:30pm (via Zoom)	October Family Newsletter Distribution		Hispanic Heritage Mmonth Unity Meeting (8am - 8:30am in the auditorium)	
	MAP TESTING WEEK (1st - 4th grade)					

Breakfast and Lunch Menus

[September Breakfast Menu](#)
[September Lunch Menu](#)

General Announcements

Our Main Office staff have been working really hard to get in touch with all families that have not yet submitted all of their scholars enrollment documents. Please note students will not be allowed into the building without an up-to-date physical/immunization record. Documents can be emailed to gplesemainoffice@girlsprep.org.

Please complete the [Family Income Inquiry Form](#) which is our school lunch form.

For families in need of updating important student demographic information this can be done by emailing the Main Office at GPLESEmainoffice@girlsprep.org. Types of information to update include address change, pick-up adults, any changes in medical status and emergency contacts.

Requests for school verification letters can be emailed to GPLESEmainoffice@girlsprep.org. Please note the turnaround time is 48 hours. If your family has moved since enrolling into the school, you can share updated proof

of address by emailing your lease, photo ID, HRA letter, or utility bill.

This year we will be welcoming families into our school building for various events such as unity meetings, whole school sing-alongs, and other family events. **To attend in-person (in-building) events families must show proof of vaccination (in accordance with DOE regulations) to attend.**

Arrival & Dismissal Information:

- Arrival doors open at **7:40am** and close at **8:00am** sharp.
 - **After 8:00am, your scholar will be considered late** (except PreK). Late scholars (and PreK students arriving after 8am) will need to be brought up by their guardians to the Main Office in room 316 to be accounted for in our building for safety purposes.
 - **Dismissal during Welcome Week is at 12:30pm until 12:50pm.** Anything after 12:50pm will be considered a late pick-up and families will have to come to the main office in room 316 to pick-up their child.
 - **Dismissal during the regular school year will be from 3:10-3:30.** Anything after 3:30pm will be considered a late pick-up and families will have to come to the main office in room 316 to pick-up their child.
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School Supply List

Below you will find a suggested supply list to send with your scholar during welcome week:

- Paper Towel
- Facial Tissue
- Hand Soap
- Baby wipes (scent free)
- Clorox Wipes
- Disposable Masks
- 1 Box of Gallon size ziploc bags
- Pencils
- Pencil cases
- Pencil sharpeners



All scholars should come to school with their labeled refillable water bottle.

It is imperative that each scholar has their own of the following items in a labeled ziploc bag in the event of a bathroom emergency:

- Change of clothes (white shirt & black/navy blue leggings)
- Panties/Underwear
- Tights/Socks/Leggings
- Change of footwear


Uniform Requirement


Uniforms unite us as a community, increase academic focus and decrease clothing competition. **All students are required to arrive at school and leave school in their school uniform, including field trips, half-days, the day before a major holiday, and the last day of school (unless otherwise noted by school leadership).** Students are not allowed to change out of uniform at the end of the school day. If a student does not arrive to school in proper uniform, she or he will be provided with a full uniform or missing uniform piece by the school, if available, or have a family member bring a uniform to school for him or her to change into.


Note: We do not dress up for Halloween or any other holiday. Opportunities for dressing up or down are announced by the school leadership team. Scholars and staff enjoy school spirit days to build community, provide an opportunity for individual expression and have fun!

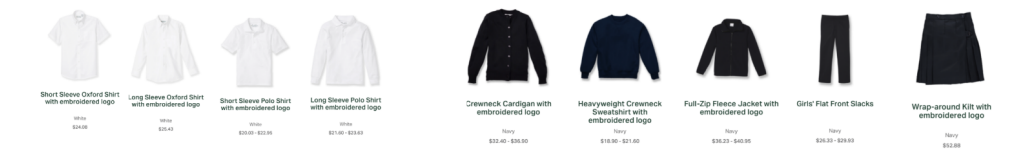
The official school uniform can be ordered online at www.flynnohara.com or by visiting the retail store:

Flynn & O'Hara
49 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10026
(212) 328-4019

Pre Prep	
	Flynn O'Hara Tops: • Yellow or Orange PrePrep logo t-shirt AND/OR • Gray crew neck sweatshirt with PrePrep logo
	Bottoms: • Plain navy pull-on elastic waist pants (from any store/brand)
	Shoes: • Any color velcro sneakers and socks • No light up sneakers

Girls Prep Lower Elementary		
	Flynn O'Hara Tops:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White oxford or polo shirt with Girls Prep• Navy cardigan, navy fleece zip-up, navy crewneck sweatshirt (plain or with Girls Prep Logo)
	Flynn O'Hara Jumper Dress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy Jumper with Girls Prep logo• Any color leggings, shorts, stockings, knee highs or socks OR navy uniform pants.
	Shoes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly black or navy Mary Jane shoes (any brand)• Mostly black or navy sneakers (any brand)

Girls Prep Upper Elementary		
	Flynn O'Hara Tops:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White oxford or polo shirt with Girls Prep • Navy cardigan, navy fleece zip-up, navy crewneck sweatshirt (plain or with Girls Prep Logo)
	Flynn O'Hara Bottoms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy skort OR Navy kilt with Girls Prep Logo • Navy uniform pants (Flynn O'Hara) • Any color stockings, knee highs, leggings, or socks
	Shoes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly black or navy Mary Jane shoes (any brand) • Mostly black or navy sneakers (any brand)



Uniform Donations

Families who are interested in donating their child's gently worn and clean uniforms can do so by placing them in a bag labeled with the students name. We appreciate any and all donations.

For Uniform Support and/or donations, please contact Vanessa Tineo, Director of Student & Family Affairs at vtineo@girlsprep.org or 917-399-4997.

Upcoming Events

****Parents must show proof of vaccination to attend family events in the building****

- Monday, August 29 - Friday, September 2nd: Welcome Week
 - **Half days all week (7:40am - 12:30pm)**
- Monday, August 29: **First day of school for NEW scholars ONLY**
- Tuesday, August 30: All scholars attend (**1st day for returning scholars**)
- Friday, September 2: Pizza & Lemonade Open House
 - After dismissal in classrooms **1:00pm - 3:00pm**
- Monday, September 5: No School
- Tuesday, September 6: First Full Day of School **7:40am - 3:10pm**
- Friday, September 9: Coffee with Principal **8:00am - 8:30am**
- Tuesday, September 13: Community Conversation #1 **4-4:30 via zoom**
- Friday, September 16: Whole School Sing Along **8-8:30 in mini-gym**
- Friday, September 23: Unity Meeting **8-8:30am in auditorium**
- Tuesday, September 27: Community Conversation #2 **4-4:30 via zoom**

Social Emotional Learning

Hello Families!

We are so excited to welcome you back to school for our 2022-2023 school year! Below are 3 articles that offer tips, tools and support for your family as we return back to our school building:

- [Going Back to School](#)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/child-development/back-to-school-resources.htm>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/back-school.html>

Additionally, here are 4 local community resources that offer an array of options for your family which range from after school programs, housing needs, food distribution and mental health support. Please do not hesitate to let our social work team know if you have any questions!

- <https://www.henrystreet.org>
- <https://lesfu.org>
- <https://www.grandsettlement.org>
- <https://ryanhealth.org/locations/ryan-nena-community-health-center>

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In this section, each month we will be shouting out scholars who have shown **growth and achievement!** We can't wait to highlight our unicorn celebrations in our October newsletter!

Resources

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