

PTA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF THE JESSE ISADOR STRAUS SCHOOL

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Welcome! We would like to share some information and resources that may be helpful to you.

The current application period for kindergarten continues through March 4, and families will be notified about offers from March 21 to March 25. Offers must be accepted between March 28 and April 15. The kindergarten enrollment calendar is found at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/CalendarandEvents/default.htm>

Kindergarten offers are made in accordance with the six categories of priorities set forth in Part II(C) of Chancellor's Regulation A-101, which is found at <http://docs.nycenet.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-11/A-101%20Final.pdf>

If there are not enough seats for all kindergarten applicants at the end of the application period, as happened last year, then it is expected that DOE will conduct a lottery among applicants who live in the zone and will establish a wait list of those applicants whose lottery numbers exceed the number of available seats. If there are not enough seats available at a zoned school, then under the Chancellor's Regulation A-101 (Part II(E)(5)), students are entitled to an alternative placement within their district of residence. It is expected that students who receive alternative placements will remain on the PS 199 wait list.

When a family declines an offer to the school, then an offer is made to the family with the next number on the wait list. **Out of consideration for other families, if your plans change and you do not end up at PS 199, we ask that you please let the school know immediately so that another family can be offered your spot, by contacting Parent Coordinator Carmen Russo at 347-563-5141 or CRusso22@schools.nyc.gov.** It is especially helpful to future enrollment planning if you could please let us know of your alternate plans.

In the meantime, the following information and resources may be useful:

- ✓ **There will be a Community School District 3 Elementary School Fair, sponsored by Community Education Council for District 3, on Saturday, January 22, from 11:00 to 2:30, at PS 165, 234 West 109 Street, see <http://www.cec3.org/>. Information will be available on how to apply to all District 3 elementary schools, including applications to Spanish and French dual language programs, and magnet themed programs in District 3.**
- ✓ In addition to their zoned school, families may submit an application to other schools where their children are eligible for consideration. A list of District 3 schools as of October 2010 can be found at <http://csd3.nycdoe.org/www/csd3/site/hosting/csd3%20directory%20October%20%202010%20with%20APs%20&%20Network%20Leader.pdf>
- ✓ PS 452, a District 3 elementary school that was established this year and is not in the 2008-2009 directory, will have open houses on January 13th and January 26 for which reservations are required. PS 452 zoned families are given priority for reservations for the open house, and there will be a wait list for open house reservations for PS 199 and PS 87 families, see http://www.ps452.org/uploads/5/5/1/0/5510230/open_house_letter_2011.pdf
- ✓ There is a lottery for seats at the Manhattan School for Children (PS 333), which is an unzoned public school for children zoned to District 3, see www.manhattanschool.org
- ✓ For information about gifted and talented programs, see <http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/GiftedandTalented/default.htm>
- ✓ For more information, you can contact the Manhattan Borough Enrollment Office at 388 West 125 Street that covers District 3, Tel: (212) 342-8300, and you may wish to check the websites for the Department of Education, <http://schools.nyc.gov>, Community School District 3, <http://csd3.nycdoe.org>, and Community Education Council for District 3, www.cec3.org

If you do enroll in kindergarten at PS 199, we look forward to welcoming you to our school community in the fall. Feel free to check our website at www.ps199pta.org. We wish you the very best of luck in kindergarten!

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