

SPRUCE FAMILY NEWS



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A MESSAGE OF UNITY FROM HILLARY

Can you remember the first time you looked into your child's eyes? The rush of emotions you felt? The sense that you were "one" with your child? I certainly can and do. Life gets busy – we've all many tasks to complete each day, much on our to-do lists, and sometimes we lose track of that "unity" so deep in our hearts. But don't worry I see the way you sneak in a kiss or a sweet smile as you send them through our doors each morning, the way you show up for school events with that glimmer in your eyes, the way you are involved in your child's education. I know that

that sense of oneness is always there between you and your child. I know how the picture that comes up on your cell phone with that silly face warms your heart and helps you get through a challenging time while you are apart. I know it because as I walk through the halls and into our classrooms at Spruce, I feel the love and effort you all have poured into your children by their demeanors, by the way they smile back at me when we, too, make eye-contact – the way they are so proud to share and show me what they have been working

on. Like you all, I am so proud of our hard-working, caring students. Like you all, I feel a tremendous amount of pride, responsibility and motivation to make sure each moment they are at Spruce Street is filled with safety, learning, and happiness. I know all our wonderful staff members at Spruce share those sentiments with us, too. I am excited about whom our children will become in life as a result of our unity – and excited about whom they already are. The best part of it all is that we are doing it together. In unity. As one.



STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AT SPRUCE! If you have a suggestion or idea to deepen your connection with our school, please reach out to Valerie, so we can collaborate.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

According to the NYC DOE school year calendar, there are two formal times for Parent Teacher Conferences (November and March). November Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up:

- **Tuesday, November 14 from 2:40 - 3:55 p.m.**
- **Thursday, November 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 21 from 2:40 - 3:55 p.m.**

Our sign up forms will go live on Tuesday, November 7th. Teachers also have weekly times set aside to meet with families when families have questions, concerns, or comments to share. Email your child's teacher for more info.