

P.S. 44 MARCUS GARVEY

Magnet School of Engineering & Design



WELCOME BACK TO P.S. 44

2026-2027 School Year

Dear P.S. 44 Families,

Welcome home!

As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, I am excited to welcome our returning families and extend a very special welcome to those joining the P.S. 44 community for the first time.

There is something special about the first day of school. Our hallways fill with energy again, classrooms come back to life, and we get another opportunity to help our children discover just how much they are capable of.

At P.S. 44, we want every child to know: You belong here. Your ideas matter. Your voice matters. And we believe in what you can become.

As the Marcus Garvey Magnet School of Engineering & Design, we are building a school where children are encouraged to be curious. We want them to ask questions, solve problems, read deeply, explain their thinking, create, design, test their ideas, make mistakes, revise, and try again. That is what learning looks like - and it is also what engineers do.

This year, our instructional work will continue to focus on strong Tier 1 instruction, meaningful student discourse, and differentiation so that we are meeting the needs of all learners. We are also launching PS 44 Reads, our schoolwide commitment to developing strong, joyful readers. You can help us by making reading part of your family's daily routine and asking your child to talk about what they are reading and learning.

Our BUILD values remain at the heart of who we are:

B	U	I	L	D
Belonging	Understanding	Integrity	Leadership	Dare to Dream

BUILD is more than something we display on our walls. It is how we want children and families to experience our school.

I am also asking for your partnership in making daily, on-time attendance a priority. Every day matters. Every lesson matters. Every conversation and classroom experience matters. When challenges make attendance difficult, please reach out so we can work together to support your family.

Throughout the year, I hope to see you often - not only when there is a concern. Join us for Families First Fridays, PTA meetings, family workshops, celebrations, student showcases, and our engineering and design experiences. Ask questions. Share your ideas. Get involved. Your voice is an important part of P.S. 44.

Most importantly, I want you to know that we do not expect our children to be perfect. We expect them to grow. We will challenge them, support them, celebrate them, and teach them to keep going when something is difficult.

We learn. We revise. We BUILD again.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for choosing P.S. 44. I am looking forward to an incredible year of learning, partnership, joy, and possibility.

Welcome home. Let's BUILD.

With love and partnership,

LaTisha Cotton

Principal

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