

Applying to Middle School

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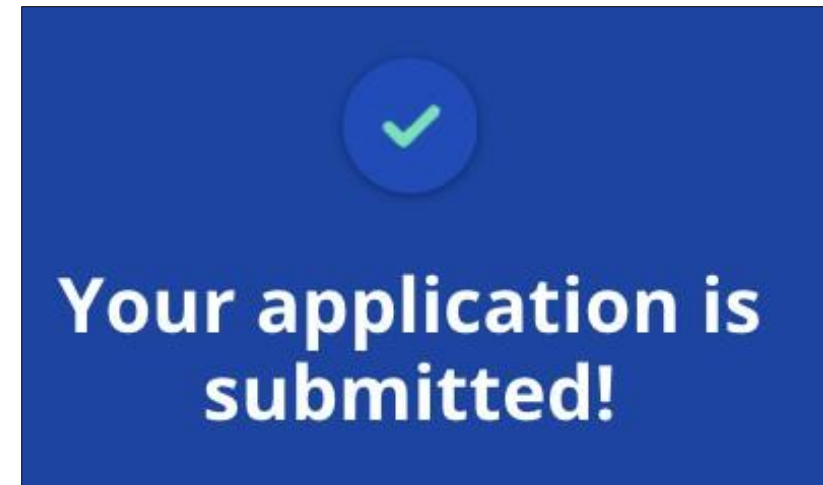
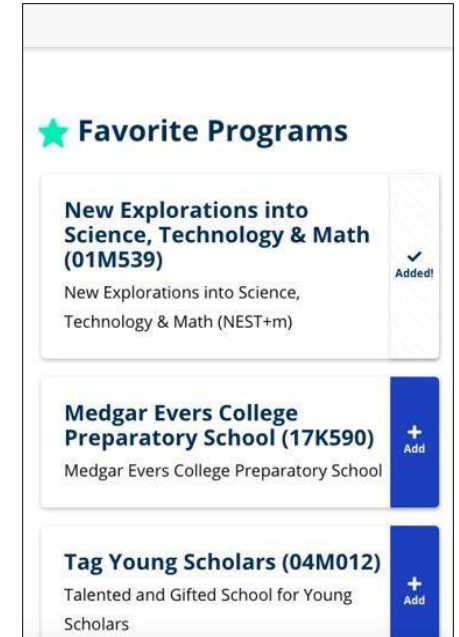
Middle School Admissions Timeline



Middle School Updates

- When applying to Middle schools, students are choosing programs/windows within a specific school. Each school may have several programs to add to your application. Choose **up to #12**, true order of preference.
- ****At PS 221 & in District 26 we are zoned for middle school** & 95% of our students continue on to **MS67**.**
- ****NEW for Fall 2025— More Choices—**students can now apply to **any** NYC public middle school across boroughs**
- **Middle Schools** uses the following ADMISSIONS METHODS::
 - **Zoned priorities** (address).
 - **Open** (random selection/lottery)
 - **Screened** {reviews academic information in core courses from 4th Grade.} some may require auditions.
- If a school has more applicants than available seats, offers will be made using **priority groups and random selection**
(a lottery based on computer-generated # via MySchools).

- Use your welcome letter to set up your MySchools account.
- Explore school and program options in the searchable online directory and favorite programs of interest.
- Submit your middle school application.



Review Your Child's Information

NOTE: You will not see random numbers until after you click "Get Started" and review all the information for your child.

Does everything below look correct?



This is what we found. Does everything look correct? If not, please contact your school to update this information.

- ✓ Student's name: Test Student2 Test
- ✓ Student ID Number: 883094751
- ✓ Date of Birth: January 1, 2014
- ✓ Gender: X - Neither Female nor Male
- ✓ Address: 84-05 108 STREET, RICHMOND HILL, NY 11418
- ✓ Borough: Queens
- ✓ District: DISTRICT 27
- ✓ English Language Learner (ELL) Status: Not Current English Language Learner
- ✓ Current School: 02M000P PRIVATE SCHOOL OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 (02M000P)
- ✓ Current Grade: 5th Grade
- ✓ Zoned School: M.S. 137 America's School of Heroes (27Q137)
- ✓ You are eligible for this seat group: GE
- ✓ 2024-25 Middle School Application Random Number: 52fd209c-61ad-41bb-855a-a49187fbc682
To learn more about your random number click [here](#).

Looks good



Sibling Priority (full, ½ & step, siblings)

- ❖ Families of multiples (twins/triplets) may submit identical applications for each child, so they receive an offer to the same program. After the 1st applicant, the system will prompt to duplicate application. 😊



Priority to residents of the zone



Priority to continuing fifth graders(K-8)



Priority to students and residents of the district (or borough)



Priority to applicants eligible for free and reduced lunch (FRL) for up to 50% of seats

Helpful tool that filters for event format: virtual or in person, admissions process, district, or borough.

MySchools Event Calendar

[Clear All](#)

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Admission Events

List Month Week Day

Admission Process

- ☐ 3-K
- ☐ Pre-K
- ☐ Kindergarten
- ☐ Gifted & Talented
- ☒ **Middle School**
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Specialized High School
- ☐ LaGuardia

Event Type

Event Format

District

Borough

Wed, 9/25/2024

10:00AM - 11:00AM 3K-8TH SCHOOL TOUR at 14K157

05:30PM - 06:30PM TYWLS of Brooklyn Virtual Open House

Thu, 9/26/2024

09:00AM - 10:00AM Open House Tour

04:30PM - 07:00PM EBBETS FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL (17K352): Open House

Fri, 9/27/2024

09:00AM - 10:30AM Esperanza Magnet School Tour

09:00AM - 10:00AM TYWLS of Brooklyn in-person school tour- (contact us if you need an al...

Displaying 10 of 13692 Total Events

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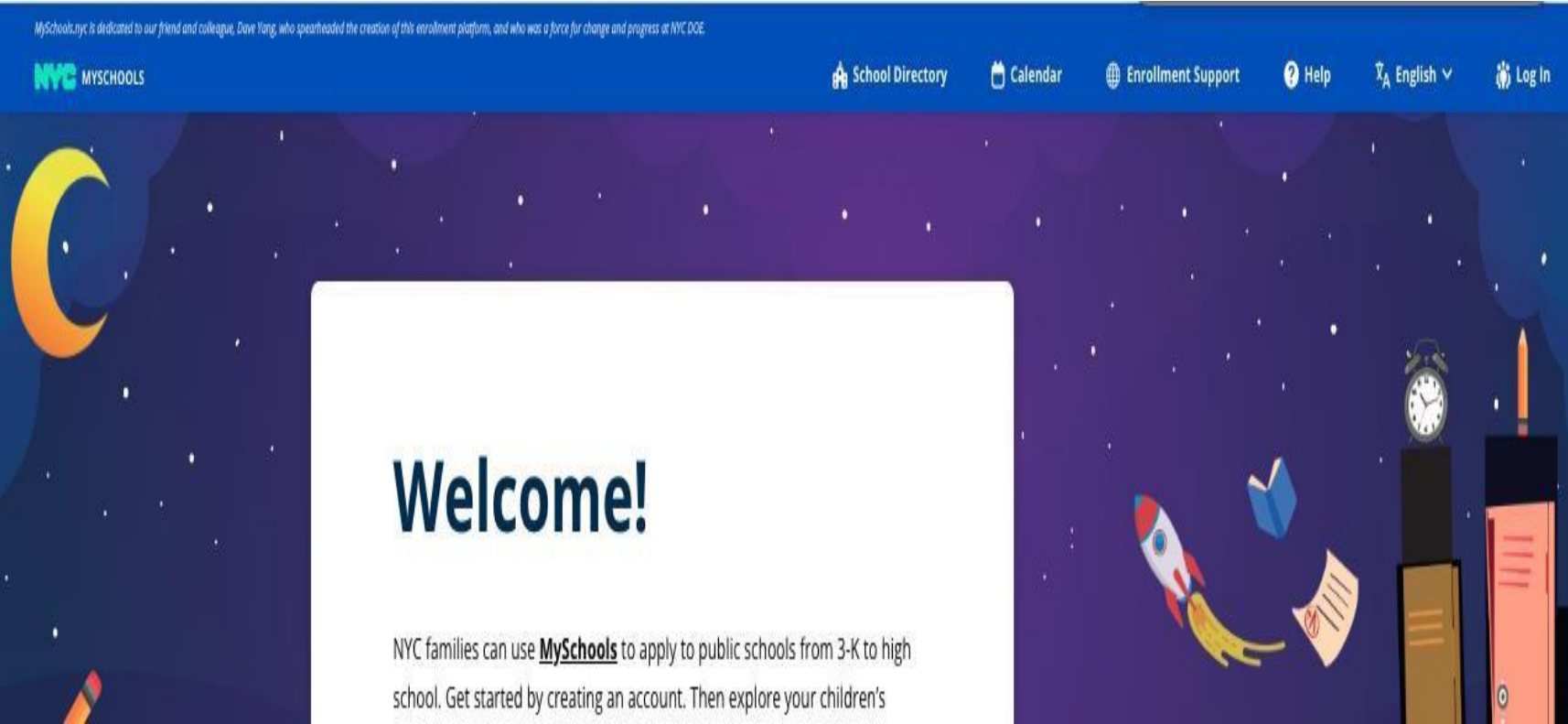
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Learn about Middle Schools | MySchools Events Calendar



Families, prospective students and school staff can view the Calendar on the welcome page at myschools.nyc by clicking button on top right.





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District 26 Middle School Open House Schedule

Attention all 5th grade parents and guardians in District 26!

The Middle School application period is from October 15 to December 12, 2025. Most students in District 26 attend their zoned Middle Schools. Families also have options to apply to a school outside their zone. Screened programs admit students based on their fourth-grade report cards. Districtwide programs admit students based on a lottery. Each District 26 Middle School will provide two Open House opportunities: a virtual event to provide you with information about program offerings and the MS application process, and an in-person event for families to visit the school.

Choice (Lottery) Schools			
Choice Middle School		Virtual Open House	In-Person Walkthrough
STEM Program Lottery	Louis Pasteur Middle School 67 51-60 Marathon Parkway, Douglaston 718-423-8138	Thursday, October 30 th 5:00 PM MS 67 Open House	Tuesday, November 25 th 5:00 PM
	P.S./I.S. 266 74-10 Commonwealth Blvd., Glen Oaks 718-479-3920	Monday, November 3 rd 5:30 PM PS/IS 266 Open House	Friday, December 5 th 5:30 PM

Zoned Middle Schools			
Zoned Middle School		Virtual Open House	In-Person Walkthrough
	Louis Pasteur Middle School 67 51-60 Marathon Parkway, Douglaston 718-423-8138	Thursday, October 30 th 5:00 PM MS 67 Open House	Tuesday, November 25 th 5:00 PM
	Nathaniel Hawthorne Middle School 74 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside 718-631-6800	Thursday, October 23 rd 6:00 PM MS 74 Open House	Tuesday, December 2 nd 5:00 PM
	Marie Curie Middle School 158 46-35 Oceania Street, Bayside 718-423-8100	Wednesday, November 5 th 6:00 PM MS 158 Open House	Monday, December 1 st 5:30 PM
	Irwin Altman Middle School 172 81-14 257 th Street, Floral Park 718-831-4000	Monday, November 17 th 5:30 PM MS 172 Open House	Monday, November 24 th 5:30 PM

Seat Groups

- Each middle school program has a set number of seats for incoming students.
- There are specific seats for general education students (GE), and students with disabilities (SWD).
- Applicants are automatically assigned to one group of seats based on the student's instructional program.



Students with Disabilities (SWD)

Receive special education instructional programming for more than 20% of their academic program.



General Education Students (GE)

Receive special education instructional programming for 20% or less of their academic program.

How do students get middle school offers?

Everyone receives **1 match**.

Students are waitlisted for choices above their offer/or can add to waitlists.

Choices on the Application

The programs you include in your child's application
AND **the order** in which they are placed

Seat Availability

The number of seats available for applicants

Admissions Priorities

The order in which groups of applicants are considered

Admissions Methods

How students are matched to seats



If there are more applicants to a program than seats available, students will be considered for offers in groups based on that program's admissions priorities.

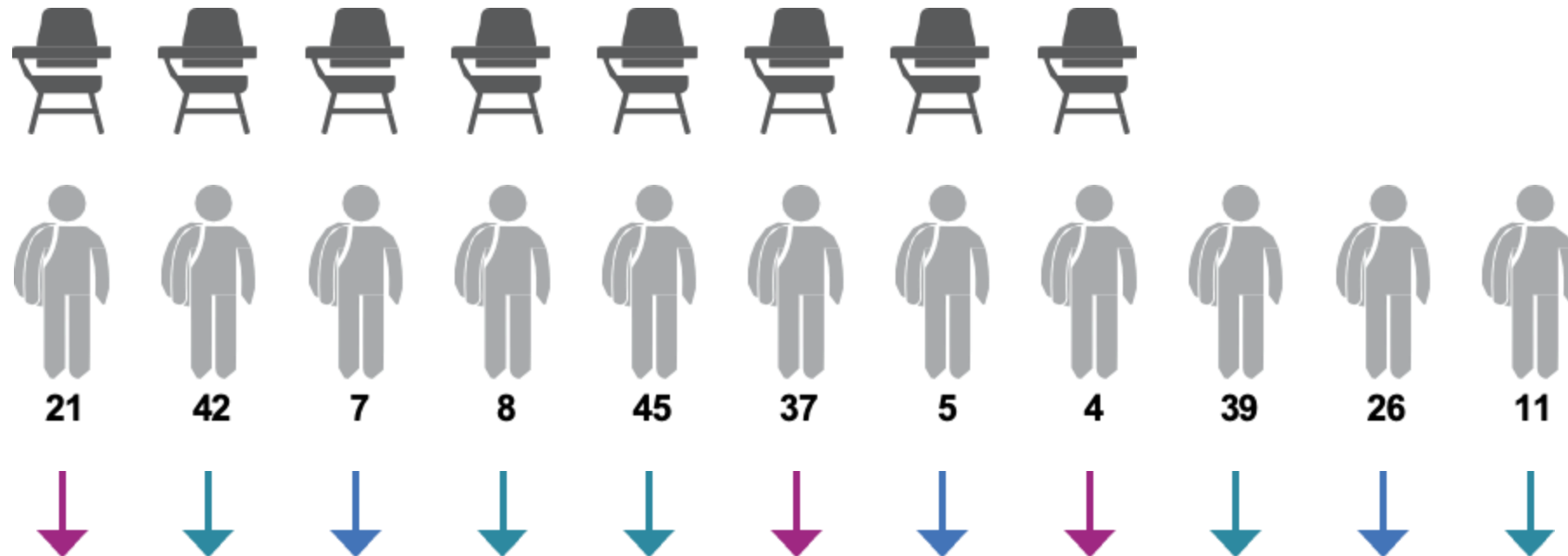
- All applicants in priority group 1 will be considered first.
- Then, if seats are still available, applicants in priority group 2 will be considered next, and so on.

A zone priority program will have a priority for zoned students. This means that all zoned applicants get offers before any non-zoned applicants. List your TOP Program as your #1 choice, then so on. Always list your Zoned school on the application.

- Example~ Chambers Street School has #8 available seats & #11 applicants

- Three priority groups

- **Priority Group 1:** Students who live in the middle school zone
- **Priority Group 2:** Students and residents of the district
- **Priority Group 3:** All NYC Students and Residents



As part of the admissions process, each applicant was assigned a random number.

PRIORITY GROUP 1

First, the applicants in priority group 1 are considered for offers. Since there are four of them and eight available seats, all priority 1 applicants get an offer to this program.

PRIORITY GROUP 2

Next, the applicants in priority group 2 are considered for offers. Four seats remain, and since there are only three applicants in priority group 2, all of them get offers.

PRIORITY GROUP 3

Finally, the applicants in priority group 3 are considered for offers. Only one seat is left. This means that students' **randomly assigned numbers** will determine who gets that offer.

Citywide school located in District 21 in Coney Island, Brooklyn | Offers 10 talent-area programs.

- Your child can apply and test or audition for up to **2** two talent areas that the school offers: this could be two audition programs, two talent test programs, or one of each.
- Admissions to the five visual and performing art programs, **Art, Media, Strings, Winds, and Vocal**, will be based on Virtual Auditions. Students will submit their audition material via "Additional Materials" in MySchools by **December 12**.
- The other talents, **Dance, Drama, Computer Math, Creative Writing/Journalism, Science, and Athletics** audition and tests will be held in person at Mark Twain. You must register to take the test and in-person audition add it to your application to be considered for the program. The deadline to register to test is **November 3**.
- Offers to these programs are made based on students' auditions or score on talent tests.

NYC Middle School Admissions

Video Series

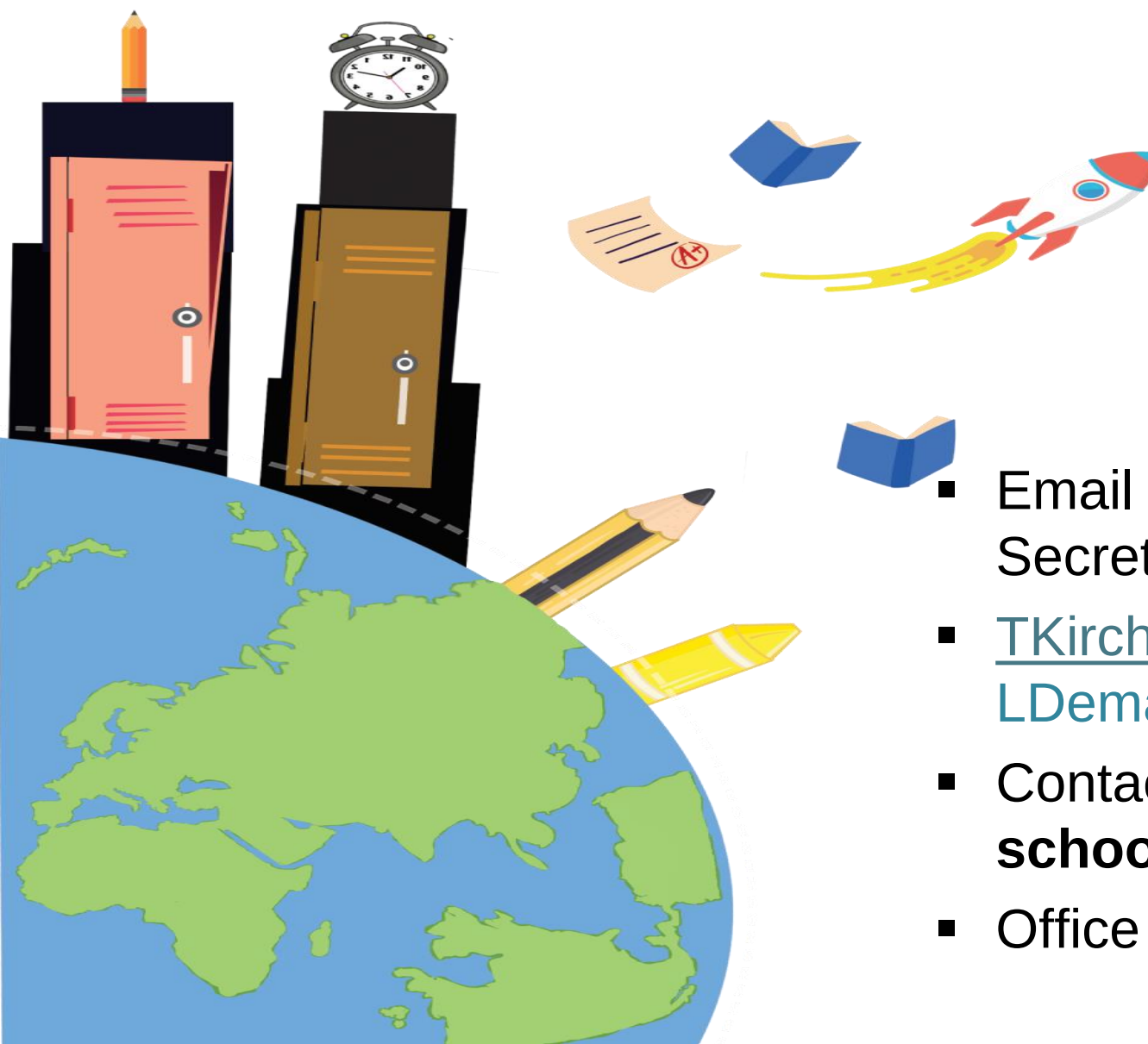


Offers will be available **April 15.**

- The Office of Student Enrollment will notify families and schools when offers are Available. I will also email all Grade 5 families
- Families will be **automatically waitlisted** at any programs ranked higher than the program to which the student received an offer.
 - *For example,* if a student gets an offer to their 2nd second choice program, they will be automatically waitlisted at their 1 choice program.

Thank you

Questions?

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- An illustration featuring a globe in the bottom left corner. Above the globe are two stacks of books, one orange and one brown, with a pencil and an alarm clock on top. To the right of the books are a blue folder, a piece of paper with a red 'A+' grade, and a rocket ship with a yellow and orange trail. Below the rocket ship is a blue folder and a yellow pencil.
- Email Parent Coordinator & Pupil Accounting Secretary
 - TKirchhofer@schools.nyc.gov
LDemarco3@schools.nyc.gov
 - Contact a Family Welcome Center | **schools.nyc.gov/WelcomeCenters**
 - Office of Student Enrollment | **718-935-2009**