



March 16h, 2020

Dear Parents,

With Mayor de Blasio's recent announcement that he is closing New York City public schools to combat the spread of coronavirus, I recognize you are eager to hear our plans for the future, as well. We will keep MAPCDS closed as long as the public schools are closed. Rev. Jenny McDevitt,, MAPC Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, has also closed the church and school building to all staff members until further notice. Unfortunately we have had this possibility in mind, and have been planning for a number of potential scenarios, including the possibility of an extended school closure, and it has become increasingly clear that the ongoing situation with COVID-19 necessitates such an action.

On Monday, March 30th, rather than returning to school, we will launch our Distance Learning Plan, and continue to provide connections for students and families until at least April 20th. You will receive more details about our Distance Learning Plan and the ongoing efforts of myself, and the Day School staff, to ensure the health and safety of our community. For now, please know that I regret the hardship such a closure presents for all of you, and am thinking of you and your children.

I hope you all have seen the recent upload on your classroom blog, the Norouz Puppet show. We recorded this puppet show last Wednesday. I hope you will watch alongside your children and be reminded that spring will bring us beautiful and big moments. As in the words of the puppet Grandma Lale, "Everyone experiences these moments in their own way...we all have one thing in common, we celebrate the miracle of life and the passing of winter, and the coming of spring."

Please reach out if you have any concerns, questions or just want to talk.

Best,

Laura Graham, Director
The Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School
921 Madison Avenue NY, NY 10021
212-288-9638
mapcds.org

Let's connect!

Facebook | Instagram | Twitter

