



# WILLIAM W. NILES MIDDLE SCHOOL 118

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February 22, 2021

Dear MS 118 families,

Our Group A and Group B students will return to school for in-person learning on Thursday, February 25th. Beginning February 25th, Groups A and B will combine to form our Group A in-person learning group. Our Remote learning students will continue in Group D. In-person students will attend school 8:30 - 2:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Students who are entitled to MetroCards may pick them up in Room 209 on February 25th. Students who receive bussing should review their NYCSA account for updated transportation information. All students will receive new programs for the Spring semester. The new schedules will be distributed on the morning of Wednesday, February 24th.

In partnership with our Parent Association, we have scheduled a Back to the Building virtual information session for Tuesday, February 23rd at 5:00 pm. This meeting is for the families of students who have been approved for in-person instruction. These students will return to the building on Thursday, February 25. A link to the meeting has been posted on the school website. You may also join the meeting by accessing the following link or by calling the number below and entering the meeting ID and passcode.

## ***Back to the Building Family Meeting***

**Tuesday, February 23rd @ 5:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82877978555?pwd=NXBIRVNaC05RdThhZ2xEajRyR2dUZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 7797 8555

Passcode: 899663

Dial In Number: (646) 558 - 8656

Thank you for choosing MS 118. Regardless of the challenges we may face as a community over the course of this school year, our staff is committed to ensuring that all students at MS 118 are engaged in meaningful and rigorous learning experiences. As always, If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at [10X118@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:10X118@schools.nyc.gov).

Best,

*Gary*

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## MS 118 Bell Schedule (Groups A & D)

8:30 - 9:15 AM	1st Period	45 minutes
9:17 - 10:02 AM	2nd Period	45 minutes
10:04 - 10:49 AM	3rd Period	45 minutes
10:51 - 11:36 AM	4th Period	45 minutes
11:38 - 12:23 PM	5th Period	45 minutes
12:25 - 1:10PM	6th Period	45 minutes
1:12 - 1:59 PM	7th Period	47 minutes
2:00 PM	<i>Student Dismissal</i>	EXIT 10
2:00 - 2:20 PM	<i>Teacher Office Hours</i>	20 minutes

### February and March 2021

February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26
Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 1:59 PM	Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 1:59 PM	Groups ABD Remote 8:30 - 1:59 PM	Group A School	Group A School
	<b>February 23rd Parent Association Back to School Family Meeting 5:00 PM</b>	<b>All In-Person students are now part of Group A.</b>		<b>All Remote students are part of Group D.</b>
March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School
Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote
March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Groups A and D Remote 8:30 - 11:30 AM Group D Remote	Group A School
Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	<b>March 11th Parent / Teacher Conference 12:20 - 2:20 PM 5:00 - 7:30 PM</b>	Group D Remote

		<b>March 10th School Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting 3:30 - 5:30 PM</b>		<b>Saturday, March 13th Parent Association Meeting 12:00-1:00 PM</b>
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School
Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote
March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26
Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School	Group A School
Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote	Group D Remote
March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2
<b>March 29th - April 2nd Spring Recess Schools Closed (School Offices will be Closed) Classes resume on April 5th</b>				

## GUIDANCE FOR A SAFE RETURN TO MS 118

I would like to thank all of MS 118 families for supporting the school's COVID-19 safety protocols. These protocols (temperature checks, staying home when students do not feel well, social distancing, and wearing masks) help us to maintain a safe environment for students and staff. When we return for in-school learning, it is important that we maintain these practices.

### When Is It Safe to Return to the School Building?

If you or your child tested positive for COVID-19, you or your child can return to school only after:

- Isolating for 10 days **AND**
- Being fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication **AND**
- Overall symptoms are improving

If you or your child showed symptoms but received a negative COVID-19 test, you or your child can return to school only after:

- Being fever free 24 hours without the use of medication **AND**
- Overall symptoms are improving

If you or your child never received a COVID-19 test but showed symptoms, you or your child can return to school only after:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started **AND**
- Being fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication **AND**
- Overall symptoms are improving

If you or your child is considered a close contact of a positive case, you or your child can return to school only after:

- Quarantining for 10-days since their last exposure to that case, regardless of COVID-19 test results
- Students in quarantine should participate in remote learning as possible.