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Dear BELL Families,

As we welcome the official last day of the 2025-26 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the BELL Family for a memorable and successful year.

In previous messages, I shared that some of our students were selected to participate in an oral history project, *Names, Not Numbers*, which included interviewing five Holocaust survivors. This unique project included learning filmmaking and interviewing techniques from professionals in the field and then applying their newly acquired skills to create an impactful documentary. You can access their amazing work by clicking on this link (or copy and paste into your browser):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10HZEb96qb8Sh3msbipNV0YfCEOpGxf9E/view>

We would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2026! It has been a true privilege serving as your principal for the past three years. It was a bittersweet graduation, but we are truly proud of all of you and your hard work. You started off as eager and enthusiastic 6th Graders and are leaving us as confident seniors who are very #BELLStrong! And, just to show you how strong you finished- 94% of our seniors successfully passed the Algebra 1 Regents, 91% passed the U.S. History Regents, 94% passed the Biology Regents, and 96% of our seniors successfully passed the Foreign Language Exam. Now that is what it means to be #BELLStrong! Please remember, you will always remain a valuable member of the BELL Family. Photos and a video from our graduation ceremony can be accessed by following us on Instagram at bellacademy_ms294.

Please note that final report card grades, including Regents scores applicable for 8th Grade students, will be available today. You may access your child's report card by logging into your New York City Schools Account (NYSCA) at <https://mystudent.nyc/>.

For upcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders, your new class information will be emailed by our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Lori, during the week of August 3rd. The official first day of school for the 2026-27 school year is Thursday, September 10th.

As we welcome a very well-deserved summer break, please remember these three things:

- 1) Maintain a healthy diet and lifestyle, including exercise. Enjoy a quiet walk around the park.
- 2) Keep an active mind. Read daily and engage your brain in meaningful ways.
- 3) **Limit your cellphone use** and connect with your friends.



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If you have any questions, you can contact anyone below over the summer and we will be sure to respond as soon as possible.

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Lori Belcastro, Parent Coordinator, at LBelcastro@schools.nyc.gov

For Special Education questions, Samantha Bhadha, Assistant Principal, at SBhadha@schools.nyc.gov

On behalf of the entire BELL family, we wish you all a happy, healthy, restful, and fun summer. Continue to stay #BELLStrong! #BELLFamily!

Sincerely,

David Abbott
Principal

