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*“Although we sail in these uncharted waters, we sail them together. We are not alone.  
It is with that understanding of community-- this PS 59 community--  
that I look forward to charting these new waters for and with you.”*

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Greetings PS 59 Families,

We continue to be together while we are apart during these new times. We've found a way to reinterpret having a "break" or "staycation". We've discovered ways to connect with our family and friends during celebrations, deep concerns and sorrows. As a school community and as a wider community, Staten Islanders and beyond, we have been discovering so many ways to bring our humanism to the forefront of what we face today.

For sure, there has been a rough moment or two that has made its appearance. When they occur, we've faced them and then discovered another way to give an apology or make it right. As humans, we are bound to have human moments-- it's how we persevere from them that will make the difference for you and those around you. For many of us, it will make the difference of how our children will learn to manage and persevere as well.

If you ever feel that the moments are becoming too frequent or too much, please seek assistance from our school or wider community. PS 59, Staten Island, New York is here for you with resources. Many I list on [our website](#) and on our [resource pages](#). Let's continue to be there for others- our children-- by making sure we are keeping ourselves well, too.

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**PS 59 is now a site for FREE Grab & Go Meals** <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals>

- Meals can be picked up at all Meal Hubs 7:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday
- Meals Hubs will operate for children and families from 7:30 am to 11:30 am, and for adults from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
  - ◆ No one will be turned away at any time
  - ◆ All adults and children can pick up three meals at one time
  - ◆ Vegetarian and halal options available at all sites
- No dining space is available, so meals must be eaten off premises
- Parents and guardians may pick up meals for their children
- No registration or ID required

Also, check out the DOE's **Remote Learning Survey**. One per household (oldest child). Let's be sure they hear from Staten Island! <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learn-at-home/remote-learning-survey>

Although our general meetings and activities have been cancelled, please look out for our **PTA hosted Coffee Hour** and **School Update session invites!**

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*“We May Encounter Many Defeats But We Must Not Be Defeated.” – Maya Angelou*

Heartfelt THANK YOU to our first responders and first line community members! EVERY EVENING at 7 pm please give a loud, 2-minute round of applause.

THANK YOU! TO OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY! Please continue to ADD a message of thanks, create a card and share it to our shared/public album as often as you'd like: Please see Learn at Home page.

May you and your family continue to  
Be Well,  
~Aja L Harris  
PTA President

== Please look out for weekly updates via email and posts to our website [theharborviewsschool.my-pto.org](http://theharborviewsschool.my-pto.org) ==

For current details of activities and events, please check out our website and PTA calendar at <http://www.theharborviewsschool.my-pto.org/> A to Z Connect, your PTA information portal for emails and postings sign up: [atozconnect.com/cls/login.php](http://atozconnect.com/cls/login.php)

**=== UPDATES & RESOURCES ===**

**All pending events have been cancelled for the remainder of School Year 2019-2020.**

**We look forward to moving forward with our community FUNdraisers and PS 59 PTA Events in the new school year. Thank you, all, for your contributions for SY19-20. I cannot WAIT to see you all this Fall!**

**Invites coming soon for scheduled PTA hosted Coffee Hour and School Update sessions. We look forward to sending them out and seeing you all in the virtual.**

**~Aja, President, PS 59 PTA**

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★ **Check out your child's Square 1 Art for this year! [shop.square1art.com/shop/](http://shop.square1art.com/shop/)**

Click on "Find Your Child's Art", and enter state, school name, and your child's name. Your child's art code will then appear. Once you enter your child's art code provided, you may then view your child's art, and order products! (Mobile Users: If you are already logged in to your Square 1 Art account, and do not see "Find Your Child's Art", scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page and click on "view full site" and the page will re-load and you will see "Find Your Child's Art".)

If you have questions, or need anything at all, please contact customer care at [service@square1art.com](mailto:service@square1art.com) or 888.332.3294x1 or contact Customer Care Online.

Stay Safe & Healthy, Chelsea Sydow, Art Teacher, PS 59 The Harbor View School, Square 1 Art school coordinator

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**→ Spring/Sibling/Senior Pictures 2020**

My Photos by Yearbook Innovations

If you have any questions regarding your photos, please take these steps:

- Call 718-761-7123
- Give your online code OR Student Name and PS 59
- State your question and someone will be available to assist you.
- If you get voicemail, please leave a message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Please note, they are limited in staff and are working to assist and respond with everyone as best as they can.

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**PTA General Meeting- cancelled.** We will email and post key details to families.

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Recognizing the importance of all our First Responders and all of those essential individuals who continue to be on the front line of this health crisis and providing services to our community. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Feel free to participate in the call to action from [NYC Council Member Debi Rose](#): If you are one of the thousands of Staten Islanders staying home to prevent the spread of COVID-19, thank you, too! I ask you to join me and New Yorkers across the city **EVERY EVENING at 7 pm to give a loud, 2-minute round of applause to all our essential workers.**

The PTA also would like to say **THANK YOU! TO OUR WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WE LOVE YOU PS 59!!!** We are asking our families to ADD a message of thanks here on a shared/public album that our school has received: Please see Learn at Home page.