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Hello PS 11 Families,

We are about to undergo a huge construction project at PS 11. Our building is nearing 100 years old and is in need of some external masonry work. This work is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 6th and is expected to be completed by June of 2021. Please see the letter on the other side of this page from the School Construction Authority.

Since this work is primarily external our entire building will be surrounded by scaffolding during the two year project. As a result of this, our "Roof" playground and our "Little Yard" playground will be closed. We are also expected to lose about 60 feet of our "Big Yard" playground. This work will not have any impact on our educational programming, but we are going to have to make some adjustments in scheduling for our recess and outdoor activities. We have worked hard to create new schedules to make sure that our students remain safe and have as little disruption as possible.

Beginning Monday, May 6th:

Our PreK students will now have recess directly following their nap time (about 1:30).

Kindergarten and First grade will not have any schedule changes.

Second graders will now have recess from 10:20-10:55 and will have lunch beginning just before 11am.

Second grade teachers will be reaching out to families regarding afternoon snacks for second graders.

Third graders will not have any schedule changes.

Fourth graders will now have Big Yard recess AND the lunchroom all to themselves! They will have the same lunch/recess schedule.

Fifth graders will have the same schedule but will have their recess in the 21st street play street. 21st street is closed to traffic from 8am to 4pm and designated as a play street. Although we don't regularly use this space (except for Field Day) we will now be taking advantage of this additional playground space.

We will be reviewing these new schedules over the next few months and modifying if we see the need.

Our amazing GIANT mural on the side of our playground is going to be removed as a part of this project...so get your photos now! We are hoping to replace it once the work is completed.

While, on the outside, PS 11 may look differently for the next two years, the inside will continue to be an amazing learning space for all our incredible students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Thank you!

Bob Bender
Principal