

Bronx Lighthouse College Preparatory Academy

November 16, 2015

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As many of you know BLCPA began implementing restorative practices into our discipline system at the beginning of this school year. The purpose of this program is to build a stronger community with excellent relationships between students and staff while maintaining high expectations and accountability for student behavior. Restorative practices help us reduce the number of suspensions and amount of lost class time, help students avoid repeating the same mistakes, and develop the social and emotional skills they will need in order to become college graduates.

Restorative practice uses logical consequences and focuses on “repairing harm” rather than punishment for wrongdoing. When something goes wrong in the classroom we can’t expect it to fix itself; we need to take action that allows students to learn from their mistakes. The student and teacher, and any other affected parties, must talk about what happened and figure out how to fix it and prevent it from happening again.

To make sure that students are accountable for their behavior and given every opportunity to “repair harm,” we will implement a new procedure on November 17 called After School Restoration. It is our hope that your scholar will never need to use this procedure, but in the event that s/he receives a discipline referral during the day, s/he will be required to stay at school from 4 - 4:30 to have a meeting with the teacher or staff member who issued the referral. During this meeting the teacher and student will discuss what happened, identify action steps to avoid it in the future, and get caught up on any missed classwork.

If your scholar is issued a referral, you will receive a phone notification that s/he will be required to stay after school. The staff member who issued the referral will personally follow up with you later (within 24 hours) to provide the details of the referral.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the school.

Sincerely,

Alix Duggins
Principal

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