

Principal's Desk



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are just weeks away from the new academic journey. I am delighted to welcome all students back to school for the 2023 - 2024 academic year at the Big Apple Academy, a nationally recognized Blue-Ribbon School. The faculty and staff have accomplished an impressive amount of work to prepare both school buildings for another year of learning and growth.

As usual, every new academic year comes with its innovations. And the academic year of 2023-24 is not an exception. Starting from the new academic year, the State of New York implements the system of electronic testing CBT. Students of grades 3,4,6 and 7 will still take statewide tests in the old paper format as has been practiced for decades, whereas students of grades 5 and 8 will transition to the new electronic format version.

Our school is undoubtedly ready to embrace a new format of testing as required by the state. Additionally, the school will provide vigorous training for students in grades 5 and 8 to ensure their smooth and successful transition to the electronic testing. Additionally, the administration of Big Apple Academy has decided to equip our fourth-grade students with personal computers to modernize and enhance their learning experiences. In January, our Tech Team will provide our fourth graders with the necessary training to access their online assignments and utilize their computers during instructional hours.

As of now, let me extend my special greetings to the parents of the 2023-2024 Kindergarten Class. Our first PTC Meeting for Kindergarten class is scheduled on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will stay in contact with our classroom and subject teachers to make your children's transition into school life smooth and enjoyable.

As we begin a new academic year, please remember that we sincerely welcome your parental involvement. Since we recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, we need your input to provide your children with the best education possible.

Best Regards,

Vlad Gorny

Principal

Big Apple Academy

