



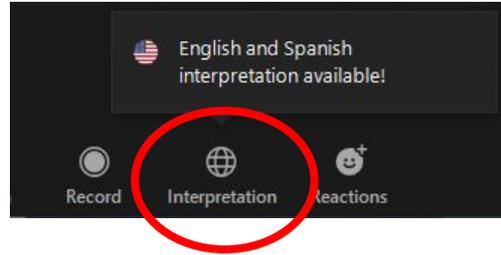
BROOKLYN
ARBOR
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Back to School Night

2021-22 School Year
September 9th 5pm

Si necesita traducción al español, favor de seguir los siguientes pasos:

1. Haga clic en el símbolo de globo



2. Selecciona "Spanish"

3. Poner en silencio el audio original.



"Homecoming"

2021-22

Year 10!

Our School

Grade Level	Number of Classes
PK	2
Kindergarten	3
First Grade	4
Second Grade	4
Third Grade	4
Fourth Grade	4
Fifth Grade	4
Self-contained bridge class	1

Overall	
# of classes	26
# of students	564
Students with Disabilities	20%
Multi Language Learners	11%
Class Size	17-27

Our Team

School Leaders- Eva Irizarry, Cristina Albarran, Sara Yerry

School Secretary- Elizabeth Ortega

Parent Coordinator-Maria Molina

School Nurse-Luz Lopez

5 Specialists

- Ian Rogers and Jacqueline Leighton, PE Specialists
- Maryanne Michelangeli, Art Specialist
- Elizabeth Shapiro, Music Specialist
- Beth Reed, Wellness Specialists

34 Classroom Teachers

- General education teachers
- Dual language teachers
- Special education teachers

10 Service Providers

- IEP Team (School Psychologist, Social Worker, Guidance Counselor, Family Worker, IEP Teacher)
- English as a New Language Teacher
- Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Therapists

11 Paraprofessionals

3 School Aides



Our New Staff Members

Brigid McGlynn, Grade 1

Eunice Lee, Grade 2 ICT

Roxana Ochoa, Grade 3 DL

Ricardo Ortiz, Grade 3 ICT

Nechy Marte, Grade 5 Science/Social Studies

Maryanna Michelangeli, Art

Elizabeth Shapiro, Music

Magali Rosado, Paraprofessional



Our Universal Literacy Coach

Wilson Lam

- Full Time
- Supporting new and seasoned teachers in grades K-2
- Fully funded by the NYC Department of Education



Student Teachers



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The City University of New York



Returning Programs and Initiatives



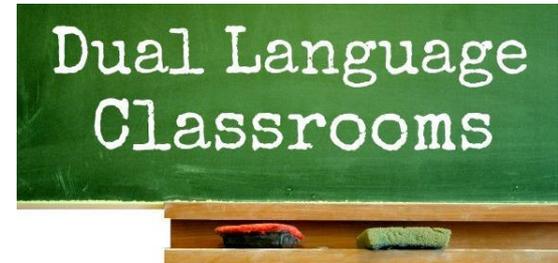
**Grade 5
Departmentalization**



CookShop



CookShop is a program of
the Food Bank For New York City



More Great News!

As a result of winning the Participatory Budget vote in 2019, we will finally be getting our technology upgrade this fall!

Countless DonorsChoose proposals have been fully funded!

Our lunchroom has been fully repainted.

The exterior staircase has been restored.



Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and More!



At Brooklyn Arbor, our goal is to provide an inclusive, positive environment and culture where all adults and children feel safe, welcomed and celebrated. Some examples of Brooklyn Arbor's inclusive practices include:

- The use of gender neutral lines and groupings (e.g. no girls line/boys line).
- Addressing the whole class or groups of students as "mathematicians, artists, readers" etc. as opposed to "boys and girls", "ladies and gentlemen", etc.
- Not assuming everyone has the same family structure.
- Challenging and responding to casual pejoratives, slurs, bigoted jokes and bias. Monitoring students' language and encouraging sensitivity, tolerance and acceptance.
- Having a buddy bench for students who may have trouble making friends or feel alienated.
- Teachers monitoring grouping and choice activity times to ensure that students are not segregating themselves.
- Having an Equity Team to address issues that come up and work to create a tolerant, safe school community and climate for all.
- Using examples, math problems, scenarios, etc that involve a variety of family structures, cultural references, gender-expressions, etc.
- Not having a separate dress code for boys/girls.
- Not offering boy/girl specific graduation garb, gifts or choices.
- Making a gender neutral bathroom available.
- Being mindful to avoid hetero-normative or gender normative terms, viewpoints or images.
- Expanding students' knowledge of diversity by exposing them to varied literature or engaging in supportive classroom conversations.
- Addressing students by the name and pronoun that corresponds to their gender identity.
- Staff attending regular training around Implicit Bias, Culturally Responsive Teaching, Disproportionality, etc.
- Stocking our school library and Guidance Department with a variety of books that include topics such as diversity, exploring non-traditional gender roles, bullying, empathy, etc.

Our Commitment to Health & Safety

Covid 19 Protocols

2021-22

Vaccination

All DOE employees, including school-based staff, will be required to be vaccinated. DOE employees will be required to provide proof that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination by September 27, 2021.

Health Screening

Every student and staff member must complete the Health Screening Form (healthscreening.schools.nyc) prior to entering the school building each day. Anyone entering the building must confirm that they are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have not recently tested positive, and are not currently required to quarantine based on close contact with an infected person.

- If you need a thermometer to check for a fever at home, you can request one from us.
- If a student or staff member is feeling ill, they must stay home and get tested, which is an effective way of protecting the whole school community.
- Every school will have a nurse on staff to whom students can report if they are feeling ill.

Visitor Policy

Brooklyn Arbor will make every effort to address all visitor and parent concerns by phone, email and/or virtual meetings to limit the number of visitors entering the building.

Effective 9/13, all visitors entering a DOE school must show proof of vaccination. Visitors will also be asked to present their identification and complete the health screening. All visitors must also wear a face covering at all times while in the building.

Students with Symptoms While at School

- Students showing one or more COVID-19 symptoms (fever of 100.0 degrees F or higher or chills, new cough, new loss of taste or smell, and/or, new shortness of breath, will be assessed by the school nurse.
- The student's guardian will be called to pick up the child.
- Upon arrival of the student's guardian, the school will provide a "Sent Home With Symptoms" letter with the guardian, and advise the student to visit a doctor and get tested for COVID-19.

Face Coverings



All students and staff must wear a face covering when riding on school buses and anywhere on school property, indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status, unless they have a medical exemption.

Every school will have a supply of masks on hand for children and adults should they need them.

During lunchtime, masks may be removed so students can eat comfortably at a safe distance from one another. Masks are also removed during PK nap time. Masks may also be removed during designated “mask breaks”, during which students will maintain physical distance from each other.

Masks with valves, bandanas and gaiters are not permitted.

Physical Distancing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *“recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as screening testing.”*

During meal service, schools will use outdoor spaces and additional spaces in school buildings where possible to support physical distancing. Meals may be served in multiple locations and during multiple time periods.



Ventilation and Cleaning

Good ventilation is essential to prevent COVID-19.

Over the past year and a half, ventilation in every single classroom across the city has been inspected, updated, and repaired as needed. Every DOE room in use by students and staff for extended periods of time have fully operational ventilation through either natural, mechanical, or a combination of means. As an added precaution, every classroom across New York City has been provided with two HEPA purifiers. Larger spaces, such as our cafeteria have two large HEPA units for added protection and window-based exhaust fans to provide additional air circulation. These measures meet or exceed guidance from the CDC.

Rooms that do not have adequate ventilation, will not be used.

Cleaning and Hygiene

All classrooms and common areas, such as auditoriums and gyms will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes available. Students will have the opportunity to wash and sanitize their hands frequently throughout the school day.

“High-touch” areas such as doorknobs and water fountains will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day, and each classroom will be deep cleaned and disinfected daily using electrostatic technology.

Covid Testing in Schools

Regular COVID-19 testing provides school communities and public health experts with valuable information. Continuing the successful safety practices of last year, there will be regular testing for COVID-19 in our schools.

Every school will have ten percent of unvaccinated individuals who have submitted consent for testing in their school population tested biweekly. This way, if there is a positive case, action can be taken right away to protect the school community. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to be tested. It is important that you provide consent for your child to participate in the in-school testing program. You can fill out the form in your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA), or download the form online at schools.nyc.gov/covidtesting.

Medically Necessary Instruction

Every year, there are some students with medical conditions that necessitate interim educational services outside of the school building. These services are offered for school-aged children (from 3K to grade 12) in all five boroughs, and can include individual in-person instruction by a certified teacher, or individual and small group instruction through digital platforms.

Taking COVID-19 into consideration, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has determined that students who have one of the following conditions would be approved for home instruction:

• Active Cancer • Chronic Renal Diseases • Sickle Cell • Gastro/Crohn's Disease • Thalassemia • Leukemia • Metabolic Disorders • Heart Conditions • Muscular Dystrophy • Adrenal Disorder • Cystic Fibrosis • Liver Disease • Tumor • Congenital Lung Disease • Congenital Heart Condition • Lymphoma • Cerebral Ataxia • Seizures • Stroke • Multiple Sclerosis

Any family with a student who is immunocompromised due to a medical condition or treatment for a medical condition may apply for medically necessary instruction. Applications from families with any condition not listed will undergo review to determine eligibility. For additional information about the application process and eligibility, please visit homeinstructionschools.com.

Positive Cases

We will do everything possible to make sure our classrooms are equipped to be safe. However, there may be times when your child is asked to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.

Here are the quarantine protocols:

- In the event there is a positive case in a classroom, all students in the class will be instructed to quarantine for **10** calendar days. Students will continue to receive instruction while they quarantine.
- Schools will be closed only when it is determined by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) that there is widespread transmission in the school.

*General Routines,
Procedures and Policies*

Morning Arrival

- School **STARTS** at 8:30am. Students should arrive to school to begin lining up between 8:10-8:29am.
- Do not double park on South 3rd or Keap Street. Emergency vehicles and school buses need full access.
- Once the gates are closed, students must enter through the Main Entrance and get a late pass. Parents cannot escort students into the building.
- Lock up bikes, strollers and scooters **outside** school gates.
- Be prepared for the weather! Send students to school with an umbrella or raincoat. Dress in warm layers when it is cold. Arrival happens outside **RAIN OR SHINE**.



Dismissal

-Dismissal takes place daily between 2:40-2:50pm (same location as morning arrival).

-If you arrive after 2:50pm and are late to pick up your child, you will need to enter through the Main Entrance and sign your child out. Please do not make picking up your child late a regular occurrence.

-Be prepared for the weather! Send students to school with an umbrella or raincoat. Dress in warm layers when it is cold. Dismissal happens outside RAIN OR SHINE.

-Caretakers must stay behind the yellow lines and cones while waiting for your child's class in the yard.

-Please avoid lengthy conversations with your child's teacher if they still have other students waiting to be picked up.

-For the safety of your child, avoid last minute changes in dismissal plans. Keep consistent routines.

Lunch and Recess

Supervisor in Charge

- Kindergarten/First Grade: Sara Yerry
- Second Grade/Third Grade: Eva Irizarry
- Fourth Grade/Fifth Grade: Cristina Albarran

Each lunch and recess period is supervised by a team of 8-10 staff members.



Lunch Reminders:

- Students who do not bring lunch from home, will be provided with a school lunch at no cost.
- Students will be distanced 3 feet while eating side to side and 6 feet if facing one another across a table.
- We have chilled water available for all students.
- We do not serve chocolate milk.
- If students do not want the served meal, they can ask for an alternative (usually a PB&J or cheese sandwich).
- Students have approximately 20 minutes to eat.
- Please make sure students can open their own containers.
- Students will sanitize their hands before eating.

Recess Reminders:

- Our PA Funded Recess Enhancement Coach, Coach Sean, will offer structured games for interested students.
- Students go outside ALL year long. Dress for the weather!
- We only keep students inside if a note or email has been sent to school about a medical condition or injury.
- Support your child at home by practicing shoelace tying.

School Clothes

School Clothes are required each and every day: Green or white top/Khaki bottom

In addition to the sale this morning, school clothes will be on sale again tomorrow at school starting at 9am.



From Maria Molina!



- Label your child's belongings with a permanent marker. Check the Lost and Found often.
- Check your child's hair regularly for lice. Always report lice or nits to the Main Office.
- Fill out your "Income Eligibility Form" (paper form or online).
- School Clothes are required daily! Green/white tops and khaki bottoms. New designs and polo tops sold through the PA regularly.
- If you need any bus information, please contact her. parents@brooklynarbor.org
- Update your NYC Schools Account. <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I talk to about busing? Maria Molina, Parent Coordinator

Who do I ask about St. Nicks afterschool program? Sandra Serva, Site Director

Who can help me with medication for my child? Luz Lopez, School Nurse

Who should I reach out to for school merchandise, volunteering, and fundraising? The Brooklyn Arbor PA

If I have questions about the Dual Language program? Sara Yerry, AP/Dual Language Supervisor

If I need to change my home address, who can I ask? Elizabeth Ortega, School Secretary

I have questions about Special Education, who should I talk to? Cristina Albarran, AP/Special Education Supervisor



- Operoo will replace SchoolCNXT this year.
- We will use Operoo as our primary communication tool. It is essential that every family register.
- As of today, 300 out of 600 parents have signed up. Please check your texts/in-boxes for activation emails.
- All forms will now be fully digital via Operoo. This includes the blue card, trip permission slips, media consent, and more!

Stay Connected

- Sign up with Operoo to receive information from your child's teacher and schoolwide updates.
- Check your child's backpack for letters/notices.
- Check out our website at www.brooklynarbor.org.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!
- See us daily at arrival and dismissal.
- Email your child's teacher(s).
- Email leadership@brooklynarbor.org with concerns.
- Attend monthly PA meetings: First meeting will be held Tuesday, September 21st at 6pm.

