



Staying Connected with Winners' Academy

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Dear Winners' Academy Families,

We know that the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the events that have followed this past 2 weeks are shocking. As educators, we strive to frame conversations surrounding equity as being part of our overall mission. In the words of The Aspen Institute, "*Rather than being pursued as two separate bodies of work, the field needs to identify ways in which equity and social, emotional, and academic development can be mutually reinforced.*"

Like all of us, your family may be experiencing emotions like sadness and anger, and are trying to make sense of the senseless.

As a community, we must think about how we can inspire hope and instill perseverance in the face of such adversity, while nurturing success for all of the children of Winners' Academy. In short, how can we maintain optimism even in the most difficult of times? As educators and community members, we hold the power to shape the environment for our children. All children have a better chance of being optimistic about their futures when they are given the opportunity to lead, to be heard, or to tackle a problem and succeed. Then, with that experience, they have proof that they possess the potential to achieve future success.

At Winners' Academy, we are committed to providing all students with equitable opportunities to excel physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually spiritually and academically. Our educational community has a strong culture of equity and excellence. We do not only teach about diversity, we practice it. By embracing the landscape of diversity found in our community, we stay on the forefront of the movement of equality for all.

We know many of you are overwhelmed right now as we close out the school year. The challenges of these last few months can seem unbearable at times. Please know you are not alone. To help make sense of what you are experiencing right now, please consider the following supportive resources for students, families and educators:

- [Racism and Violence: How to help kids handle the news](#)
- [NPR What to Say to Kids When the News is Scary](#)
- [Helping Children Cope: Talking Tips for Talking About Tragedy](#)
- [Talking to Children about Tragedies and Other News Events](#)
- [Helping Youth After Community Trauma](#)
- [Facing History and Ourselves](#)

Be well, and take care of each other.
Sincerely,

Djenane Bazile
Director

JUST A REMINDER!

Winners' Academy will re-open on July 6, 2020.

Please contact us if your child will not be attending this summer.

Please email us at thedirector@wacademyny.com, Call 516-292-5050/text 516-415-4920 for more info.

In effort to implement social distance, SPACE WILL BE LIMITED

Please find attached the registration form. Fill out and mail back with registration fee of \$100 by:
June 20, 2020

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