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Dear 42 Community,

These past two weeks have brought out both the best and the worst of us, from the successful space launch to the tragic death of George Floyd. As an educator, I hold firm to the belief that education is the best remedy and defense against racism, ignorance, and complacency. As educators, we will do our best to support our students as they learn to navigate these current events. The children of PS 42 will be the change in this world. They will have lived through the recent experiences that will help them be the change.

Our teachers will survey the students about events that have occurred this past weekend and let that guide our teaching and discussion. We will present the facts, whether it's about the space shuttle launch, COVID-19 news, or the protests. If a student presents a question that we cannot answer, we will take the stance of finding an answer together or maybe realizing there is no answer.

We will do our best to ensure that our students in the 42 environment will be safe even while remote learning. Please reach out to us if you have any questions and concerns.

I leave you with this quote, which greets you as you walk up the main staircase at PS 42.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

Sincerely,
May W Lee
Principal