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Red Hook decides to replace a struggling elementary school with a new middle school

After fighting for years to lift test scores and enrollment, the school community decided to refocus their advocacy and transform P.S. 676 into something families had been promised years ago: A middle school with a maritime theme.



NYC's first day of school this fall is Monday, Sept. 13

This year, the start is later because schools are closed for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which falls on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Labor Day.



This lockdown wasn't a drill. Here's what the next four hours looked like in my classroom.

We pushed through fear, hunger, and boredom. There were no bathrooms in sight.

What We're Reading

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[Schools chancellor visits her alma mater for Teacher Appreciation Week](#) **NY1**

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[Schools are sending kids to virtual classes as punishment. Advocates say that could violate their rights.](#) **NBC News**

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