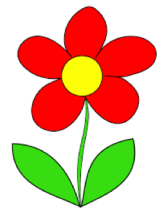


The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Ms. Komar and Ms. Hession



Parent Newsletter – May 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We will be revisiting our Ready Gen Legend unit. The students will be studying different types of legends through plays, poems and short stories. The students will be constructing their own legends using different pieces as mentor texts. The students will include different sensory details and story features in their pieces.

Math:

Students will continue to work on Unit 9 of the Go Math curriculum. This unit focuses on decimal notation, reading and writing of decimals, comparing and contrasting the value of decimals and recognizing the correlation of decimals and fractions. Later in the month students will continue their study of Unit 12 of Go Math. Students will be reviewing patterns within the Metric System/US Customary Units.

Social Studies:

We will also begin to discuss the challenges the colonists faced establishing their new country. The students will learn about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the branches of government.

Science

This month the students will continue practicing for the Science Statewide Exam, which will be administered next month. The topics they will be focusing on include energy, movement, electricity, magnets, and measurement.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: Students are on a journey through "The Music Connection" (Grade 4). They are increasing their notation reading skills and focusing on bettering their vocal technique to prepare for possible 5th grade performance electives in the future.

Ms. Hession's class is learning how to read the music staff through folk songs in their textbook "The Music Connection", as well as using interactive smart board note reading games. They are working on folk songs from around the world throughout the year.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will be working on proper use of singing voice, working in concentric circles, recorder study with B, A, G, Low E, and Low D, and learning 3 new recorder pieces.

Ms. Granatelli: Students in Class 420 will begin the visual arts component with exploring how to draw and paint their self-portrait.

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/2 – PEP Your Time

5/2, 5/3, & 5/4 – NYS Math Exams

5/7 – PTA hosts Mother/Son Bowling at Showplace

5/9 – PEP: Tough Topic – Suicide

5/12 – PTA hosts Spring Plant Sale and Fair

5/16 – PEP Your Time

5/16 – Spring Concert (Middle School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/18 – Petrides Street Fair, 5:00-8:00pm

5/18 – Spring Concert (High School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/23 – PEP: Topic – How to create and keep a positive home environment

5/23 – Visit your child's classroom, 10:00am

5/25 – 4th Grade Bowling Trip to Showplace

5/29 – Memorial Day – No School

5/30 – PEP Your Time

Looking Ahead...

6/2 – Ballroom Dancing Culminating Event (Auditorium)

6/7 – Step Up Ceremony, 7:00pm (Auditorium)

6/13 – 4th Grade Luau Party (Kids only), 6:00-8:00pm.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please make sure that your child continues to read and log each day.
- Please remember to check the red folders (take home folders) daily. There are many forms and notices sent home which need your attention. Please empty the folder once a week so that it is easy to identify new information.
- We will continue to have Ballroom Dancing each Wednesday and Thursday. Please remind your child to wear appropriate footwear on those days. Stay tuned for further information regarding our Ballroom Dancing Show and Competition.

PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated.

Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00-3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children's folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th.

Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

"We are so proud of all of the fourth grade students for their hard work and commitment while preparing for our ELA and Mathematics Assessments!"

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A Note From Ms. Caccese

Hello Families,

Spring has sprung...let's get outside and enjoy that sunshine! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year...let's stay focused and bright until then.

We are proud to open our classroom doors to include parents in the exciting learning that is happening at the Petrides School. We would love for you to observe and be a part of some of the special styles and ways your children learn through each day. This includes things like station style learning, small groups/centers and partner work using classroom resources and tools. We encourage you to visit your child's classroom on the grade's assigned date and time included below:

Kindergarten: Monday, May 22nd @ 9:00AM

1st Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 12:00PM

2nd Grade: Thursday, May 25th @ 9:00AM

3rd Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 12:45PM

4th Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 10:00AM

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and as always we appreciate YOU and your involvement in our special school!
Ms. Caccese



