



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

April 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Luckily, April is filled with events as we patiently await the spring weather.

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Tuesday evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! There are two sessions remaining for **Math only on April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018.**

Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and Thursday, April 12, 2018. I encourage all students to get a good night sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don't forget to wear your glasses, if needed, and RELAX.** As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child's schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The end of the third marking period is **April 12, 2018.**

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on April 20, 2018. Our ceremony will be held in May. The date will be forthcoming.

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8th grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. I have also attached a copy of the seventh grade CITIFIELD permission slip. These are also posted on our school's website for your easy reference.

I want to thank all of the families supporting our school uniform policy and look forward to seeing 100% participation during the remainder of the school year. Please remember **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days or SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR any day.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring break and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – We are in the home stretch in our preparations for the NY State ELA exam! The students will be reading the novel *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. They will also continue to expand their vocabulary skills through Wordly Wise activities.

Math – This month the students will convert customary units of length, capacity and weight. They will convert metric units of length, capacity and mass, create and understand line plots and classify plane figures. The students will also continue to prepare for the NY State Math exam.

Science – We “travel around the globe” exploring the different environments that exist on our planet and learn how plants and animals adapt to live and thrive in each one. We continue to do our investigations and labs to reinforce our hands-on learning. The students will begin soil preparation and plantings for our in-class garden.

Social Studies – In April the students will examine how specific individuals, documents, battles and geography shaped the outcome of the American Revolution. They will work to complete an in class packet that includes tasks such identifying the cause and effects the British taxation had on the American Colonies, analyzing political cartoons, identifying different viewpoints leading up to the war and answering text dependent questions based on primary and secondary sources.



Test/Projects Dates

- Apr 9th – ELA Spring Break packet due
- Apr 10th – Math Spring break packet due
- Apr 11th & 12th – NY State ELA exam
- Apr. 13th - Science Fair exposition topic is due
- Apr 20th - Science Fair Exposition “2 sources” is due
- Apr 24th – Math Cumulative exam

Science test/project dates will be announced.



REMINDERS!

Come prepared to Math class daily with Test Prep packets, Buckle Down book, Pearson book and GM Packets. Check daily REMIND texts to keep updated on all Math work.

Please come prepared to ELA class with sharpened pencils.

The NY State ELA exam is on April 11th and 12th.
Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

The NY State Math exam is on May 1st and 2nd.
Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

The Science Fair exposition topic is due Friday, April 13th. The Science Fair Exposition “2 sources” is due Friday, April 20th. The final Project and research are due May 22nd. Our Science Fair Exposition will be on May 23rd. Details will follow.

Students are encouraged to continue their learning experience by researching more about the Revolutionary War by visiting websites such as History.com, PBS.org, Ducksters.com or socialstudiesforkids.com.

Required Reading



ELA – *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Math – Pearson Topic 13-15; Buckle Down Units 4-5; Review all Buckle Down units; GoMath Chapters 10 & 11

Science – We complete our reading of the novel “My Side of the Mountain” in class and create our own “Wilderness Survival Guides’ for woodland forests.

Social Studies - Students will work with a variety of primary and secondary sources as well as reading “George vs. George the American Revolution as seen from Both Sides” by Rosalyn Schanzer

School Closing
Mar 30th through Apr 6th
Spring Break



The Petrides School



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7
8	9 ELA Spring Break packet due	10 Math Spring Break packet due	11 NYS ELA Exam	12 End of 3 rd Marking Period NYS ELA Exam	13 Science Fair Exposition topic due	14
15	16	17 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	18	19	20 Science Fair Exposition "2 resources" due	21
22	23	24 Math Cumulative exam Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Important Upcoming Dates

- May 1st - 2nd-NYS Math Exam**
- May 22nd - Science Fair Projects and Research due**
- May 23rd - Science Fair Exposition**
- May 23rd - Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- May 28th -School Closed: Memorial Day**