



The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

DECEMBER 2017



Dear Parents of students in grades 5 – 8,

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season. Mr. Gary Giordano and the National Junior Honor Society are hosting our annual Secret Sandy Toy Drive. Toys are distributed to families in need throughout Staten Island. Toys are being collected from now until December 13, 2017. We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Our Box Top for Education program is well underway. NJHS members are collecting box tops regularly. I have attached an easy collection sheet for you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

National Junior Honor Society applications for new members are now available in my office, room B217. An application and guidelines for entrance is included in this packet. NJHS accepts students in grades 6, 7 and 8. I have arranged for students to obtain their community service hours here at school. Students who wish to earn their service hours at school must join our PAL after-school program. NJHS will meet every Wednesday and work on community service projects during that time.

With the excitement of the upcoming holiday celebrations, we have a packed December calendar. The following **Parents as Partners** events are scheduled:

Class 555 will host “Snowman Math” on December 18, 2017 at 10:30 am

Grade 6 students will host a Publishing Party on December 18, 2017

Class 620 – 8:45 am – 9:15am

Class 621 – 12:45 am – 1:15 am

Class 622 – 10:00 am – 10:30am

Our High School Humanities Academy will be hosting our annual College Fair for seventh grade students on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in the student cafeteria. Seventh graders will complete a “College Access for All” activity when at the fair. Parents are invited to attend a College meeting presented by Ms. Carol Dennison, our school’s college advisor at that time.

We will have a performance by the Harlem Magic Masters (a basketball entertainment group) on Friday December 15, 2017. On Tuesday December 19, 2017 we will have a Jazz presentation by The Temple of the Arts. A permission slip for all December activities with more detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our annual Winter Concert for students in grades 6 – 8 is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 and our Holiday Fair is December 8, 2017.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you during our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. I am so happy to hear you will be using Pupilpath.com for ongoing information about your child’s academic progress. Login information was distributed last month. If you need any help using Pupilpath.com please email Mr. Doctor at ADoctor@schools.nyc.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. School will be closed from December 25, 2017 until January 1, 2018. **Classes resume January 2, 2018.** If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal, Middle School

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – The students will continue to read *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan and paired non-fiction passages/articles focusing on social issues. During writing workshop, the students will begin to write explanatory/informative pieces.

Math – The students will multiply decimals by 10, 100 or 1,000; estimate the product of a decimal and a whole number. They will multiply money, multiply two decimals and solve multi-step problems. The students will then begin dividing decimals.

Science – This month the students will continue their hands-on learning of VARIABLES. We will explore flight, aviation and airplane basics as a vehicle of study to strengthen our understanding of how independent, dependent and controlled variables relate. December is our month to SOAR into SCIENCE!

Social Studies - During the month of December the students will continue to examine the impact Hudson's exploration had on history.



Test/Projects Dates

Dec 1st – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 5
 Dec 6th - Science Quiz (Open Book)
 Dec 8th – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 6
 Dec 8th – Math exam: Multiplying decimals
 Dec 13th - Science Exam (Open Book)
 Dec 15th – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 7
 Dec 20th – SS Packet quiz
 Dec 22nd – ELA Complex text
 Jan 3rd – Math winter Break Packet due
 Jan 5th – Math exam: Dividing decimals

Please check student agendas and my REMIND Texts for Science test and homework dates.



REMINDERS!

Sign up for REMIND to receive daily announcements in ELA. Please make sure your child has post-its.

Bring in your Math Packets and sharpened pencils daily to Math class. Use your online resources to reinforce skills taught in class – www.pearsonsuccessnet.com and www.Thinkcentral.com.

Email Ms. McDonald if you are experiencing difficulty joining REMIND. If there are any community enrichment ideas (guest speakers, etc.) that you have to add to our study of aviation and flight, please email them to Ms. McDonald at Cmcdonald2@schools.nyc.gov

Required Reading



ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan; *An Angel for Solomon Singer* by Cynthia Rylant; Various non-fiction articles; *Baseball in April* and other stories by Gary Soto

Math – GoMath Ch. 4 & Ch. 5; Pearson Topic 6, & 7; Buckle Down Unit 2-Lesson 13 & 14

Science – We will be reading informational texts, biographies, autobiographies and even plays that celebrate the lives and works of historical aviators. We will research and create a timeline of the history of aviation in class.

School Closing

Dec 25th – Jan 1st

Winter Recess

School resumes January 2nd, 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 5 Science Club Group 1(Pd 6) TOY DRIVE Begins	B2
3	4	5	6 Science Quiz (Open Book)	7	8 ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 6 Math exam: Multiplying decimals Science Club Group 1(Pd 6) Holiday Fair	9
10	11	12	13 Science Exam (Open Book) TOY DRIVE Ends	14 Winter Concert 7:00pm	15 ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 7 Harlem Magic Masters performance	16
17	18	19 Assembly: Temple of the Arts	20 SS Packet quiz	21	22 ELA Complex text Science Club Group 1(Pd 6)	23
24 /31	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30
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Important Upcoming Dates:
 January 2nd, School resumes
 January 3rd - Math Winter Break Packet due
 January 5th - Math exam: Dividing decimals
 January 15th - Schools closed: Martin Luther King Jr. day
 January 29th - End of 2nd Marking Period

