



# The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

# January 2018



*"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful new year. I hope 2018 brings you nothing but good things. We certainly have some exciting things planned for January! Our second annual Holiday Classic was a big success as was the educational/entertaining performance by Temple of the Arts and the Harlem Magic Masters! The children had lots of fun and it was certainly the perfect way to enjoy the holiday season.

The Middle School teachers have scheduled the following opportunities for you to visit and spend some time with us during the month of January. Please note the dates here:

Grade	Class	Date	Time/Period	Parents as Partners Workshop
7	720	January 23, 2018	10:30 – 11:00 am	Rise Up Investigating through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	721	January 23, 2018	9:45 – 10:15 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
7	722	January 23, 2018	8:15 – 8:45 am	Rise Up Investigation through the Lens of Hamilton the Musical
8	820	January 10, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	821	January 8, 2018	8:30 – 9:30 am	Microscope Stations
8	822	January 8, 2018	1:15 – 2:20 pm	Microscope Stations

The College Access for All Initiative is continuing this year at Petrides. Our seventh graders have had a college visit to Wagner College and completed the first of their lessons. On January 11, 2018 the seventh grade students will attend "The College Fair" presented by our Humanities Academy.

As per our new school uniform policy, **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 ANY SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR. Uniforms can be ordered online at [josephsportny@yahoo.com](mailto:josephsportny@yahoo.com). **The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049.** Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy. You may also purchase a school uniform at any local store that carries school uniform wear.

National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. The application deadline is Friday, March 2, 2018. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to apply. Students can earn community service hours during our PAL after school program. National Junior Honor Society will be running as a club after school on Wednesday of each week. I am so proud of the work they did during the months of November and December. NJHS students raised enough funds to create large food baskets with Shoprite gift cards for five needy families in our community!

We are continuing our Box Top for Education collection. Attached you will find an easy collection sheet.

There are still seats available to students in grades 6 – 8 for our PAL after school program. We offer at least one hour per day of **tutoring** in Math and ELA by our licensed middle school teachers and one hour of **homework help** each day by our licensed middle school teachers. We also offer middle school basketball (girls, boys and JV teams), step, cooking, track, robotics and much more! I strongly encourage all families to join PAL after school and take advantage of this free service provided. Please contact me directly to arrange the tutoring or homework help to meet your child's needs.

The end of the second marking period is January 29, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time at (718) 815-0186 extension 22717 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month the students will continue to expand their vocabulary skills through Wordly Wise lessons. The novel *Esperanza Rising* will continue to be read while focusing on non-fiction topics presented. The students will also begin to formulate opinions on social issues and organize them into published writing pieces.

Math – The students will be reviewing dividing decimals. They will also use variables to write expression, apply order of operations, and evaluate and simplify expression. They will then begin adding and subtracting fractions.

Science – We have been awarded participation in Con Edison’s Smart Kids energy efficiency program and will use the month of January to gain an understanding of how and why humans use renewable and nonrenewable resources, and what type of impact this use makes on the world around us.

Social Studies - This month students will finish reading "Hudson" by Janice Weaver. They will compare Hudson's voyages to Columbus' voyages. Students will then write an opinion piece supporting their view point on how they feel Henry Hudson should be remembered. All work will be completed in class.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Math and ELA Winter Break packet due
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Science Extra Credit flight PACKET and flying machine model due. (Strongly Recommended) Assistance on projects is welcome. ENJOY!!
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Math Exam: Dividing decimals
- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – Math Quiz: Vocabulary
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise quiz #8
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Science Open book exam
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise quiz #9
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Math exam: Topic 8
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – ELA Complex Text
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Math Quiz: Vocabulary



### REMINDERS!

Supplies such as tissues, paper towels and Post-it notes are very much appreciated during this time of year.

Use your online Math resources, join REMIND and come to class prepared with sharpened pencils and all packets ready to learn.

Please remind students of the IMPORTANCE of being prepared for class with a pen or pencil and a respectful attentive mind ready to explore and learn!

Our Con Edison Smart Kids program, which begins on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, includes gifting the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science students with an “Energy Efficiency Tool Box” for home use that includes efficient light bulbs and other energy efficient appliances to help reduce our human impact.

### Required Reading

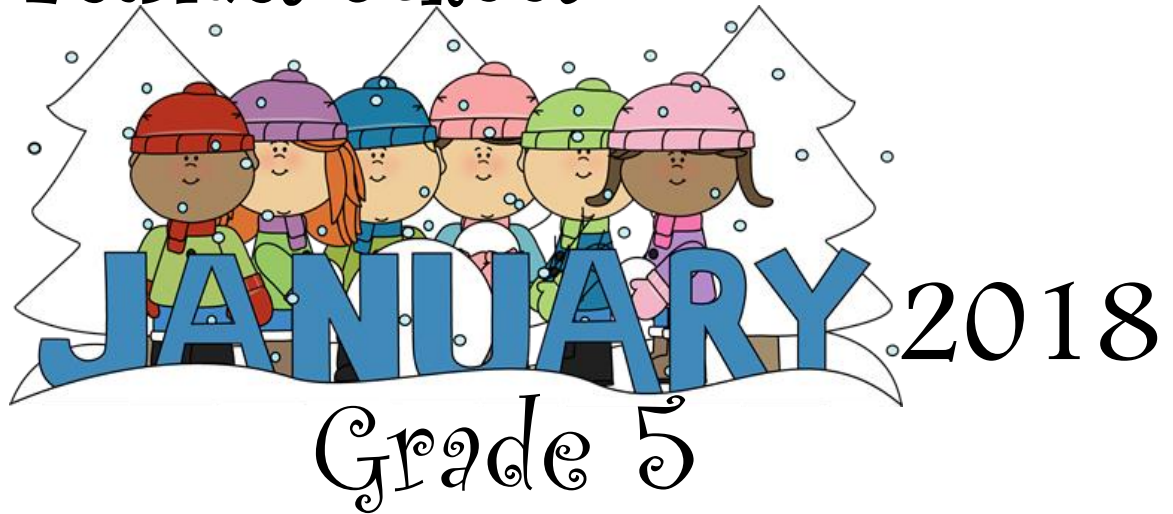


- ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan;  
Variety of non-fiction articles
- Math – GoMath: Ch. 1 (lesson 10, 11, 12), 5 & 6;  
Pearson Topic 7, 8 & 9
- Science – In-class reading of biography of ecologist Rachel Carson. Copies of the book will be provided.

### School Closing

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Schools Closed  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

# The Petrides School



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Con Edison Smart Kids Program begins in Science Class	2	3 ELA and Math Winter Break Packet due	4	5 Math Exam: Decimals  Science Extra Credit Packet and Model due (Strongly Recommended)	6
7	8	9	10 Math Vocabulary quiz	11	12 Wordly Wise Quiz # 8	13
14	15 School Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Science Exam (Open book)	18	19 Wordly Wise Quiz # 9	20
21	22	23 Math exam: Topic 8	24 ELA Complex Text	25	26 Math Vocabulary quiz	27
28	29 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking period	30	31			

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> - Winter Recess**  
**February 26<sup>th</sup> - School resumes**