



# The Michael J. Petrides School

## Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

March 2018

Dear Middle School Parents,

Happy March! We will continue our box top campaign during March. Please use the attached collection sheet and submit all box tops to my office or the main office. I thank you in advance for your participation. Please be advised that **SLIME** is not permitted at school. It is a distraction to the learning environment, sticks to hair and leaves a mess on student desks. Any slime in school will be confiscated.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm. There will be one hour for English Language Arts and one hour dedicated for Math instruction. Following are the dates and times of the classes. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

March 6, 2018

March 13, 2018

March 20, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 17, 2018 – MATH ONLY

April 24, 2018 – MATH ONLY

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

I am super excited about our Annual Middle School Social Studies Fair on March 9, 2018 at the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A on our campus. Attached is the Parent visiting schedule:

**Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 – 8:30 am until 9:30 am**

**Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 – 10:00 am until 11:00 am**

National Junior Honor Society applications are due on Friday, March 2, 2018. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. They will continue their civic efforts every Wednesday from 2:20– 4:30 pm. Spring Parents Teacher Conferences will be conducted during the month of March. Conference dates and times are:

**Evening Conferences will be held on March 14, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 15, 2018 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm**

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20am.**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been invited to Snug Harbor Cultural Center to see a production of *Into the Woods* on Friday, March 23, 2018. The permission slip is attached.

We have prepared the eighth grade end of year letter and dues. All information will be distributed in classes and will be posted on our school website.

Our First Annual Spring Soccer Classic will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:20 pm. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

How lucky are we to be in Petrides? I think we are very lucky! We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful parent group and PTA. The PTA does many fundraisers for our school. The money raised at those fundraisers has been used to buy the beautiful laptops and laptop carts that your children are using in our middle school classrooms. One of the biggest PTA fundraisers is the Night of Chances Auction. I would like to donate a basket of lottery tickets to share the luck that we have. **I am asking middle school families to donate lottery tickets for this basket.** It will be prominently displayed and labeled at the auction. You could also send a dollar or two and we will be happy to purchase the lotto tickets for the basket. Please send all donations to the attention of Patricia Harrigan or BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

There is no school for students on March 30, 2018. School resumes on April 9, 2018. If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

*A Note from our PTA:*

Please join us for Family Bowling on March 25, 2018 at Showplace Bowling Center from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be two games of bowling, pizza, raffles and a bake sale.

## What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – During the month of March the students will complete and present projects based off the novel *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan. We will continue working on RADD responses to include specific text evidence. The students will also begin to prepare for the NY State ELA exam while focusing on strengthening our skills and strategies to improve as readers and writers.

Math – The students will finish multiplying and dividing fractions. They will begin volume of solids, unit cubes, solid figures and estimate volume. They will also find volume of composed figures.

Science – We continue our landforms, geology, rocks and minerals studies throughout March and incorporate working in the HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE lab as well! Our understanding of human impact on our natural environment helps navigate us through our reading of *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George.

Social Studies – This month the students will examine the formation and geography of the 13 American colonies. They will be assigned a specific region (New England, Middle or Southern) and identify the geography, resources and reasons why this area was settled.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Social Studies Fair project due (Optional)
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – ELA quiz: Wordly Wise Lesson #12
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Science exam: Rocks and Minerals
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Math exam: Mult/Division of fractions
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – Math exam: Mult/Division of fractions
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - Middle School Social Studies Fair (Optional)
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – Science quiz: Weathering and Erosion
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – Math Vocabulary quiz
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Open packet test (Class522)
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Social Studies Open packet test (Class520 & 521)
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Math exam: Volume
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – ELA Complex Text



### REMINDERS!

Please remember to read every evening!

Come prepared to Math class with your packet and sharpened pencils every day. Be sure to check Math daily REMIND.

Students are encouraged to independently further their knowledge of the Earth through reading, observing the natural world around them and by researching on [www.dkfindout.com](http://www.dkfindout.com) on their free time.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade SCIENCE EXPOSITION FAIR is coming in May! Keep an eye out for information packets, project timelines and success criteria.

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

Social Studies fair March 9<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be invited to view their child's projects.

The NY State ELA Exam is April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The NY State Math exam is May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Required Reading



ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan; various nonfiction articles; various short stories; Independent reading books

Math – GoMath: Ch.7, 8, 11; Pearson: Topics 11 & 12; Buckle Down: Unit 3 Lesson 19-20' unit 4 Lessons 24-25

Science – We will be reading informational content specific texts and begin our new novel, *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, together in class.

Social Studies - Students will be reading articles on their assigned region, as well as *The Founding of a Nation* by Elizabeth Richards and *Colonial Life* by Bobbie Kalman

**School Closing**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Recess**



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## Grade 5

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Studies Fair project due	2 Science Club (Period 6)	3
4	5	6 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	7 ELA quiz: Wordly Wise Lesson #12  Science Exam: Rocks and Minerals (Open Book)	8 Math exam: Multiplication/ Division of Fractions	9 Math exam: Multiplication/ Division of Fractions  Social Studies Fair (Optional) Grade 5 & 6- 8:30-9:30am Grades 7 & 8- 10:00-11:00am  Science Club (Period 6)	10
11	12 Science quiz: Weather and Erosion	13 Math Vocabulary quiz Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	14 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	15 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm	16 Science Club (Period 6)	17
18	19	20 Social Studies Open Packet test (Class 522)  Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	21 Social Studies Open packet test (Class 520 & 521)	22 Math exam: Volume	23 Class trip Snug Harbor "Into the Woods"	24
25	26	27 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	28 Spring Classic 1:00-2:20pm	29 ELA Complex Text	30 <b>No School Good Friday</b>	31

### Important Upcoming Dates

**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>- Spring Recess**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – School resumes**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>- NYS ELA Exam**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Math Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>-NYS Math Exam**