



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5

MARCH 2020

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this week's Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Afternoon conferences are from 12:20 pm until 2:20 pm and evening conferences are from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. ***Please note Thursday, March 5, 2020 is a half day for students. Dismissal is at 11:20am.***

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.

Our **TEST PREP ACADEMY** for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from **7:00 am – 8:00 am** on the following dates:

Thursday, March 5

Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12

Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19

Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2

Wednesday, April 8

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for March 25 and March 26. The New York State Math test is scheduled for April 21 and April 22, 2020.

National Junior Honor Society applications were due on Friday, February 28, 2020. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after-school program this year. Mr. Giordano will meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 on Thursdays after school. Students can continue their commitment to community service during that time.

Students in grades 5, 6 and 7 have been invited to attend a College Fair at Citifield on April 1, 2020. Following the College Fair we will see the New York Mets take on the Philadelphia Phillies. Permission slips have been distributed to students and attached to this newsletter.

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. I have attached a copy here for parents to review.

If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin,
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – We will be preparing for the ELA State Exam, which is being administered on March 25 and 26. Students will practice strategies for correctly answering multiple choice questions and composing short and extended responses questions. This month will begin the novel, *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt.

Math – This month the students will solve fraction word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will find the volume of right rectangular prisms. The students will also continue to work on test prep questions-Mastering Mathematics and past NYS exams for further practice.

Science – Students are introduced to the study of ecology through the works of Rachel Carson. They analyze and recognize how living things interact within their environment of living and nonliving factors. Students learn that there is a balance between the four spheres of the earth-biosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere and atmosphere and that human activity can impact each one.

Social Studies – Students will continue to identify the characteristics of a civilization by studying the achievements and contributions of the early river civilizations such as ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt. Students will also begin to identify Power, Innovations, and Ideas and Beliefs as enduring themes that can be seen in these civilizations as well as today.



Test/Projects Dates

Mar 1st – ELA nonfiction writing please
 Mar 1st – Social Studies Fair project due
 Mar 9th – Math Test
 Mar 10th – Science test
 Mar 13th – Math Quiz
 Mar 20th – Math Quiz
 Mar 25th & 26th - NYS ELA Standardized Test
 Apr 1st – Social Studies Test on Mesopotamia



Required Reading

ELA – March Complex Text; 2016-2019 ELA Exam Passages; *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
 Math – Eureka Modules 4 & 5; Mastering Mathematics Packet; Quick Check Packet
 SS – All reading is provided in class



REMINDERS!

The New York State ELA Standardized Test will be administered on Wednesday March 25th and Thursday, March 26th, 2020. Please come prepared with 2 No. pencils.

Use the “Snoopy Test Prep Tool Kit Packet” when working on Math Class & Homework.

Remember to check REMIND daily.

Students should come to ELA class prepared with all necessary materials. Check REMIND and pupil path frequently!

Students should review SS notes and hand-outs to prepare for the next exam.

Students are required to come to each Science class with their Science folder which serves them as a daily informational resource.

Families are encouraged to visit our NYC Parks to observe nature first hand and to recognize how living and nonliving elements interact!

The Petrides School



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Social Studies Fair Projects due ELA Nonfiction Writing Piece due	3 Social Studies Fair Gr 5&8: 8:30-9:30 Gr 6&7: 9:30-10:30	4	5 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm Early Dismissal 11:20am	6 Spring Picture Day	7
8	9 Math Test	10 Science Test	11 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	12 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	13 Math Quiz	14
15	16	17	18 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	19 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	20 Math Quiz	21
22	23	24	25 NYS ELA Standardized Test	26 NYS ELA Standardized Test	27	28
29	30	31	April 1 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Social Studies Test on Mesopotamia			

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 9th – 17th Spring Recess
April 21st – 22nd NYS Math Exam