



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

May 2018



“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.” Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dear Parents,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes. I hope you enjoyed your Spring break.

We will be hosting a Parents as Partners/Mother’s Day event for students on Friday, May 11, 2018. A parent of students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to **Brunch and Bouquets** from 8:50 am – 9:35am and a parent of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited from 10:35 am – 11:15 am. We will be making flower bouquets and enjoying brunch.

Parents of fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science expedition in the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A of our Petrides Complex on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. A detailed invitation will be forthcoming.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Class will be offered on **Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
May 16, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
May 30, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
June 6, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been SCHEDULED for Friday, May 18, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Our NJHS students are organizing a Box Top collection campaign. Please send in all Box Tops to support our school.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Annual Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

There is no school for students on May 28, 2018. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. 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 – The students will continue reading the novel *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. We will focus on the skill of comparing and contrasting not only within this novel but across the fiction genre. The students will revisit the novels we read throughout the year. The students will also be working on writing an argumentative piece.

Math – After the state exam the students will name a point on a coordinate grid, find distances on a coordinate grid and use a coordinate grid to solve problems. Next the students will begin the chapter on Getting Ready for 6th Grade.

Science – It's SCIENCE FAIR EXPOSITION month!! Science fair projects and TRIFOLD BOARDS are required from EACH student and carry a great deal of weight for the 4th marking period report cards in Science. In class we are breaking up into 5 different ecosystems and becoming EXPERTS in them. Students work cooperatively in their table group community to complete 6 different tasks such as creating a world map highlighting their ecosystem or creating a 3D sculpture of biotic elements of their ecosystem to be hung in our room. Simultaneously, students tend to the daily care and maintenance of their planted garden that includes lettuce, tomatoes, peas and other edibles. Spring has sprung in Science!

Social Studies – Students will examine how the end of the American Revolution led to the formation of the American government. Students will work to complete an in class packet that includes tasks such as identifying the basic formation of the American Government as well as the function of each part of our government. They will continue to analyze political cartoons, identify different viewpoints and answer text dependent questions based on primary and secondary sources.



Test/Projects Dates

- May 11th – Science Fair rough draft due
- May 11th – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson # 15
- May 18th – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson # 16
- May 22nd – Hand in TRIFOLD, Research packet and Project for science fair
- May 22nd – Math exam: Topic 16
- May 23rd – ELA Complex Text
- May 23rd – Science Fair Expo



REMINDERS!

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

Students are welcome to come to Room 203 at LUNCH on Tues, Weds, Thurs, for assistance with their Science Fair projects! Each student is REQUIRED to do a project!

Continue to keep posted on Remind texts for Math.

Please come to ELA class prepared with a pencil and looseleaf paper.

Required Reading



ELA – *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli; Excerpts from *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

Math – Pearson Topic 16; GoMath Chapter 9

Science – Students are encouraged to independently research the ECOSYSTEM their table group is studying.

Social Studies - Students will work with a variety of primary and secondary sources.

School Closing

May 28th
Memorial Day



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 NYS Math Exam	2 NYS Math Exam	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Science Fair Project rough draft due ELA Wordly Wise Lesson # 15 Parents as Partners Brunch and Bouquets Grade 5 & 6: 8:50-9:35am Grades 7 & 8: 10:35-11:15am	12
13 HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!	14	15 Spring Concert 7:00pm	16	17	18 ELA Wordly Wise Lesson # 16 NJHS Induction Ceremony	19
20	21	22 Hand in TRIFOLD, Research packet and Project for Science Fair Math exam: Topic 16	23 Science Fair Exposition ELA Complex Text Annual Street Fair 5:00-8:00pm	24	25	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Important Upcoming Dates

June 7th - No school
June 11th - No school
June 15th - No school
June 26th - Last day of school