



# The Michael J. Petrides School Middle School Newsletter Grade 5 November 2017



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. Our annual Halloween dance was a big success thanks to your support. The end of the first marking period is approaching on November 3, 2017. Parents should be checking PupilPath.com to view their child's academic progress. I am happy to reprint login information for any parent in need. Please email me at any time and the login information will be sent home in your child's backpack.

I want to thank all of the fifth and eighth grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

This month, fifth grade parents are invited to an **Investigation Lab** on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** according to the following schedule:

**Class 520: 1:00 – 1:30 pm      Class 521: 10:00 – 10:30am      Class 522: 8:30 – 9:00 am**

The seventh grade parents are invited to a **Publishing Party** on **Monday, November 6 2017**, for their narrative writing piece according to the following schedule:

**Class 720: 9:00 – 9:30am      Class 721: 10:30 – 11:00 am      Class 722: 9:45 – 10:15am**

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note dates and times:

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm**

Please note that **Thursday, November 16** is a **HALF DAY** of school. Dismissal is **11:20 am**

I want to encourage students in grades 6 through 8 to join our school's chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**. The complete application for students is attached to this newsletter. Please take note that we are providing community service opportunities for students after school with Ms. Calimano every Wednesday.

I want to thank the eighth grade parents for attending our informational Sip & Share with Ms. Buckheit and Mr. Tabbitas. I am in the process of distributing High School applications to our eighth grade students. We are discussing what Petrides High School has to offer and I am arranging a "High School Shadowing" experience for students during the month of November. High School applications are due back to my office on or before December 1, 2017. Please remember that if Petrides is not listed as your number one choice for public schools, you may lose your seat in our high school program.

We are excited to expand our social/emotional learning opportunities by partnering with the YMCA Counseling Service Branch. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Second Step Program. The students will learn about empathy, communication, bullying prevention, emotional management and substance abuse prevention.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! We are offering Cooking, Boy's Rap, Basketball (Boys Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls), Spin Class, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Girl's Talk, Step, Drum Line, Robotics, National Junior Honor Society (civics and service), test prep and homework help. In order for students to participate, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at [petridesschool.com](http://petridesschool.com) or in my office. The program runs from 2:20 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. As per our school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must 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.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

**November 7, 2017 ELECTION DAY**

**November 23 and 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or at (718)8150186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA –This month we will be completing the novel *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* and beginning *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz. Through this novel we will be expanding our discussions on human rights. This topic will be further explored while reading non-fiction articles. The students will be publishing their first narrative writing piece.

Math –The students will finish multiplying whole numbers and then begin division during this month. The students will divide by 1 and 2 digit divisors and understand division with partial quotations. They will also estimate for reasonableness and interpret remainders. In addition, the students will divide by multiples of 10, adjust quotients and connect models and symbols.

Science –We have begun our new unit of study focusing on VARIABLES. Students will work independently and in groups to gain mastery in being able to identify Independent Variables, Controlled Variables, and Dependent Variables within a controlled experiment.

Social Studies – During the month of November the students will continue to examine what motivated European explorers to explore the Western Hemisphere.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Math Test: Multiplying Whole Numbers
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – ELA Vocabulary Quiz
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Math Vocabulary Quiz
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise Quiz Lessons 1-4
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Scientific Variable Test
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Math test: Dividing Whole Numbers
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – ELA Narrative Essay Published
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – SS open notebook Quiz (521)
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – SS open notebook Quiz (520 & 522)



### REMINDERS!

If anyone is experiencing difficulty logging into ReadTheory.org, please let Ms. Poggi know.

Bring sharpened pencils to class every day. Continue to check daily math homework on Remind and review class lessons online at [www.Pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.Pearsonsuccessnet.com) & [www.ThinkCentral.com](http://www.ThinkCentral.com).

Students are encouraged to CLOSELY READ and CAREFULLY ANNOTATE informational texts they read in Science and for homework assignments.

Please review all Social Studies class notes and handouts.

Come and join our budding scientists to work alongside your child in a hands-on Science Investigation Lab on Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> in Room 203. Class 520: 1:00-1:30, Class 521: 10:00-10:30, Class 522: 8:30-9:00. Bring your sense of wonder.

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**Please bring in *Scholastics News* slip and money if you haven't already done so.**

### Required Reading

- ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz; Independent reading books; Assigned articles; ReadTheory.org
- Math – Finish Pearson Topic 3, GoMath Chapter 1, Lessons 3-9; Go Math Chapter 2, Pearson Topics 4 & 5, Buckle Down Unit 2, Lessons 6 & 7.
- Science – Students are provided reading passages, journals articles, and novels in class that reinforce our scientific studies and investigations.
- Social Studies – In-class reading: *Hudson* by Janice Weaver



### School Closing

- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Election Day**
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Recess**

# The Petrides School



# 2017

## Grade 5

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Math Test: Multiply Whole Numbers	3 ELA Vocabulary Quiz	4
5	6 Math Vocabulary Quiz	7 <b>No School Election Day</b>	8 ELA Wordly Wise Quiz Lessons 1-4	9	10	11
12	13 Science Test: Variables	14	15 Parents as Partners Science Investigation Lab 520: 1:00-1:30pm 521: 10:00-10:30am 522: 8:30-9:00am <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm</b>	16 <b>Early Dismissal 11:20am</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm</b>	17	18
19	20	21 Math Test: Divide Whole Numbers	22 Pep Rally	23 <b>No School Thanksgiving</b>	24 <b>No School Thanksgiving</b>	25
26	27 ELA Narrative Essay Published this week (Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 30 <sup>th</sup> )	28	29 Social Studies open notebook Quiz (521)	30 Social Studies open notebook Quiz (520 & 522)		

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Recess