



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5

NOVEMBER 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. We sure did at Petrides! I would like to thank the PTA for sponsoring our Fall Carnival. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

The end of the first marking period was on November 1, 2019. Report cards are being distributed to students on November 13, 2019. Our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 12:20–2:20 pm and from 5:00–8:00 pm. 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.

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Grade/Date	Time	Description	Teacher
5th grade Tuesday, November 26	520: 10:30 – 11:00 am 521: 1:00 – 1:30 pm 522: 9:00 – 9:30 am	ELA Publishing Party	Ms. Poggi Ms. Milazzo
6th grade			
November 19 – Class 622	10:30 – 11:00 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 20 – Class 620	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
November 21 – Class 621	9:00 – 9:30 am	Comprehension Strategies	Mr. Ferri Ms. Palemine
7th grade Monday, November 18	722: 8:15 – 8:45 am 720: 9:00 – 9:30 am 721: 9:45 – 10:15 am	Math Task	Ms. Diario Ms. Knapp
8th grade Tuesday, November 26	820: 10:15 – 10:45 am 821: 8:45 – 9:15 am 822: 1:15 – 1:45 pm	Socratic Seminar	Ms. Haggis Ms. Baslin

I want to encourage students in grades **6th through 8th** 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 Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current members that work with Ms. Calimano have already visited Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 4, 2019 to work on a Halloween craft with seniors.

Picture day for students in grades 5 – 11 is Friday, November 8, 2019. Make-up pictures are on December 17, 2019.

Our PTA is hosting a bowling party on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Attached you will find the permission slip. I hope to see everyone there.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 11, 2019 VETERANS DAY

November 28 and 29, 2019 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)815-0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal, Middle School

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – Students will continue to read the novel, “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.” Our focus remains on analyzing characters and using text evidence to support our theories. A 2 point short response rubric is utilized to improve our writing about reading. Students will publish a narrative.

Math – Students will use mental strategies and standard algorithm for multi-digit whole numbers multiplication, decimal multiplication, and measurement word problems. Students will also use mental strategies and partial quotients in multi-digit whole number and decimal division and solve word problems.

Science – Students enter the VARIABLES UNIT where they work through the STEPS of the SCIENTIFIC METHOD to identify, classify and analyze the relationship between Independent and Dependent Variables. In class experiments will be conducted using pendulums and buoyancy.

Social Studies - Students will identify the differences between a primary and secondary source. Students will then examine how archaeology helps shape our understanding of prehistoric humans and early man.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 8th – Math Quiz
- Nov 15th – Math quiz
- Nov 19th – Science Variables Test (open notebook)
- Nov 20th – Social Studies quiz Class 521 & 522
- Nov 21st – Social Studies quiz Class 520
- Nov 22nd – Math Test
- Nov 22nd - ELA Complex Text
- Nov 25th – ELA Narrative completed

Social Studies in-class packets will be completed and graded.



REMINDERS!

Students should review Social Studies notes and handouts to prepare for the next exam.

Please check Remind for weekly ELA and Math assignments and upcoming exams.

Please join us for Parents as Partners ELA Publishing Party on Tuesday, Nov 26th: Class 520: 10:30-11:00am, Class 521: 1:00-1:30pm and Class 522: 9:00-9:30am

Every Friday students receive Mastering Mathematics packets that are due the following Friday.

On Wednesday Nov 6th our Fifth grade students are traveling to Wolfe’s Pond Park for an exploration and Ranger-led program about our Staten Island Coastline ecosystem. **DRESS FOR THE OUTSIDE WEATHER!** Lunch is included in the cost of the trip. Please sign and return the permission slip including the \$10 fee by Monday Nov 4th.

Required Reading



ELA – *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo, Students must read independently for at least twenty minutes per day. Books are available to borrow from the classroom library.

Math – Eureka Module 2

Science – Students will be provided all required reading materials in class.



SCHOOL CLOSING





- November 6th - Election Day
- November 11th – Veteran’s Day
- November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving Recess

The Petrides School



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 End of First Marking period	2
3	4	5 No Students 	6 Class Trip Wolfe's Pond Park	7 NYPD "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20	8 Math Quiz School Pictures NYPD "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20	9
10	11 No School 	12	13 Report Cards	14 Early dismissal 11:20am Parent Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20 5:00-8:00	15 Math quiz	16
17	18	19 Science Variables Test (open notebook)	20 Social Studies Quiz Class 521 & 522	21 Social Studies Quiz Class 520	22 Math Test ELA Complex Text	23
24	25 ELA Narrative completed	26 Parents as Partners ELA Publishing Party Class 520-10:30-11:00am Class 521-1:00-1:30pm Class 522-9:00-9:30am	27	28 No School Thanksgiving 	29 No School Thanksgiving 	30

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 17th – Picture Retake Day
December 23rd – January 1st – Winter Recess