



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

April 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Luckily, April is filled with events as we patiently await the spring weather.

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Tuesday evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! There are two sessions remaining for **Math only on April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018.**

Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and Thursday, April 12, 2018. I encourage all students to get a good night sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don't forget to wear your glasses, if needed, and RELAX.** As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child's schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The end of the third marking period is **April 12, 2018.**

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on April 20, 2018. Our ceremony will be held in May. The date will be forthcoming.

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8th grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. I have also attached a copy of the seventh grade CITIFIELD permission slip. These are also posted on our school's website for your easy reference.

I want to thank all of the families supporting our school uniform policy and look forward to seeing 100% participation during the remainder of the school year. Please remember **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days or SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR any day.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring break and 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 – During April the students will begin to write a narrative writing piece where they will produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are related to the task.

Math – Our 5th grade students will finish up their fractions unit by learning to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. We will then begin working on solids and volume. Our 6th graders will begin April with measuring angles and finish with an introduction to ratios.

Science – This month the students will define Science and identify questions that Science cannot answer. The students will also identify the three branches of Science. The students will define hypothesis and recognize the difference between observation and inference.

Social Studies – We will begin our unit on American History this month. We will be starting with the Colonist and the road from Colonies to a Nation.



Test/Projects Dates

- Apr 10th – ELA Spring Packet due
- Apr 11th & 12th – NY State ELA Exam
- Apr 13th – Math Spring Break Packet due
- Apr 18th - Math Exam
- Apr 20th – ELA Wordly Wise exam #12
- Apr 27th – Science notebook quiz
- Apr 30th – Branches of Science Research project



REMINDERS!

Students should be reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night to increase their comprehension and stamina.

Please bring sharpened pencils to class daily!

Science extra credit: Stephen Hawking article

The NY State ELA exam is on April 11th and 12th. Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

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

Required Reading

- ELA – At home: Independent reading book
- Science – Textbook: Chapter 1



School Closing

**March 30th through April 6th
Spring Break**



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7
8	9	10 ELA Spring Break Packet due	11 NYS ELA Exam	12 End of 3 rd Marking Period NYS ELA Exam	13 Math Spring Break Packet due	14
15	16	17 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	18 Math Exam	19	20 ELA Wordly Wise exam #12	21
22	23	24 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	25	26	27 Science notebook quiz	28
29	30 Branches of Science Research project					

Important Upcoming Dates

May 1st - 2nd-NYS Math Exam

May 23rd - Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 28th -School Closed: Memorial Day