



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 5/6

## APRIL 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes “no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” I am anxiously waiting for the warm weather to return!

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Wednesday afternoon and evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and Wednesday, April 3, 2019. I encourage all students to get a good night’s 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 Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and Thursday, May 2, 2019.

The end of the third marking period is **April 11, 2019**.

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 5, 2019**. Our ceremony will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2019** at 9:30 am. Parents and families of continuing and newly inducted NJHS members are invited to attend.

Our PAL @ Petrides Program is collaborating with our kitchen staff to present a parent engagement activity on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at 9:00 am until 9:40 am. You will be sampling the healthy snacks offered to your children during PAL, discussing the cooking program and learning about healthy snack options. Please sign in at the B building main desk upon your arrival.

Our seventh grade students will be participating in a Socratic Seminar on **April 16, 2019** according to the following schedule and you are invited to attend.

Class 720 8:15 am – 8:45 am  
Class 721 10:30 am – 11:00 am  
Class 722 9:45 am – 10:15 am

Our eighth grade students will be participating in a Rat Dissection Lab on **April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019** according to the following schedule and you are invited to attend.

Class 820 8:15 – 9:30 am – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Class 821 1:00 – 2:20 pm – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Class 822 8:15 – 9:30 am – April 30<sup>th</sup>

Our eighth grade students will have an assembly on **April 16, 2019**. The presentation will be “Holocaust Survivor’s Story Assembly with Shira Stoll.”

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. The first payment for 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities is due on **April 11, 2019**.

Please take note that spring recess starts on **Friday, April 19, 2019**. Students return to school on **Monday, April 29, 2019**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – During the month of April we will be beginning our next novel. This is a nonfiction piece of literature. We will focus on standards annotating and vocabulary standards as students will need to use context clues to determine meanings of unfamiliar terms.

Math – This month we will move into our unit on solids and volume. We will also be reviewing all our topics learned throughout the year in preparation for the upcoming NY State Math exam on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Science – The students will define what Science is and identify questions that Science cannot answer. They will compare and contrast theories and law. The student will identify the three branches of Science. They will define hypothesis and recognize how the scientific method is applied as well as, identify the difference between observation and inference.

Social Studies – During the month of April the students will be learning about World War I.



### Test/Projects Dates

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – NY State ELA Exam  
 Apr 12<sup>th</sup> – Math Quiz: Volume  
 Apr 16<sup>th</sup> - Math Test: Volume  
 Apr 17<sup>th</sup> - Social Studies Test  
 Apr 30<sup>th</sup> - Science Quiz

### Important Date

April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – NY State ELA Exam  
 April 11<sup>th</sup> – End of Third Marking Period  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> – No School Spring Recess



### REMINDERS!

The NYS Math Exam will be administered on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come prepared with a sharpened No. 2 pencil. A Scientific calculator is required for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math exam only.

Five Read Theory homeworks are due each Friday.

Completed Coach lessons are due Thursdays.

Please come prepared to school every day with notebook, folders and sharpened pencils.

Check folders regularly.

Students should obtain any notes and/or assignments when absent.



### Required Reading



ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Marin

# The Petrides School

# April



# 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 NYS ELA Exam	3 NYS ELA Exam	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 PAL Parent Engagement 9:00-9:40am	11 End of Third Marking Period	12 Math Quiz: Volume	13
14	15	16 Math Test: Volume	17 Social Studies Test	18	19 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	20
21	22 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	23 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	24 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	25 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	26 <b>No School Spring Recess</b>	27
28	29	30 Science Quiz				

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – NY State Math Exam

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Report Cards Distributed

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences

May 27<sup>th</sup> – No School: Memorial Day