



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

December 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season. Mr. Gary Giordano and the National Junior Honor Society are hosting our annual Secret Sandy Toy Drive. Toys are distributed to families in need throughout Staten Island. **New and unwrapped** toys are being collected from now until December 14, 2018. We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Our Box Top for Education program is well underway. NJHS members are collecting box tops regularly. I have attached an easy collection sheet for you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

National Junior Honor Society applications for new members are now available in my office room B217. An application and guidelines for entrance is included in this packet. NJHS accepts students in grades 6, 7 and 8. I have arranged for students to obtain their community service hours here at school. Students who wish to earn their service hours at school must join our PAL after school program. NJHS will meet every Tuesday and Wednesday to work on community service projects during that time.

Following is our schedule for some important events during the month of December.

Date	Time	Event	Participants
December 10	Class 521 9:00- 9:30 Class 520 9:45 – 10:15 Class 522 11:15 – 11:45	Parents as Partners Fingerprints Workshop	Parents & Students
December 19	1:00 – 2:20 pm	In school Trip – Assembly presented by the Harlem Magic Masters Theme – Bullying Prevention & Drug Awareness	Students in grades 5 – 8
December 20	12:45 – 1:30 pm	Middle School Sweet Feast	Students in grades 5 – 8
December 20	9:20 am – 10:20 am	The Foreign Language Department Holiday Caroling	Students in grade 6
December 21	9:00 am – 11:00am	<i>The Wonder Movie</i>	Students in grade 6

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you during our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. I am so happy to hear you will be using Pupilpath.com for ongoing information about your child's academic progress. Login information was distributed last month. If you need any help using Pupilpath.com please email me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. School will be closed from December 24, 2018 until January 2, 2019. **Classes resume January 2, 2019.** If you have any questions or concerns, 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 today?

ELA – This month we will finish our novel *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo and continue to review and practice our standards including looking deeply at how we can compare characters and how a character changes throughout a novel.

Math – During the month of December the students will focus on long division with and without using a variety of strategies.

Science – Students will identify gases in earth's atmosphere and describe the structure of earth's atmosphere. Students will recognize the importance of the earth's atmosphere and how the layers impact life on earth. Students will describe what happens to the energy earth receives from the sun, comparing and contrasting radiation, conduction and convection.

Social Studies – During this month the students will learn about Ancient Rome. They will work on writing extended responses to social studies based questions



Test/Projects Dates

- Dec 7th - Math Quiz
- Dec 12th – Math Exam: Multiplication of whole numbers and decimals.
- Dec 19th – Science Notebook quiz



REMINDERS!

Readtheory.org homework is due each Monday.

Study Multiplication facts nightly.

If a student is absent they should always get the Science notes from the PowerPoint located in the back of the room and or get the notes from a peer.

Required Reading



ELA – *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Science – Chapter 6: Atmosphere; Article:
Burned By Sun

School Closing

- January 1st – Last day of Winter Break
- January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Math Quiz	8
9	10	11	12 Math Exam: Multiplication of whole numbers and decimals	13	14	15
16	17	18 Winter Concert 7:00pm	19 Science Notebook quiz Bullying Assembly 1:00-2:20pm	20 Sweet Feast 12:45-1:30pm	21	22
23	24 No School Happy Holidays!	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29
30	31 No School 					

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 2nd – School resumes
 January 21st – Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr. day
 January 28th – Last day of second marking period