



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

February 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

Wow! The saying is certainly true. "Time flies when you are having fun." Half of the school year is behind us already. February marks the beginning of the third marking period and we have a lot to celebrate. We have the 100th Day of School, and Respect for All week. We also have our Middle School War of the Roses, a special assembly "Step Forward If" for fifth and sixth graders, "Too Good for Drugs" program for seventh graders, a Council for Unity St. Jude fundraiser, Respect for All week activities and a vacation.

Our Middle School Social Studies department will be hosting our annual Social Studies Fair. Projects are for extra credit in grades 5, 6 and 7. Projects will be mandatory in grade 8. The theme for this year's projects is "Issues of Power, Race and Gender." The teachers will also have after school sessions for groups, to work with their guidance. A separate permission slip for both will be forthcoming.

Ms. Kruesi, Ms. Milazzo and Ms. Rebecchi will host a "Parents as Math Partners" event on Thursday, February 15, 2018 according to the following schedule:

Class 521 8:15 am – 8:45 am Class 522 10:00 am – 10:30am Class 520 11:15 – 11:45 AM

The week of February 12, 2018 is Respect for All week. Following are our scheduled events:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 all students will do an anti-bully pledge

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. All students should wear their Color Wars T-shirts or anything Pink or Red.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 is School Spirit Day and students should wear Blue to show their Panther Pride.

Please send in BOX TOPS to show how much you **LOVE** your school. Attached you will find a box top collection sheet.

We will be celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day in true middle school style. On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 12:45 – 2:20 pm we will be having the annual Middle School "War of the Roses." Grade level teams will compete in color wars. Your child can volunteer to participate in an assortment of events to earn points for their grade. The grade earning the most points will be the champions. A more detailed flyer will be distributed for this event. There will also be customized T-Shirts available for sale. T – Shirts will be color coded by grade.

The Council for Unity will be selling chocolate and Valentine's on February 14, 2018 to support St. Jude's Hospital for childhood cancer patients. An order form will be attached to this letter. Please be generous to this wonderful organization.

The NYPD will be conducting the "Too Good for Drugs" program to all seventh graders from 1:30 pm until 2:20 pm during the week of February 26, 2018.

National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. All applications are due back to me on or before Friday, March 2, 2018.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* will begin in March. Please look out for the permission slip for this wonderful cost free opportunity. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

A Note from the PTA: Our Annual Thank Heavens for Little Girls Dance will be held on February 11th. Tickets are on sale now. If you have never joined us for this wonderful event, it is for Girls (Pre K - Eighth Grade) and a significant male role model. There will be dancing, games, raffles, and lots and lots of fun.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on February 28th at 7pm.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, February 16, 2018 to celebrate Lunar New Year. There will be no school for winter recess the week of February 19, 2018. School resumes Monday, February 26, 2018.

If you have any questions about the above-mentioned information, 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 – During the month of February the students will finish reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio while continuing to explore the various themes of the book such as kindness and courage.

Math – This month the Sixth graders will cover topics 7 through 9 where we will add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. The fifth graders skills covered will be topics 7 dividing decimals and topics 8: Numerical Expressions and Patterns.

Science – Students will discuss how clouds form and are classified and describe how rain, hail, sleet and snow develop. The students will discuss the dangers of severe weather.

Social Studies – This month we will wrap up our exploration of Henry Hudson and conclude our unit with a written task.



Test/Projects Dates

- Feb 6th – Math exam: Topic 7
- Feb 7th – Science quiz
- Feb 9th – ELA Wordly Wise exam # 10
- Feb 13th – Science exam
- Feb 28th – Science: Cloudy Diary due.



REMINDERS!

Students should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night to increase their stamina and comprehension. Read theory.org is a great resource for students to use. Please bring sharpened pencils and index cards.

Study Math notes nightly!

Required Reading



ELA – In-class: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio; At-home: Independent reading book

Science – Article from NEWSELA: “What is a Hurricane?”

School Closing

February 16th through 23rd
Winter Recess

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Math exam: Topic 7	7 Science quiz	8	9 ELA Wordly Wise exam # 10	10
11	12 Respect For All Week	13 Science Exam Anti-Bully Pledge NYC Jr. Ambassador trip to United Nations	14 Random Acts Of Kindness Day Middle School War of the Roses 12:45-2:20pm Wear Pink or Red	15 School Spirit Day Wear Blue	16 No School Winter Recess	17
18	19 No School Winter Recess	20 No School Winter Recess	21 No School Winter Recess	22 No School Winter Recess	23 No School Winter Recess	24
25	26	27	28 Science Cloud Diary due			

Important Upcoming Dates

March 30th – April 6th: Spring Recess

April 11th – 12th: NYS ELA Exam

May 1st – 2nd: NYS Math Exam