



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

June 2018



“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” John Lubbock

Dear Parents,

Your partnership with our school is paramount to the work we do each day. We sincerely thank you for your consistent collaboration in making the 2017-2018 school year a success!

Before we anticipate the lazy, restful days of summer, I have some important information about the end of the school year.

Your children are continuing to work on meaningful academic tasks throughout the month of June. I would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality to school. All students should continue to come to school each day prepared to learn. Students must promptly transition from class to class and continue their pursuit of academic excellence through the remainder of the school year.

Students MUST continue to wear their SCHOOL UNIFORMS to school each day. Our school uniform consists of a light blue shirt and navy bottoms. Students are also permitted to wear shirts with the school name or logo on them and black athletic pants.

We have prepared the rigorous testing schedule for our 8th grade students during the month of June. Please see the attached schedule with specific directions for a smooth and easy test administration. It is important that you note the change in start and end time of the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12th and June 13th.

For those of you who would like to get an early start, I have attached a supply list and summer reading assignment for the 2018-2019 school year.

All textbooks, library books and novels that have been issued to your child during the school year **MUST BE RETURNED** prior to June 22nd, 2018. Your child will not receive a report card if they have an outstanding account.

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 our last month of the 2017-2018 school year the students will write an argumentative/opinion writing piece to support claims/ a point of view with reasons and relevant evidence and information.

Math – For the month of June, we will finish up our unit on the coordinate system and spend the month reviewing all the concepts covered this year.

Science – Student will identify different species of sharks. They will conduct research distinguishing among facts. They will recognize what role sharks play in their ecosystem and the importance of shark conservation. Student will also cite textual evidence to support their analysis/claim if the Megalodon shark still exists. They will also compare and contrast information gained from experiments and videos with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

Social Studies – In June we will continue to explore our nation’s growth and finish our unit with a study of the Civil War.



Test/Projects Dates

June 8th – ELA Wordly Wise exam # 15
 June 22nd – ELA Wordly Wise exam # 16



REMINDERS!

Science Shark species project will be done in class.

Required Reading



ELA – Wordly Wise book 15 & 16; independent reading book at home
 Science – Sharks role in ecosystem article; Great White Population article from Newsela



School Closing

June 7th – Chancellor’s Conference Day
June 11th – Clerical Day
June 15th – Eid al-Fitr

Have a great

 Summer
 Vacation!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 No School	8 ELA Wordly Wise exam # 15	9
10	11 No School	12	13	14	15 No School	16
17 Happy Fathers Day	18	19	20	21	22 ELA Wordly Wise exam # 16	23
24	25	26 Early Dismissal 11:20am Last Day of School	27	28	29	30