



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5/6

JUNE 2019

Working Together for Student Success

“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 2018 - 2019 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.

Our Middle School Social Studies Fair was an extremely exciting learning experience! I loved seeing all of the projects and learning about Triumph and Tragedy in History from my students. I would like to congratulate ALL of our student participants on a job well done. Following are our 2019 Social Studies Fair WINNERS:

Third Place – Devin Mendis, Aken Wickramanayake (grade 5), Cindy Chavela, Puja DeSilva and Pooja Perera (grade 6), Hannah Vayser, Isabella Burmaster, Sarah Kouider and Erika Volshteyn (grade 7), Veronica Wankowicz, Arbra Bajraktari (grade 8).

Second Place – Jayleen Nava, Gabriella Rojas and Suleika Sandi (grade 5), Cooper Enselman and Sierra Enselman (grade 6), Benjamin Owens, Jesse LeFurge, and Jose Perez IV (grade 7), Natalie Gulan, Amira Meawad and Mikayla Sahadi (grade 8).

First Place – Matthew Scarfone and Glenn Sheppard (grade 5)

Derrick Lee, William Ngai and John Sadelski (grade 6)

Jordan Brown and Abigail Daretany (grade 7)

Emilee Jospey, Jacqueline McMahon and Ortensia Simicija (grade 8)

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.

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 18 and June 19.

For those of you who would like to get an early start, I have attached a supply list for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our June Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 12:30 until 2:15 pm.

All textbooks, library books and novels that have been issued to your child during the school year **MUST BE RETURNED** prior to June 21, 2019. 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 today?

ELA – In June we will continue to research and read our biography *Promises to Keep* written by Sharon Robinson. We will focus on text features of nonfiction books and how they are used to aid in our understanding of a text.

Math – During June we will finish up our unit on ratio and have an end of year cumulative exam.

Science – This month the students will continue to explore the ecosystem unit. Students will explore the ecosystem with a concentration on sharks. They will distinguish among facts and reasoned judgment based on research findings on various species of sharks. They will also compare information that they have researched gained from reading a scientific text with information gained from video and multimedia sources. Students will also cite textual evidence to support analysis of a claim of whether or not certain species continue to exist in the oceanic ecosystem based on various resources.

Social Studies – During the month of June the students will be learning all about Early American Government and History.



Test/Projects Dates

June 7th – Math quiz: Ratios
 June 13th – Social Studies Quiz
 June 14th – End of Year Cumulative exam
 June 17th - In class Science research project will be concluded the end of the month



REMINDERS!

Students are encouraged to get missing Science notes when absent, missing notes are located in the PowerPoint folder in the classroom.

ReadTheory should be complete up to 165. Show up to Class on time and ready for learning.

Required Reading



ELA – *Promises to Keep, How Jackie Robinson Changed America* by Sharon Robinson
 Science – Chapter 9 – Interactions of Life

Important Dates

June 26th – Last day of classes
 Early dismissal 11:20am




The Petrides School



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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 No School | 5 | 6 No School | 7 Math quiz: Ratios | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 No School | 12 | 13 Social Studies quiz | 14 End of Year Cumulative Math exam | 15 |
| 16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! | 17 In class Science research project (this week) | 18 | 19 | 20 Carnival | 21 | 22 |
| 23 /30 | 24 | 25 | 26 Last Day of School Early Dismissal 11:20am | 27 H A P P Y S U M M E R! | 28 | 29  |

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 5th – First day of school