



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

March 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

Happy March! We will continue our box top campaign during March. Please use the attached collection sheet and submit all box tops to my office or the main office. I thank you in advance for your participation. Please be advised that **SLIME** is not permitted at school. It is a distraction to the learning environment, sticks to hair and leaves a mess on student desks. Any slime in school will be confiscated.

Our **TEST PREP ACADEMY** for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm. There will be one hour for English Language Arts and one hour dedicated for Math instruction. Following are the dates and times of the classes. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

March 6, 2018

March 13, 2018

March 20, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 17, 2018 – MATH ONLY

April 24, 2018 – MATH ONLY

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 11th and 12th, 2018. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1st and May 2nd, 2018.

I am super excited about our Annual Middle School Social Studies Fair on March 9, 2018 at the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A on our campus. Attached is the Parent visiting schedule:

Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 – 8:30 am until 9:30 am

Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 – 10:00 am until 11:00 am

National Junior Honor Society applications are due on Friday, March 2, 2018. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. They will continue their civic efforts every Wednesday from 2:20–4:30 pm.

Spring Parents Teacher Conferences will be conducted during the month of March. Conference dates and times are:

Evening Conferences will be held on March 14, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 15, 2018 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Thursday, March 15, 2018 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20am.

Our 5th and 6th grade students have been invited to Snug Harbor Cultural Center to see a production of *Into the Woods* on Friday, March 23, 2018. The permission slip is attached.

We have prepared the eighth grade end of year letter and dues. All information will be distributed in classes and will be posted on our school website.

Our First Annual Spring Soccer Classic will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:20 pm. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

How lucky are we to be in Petrides? I think we are very lucky! We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful parent group and PTA. The PTA does many fundraisers for our school. The money raised at those fundraisers has been used to buy the beautiful laptops and laptop carts that your children are using in our middle school classrooms. One of the biggest PTA fundraisers is the Night of Chances Auction. I would like to donate a basket of lottery tickets to share the luck that we have. **I am asking middle school families to donate lottery tickets for this basket.** It will be prominently displayed and labeled at the auction. You could also send a dollar or two and we will be happy to purchase the lotto tickets for the basket. Please send all donations to the attention of Patricia Harrigan or BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

There is no school for students on March 30, 2018. School resumes on April 9, 2018. If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

A Note from our PTA:

Please join us for Family Bowling on March 25, 2018 at Showplace Bowling Center from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be two games of bowling, pizza, raffles and a bake sale.

What topics will the students learn today?



ELA – During the month of March we will focus on preparing for the NY State ELA exam. Our curriculum will focus on reading and annotating a text along with answering multiple choice questions, short responses and writing an essay based on short stories.

Math – The 5th graders will finish exploring fractions and move to understanding expressions during this month. The 6th graders will be working on integers and move into exploring 2 and 3 dimensional shapes.

Science – This month the students will explore scientific texts to be able to cite text evidence to support their analysis. The students will determine the central idea and provide a detailed summary of a text. These skills will guide students for test prep of the NYS ELA exam in April. The students will also work on an evidence claim essay using these skills.

Social Studies – During the month of March we will be analyzing articles using strategies including annotating difficult text and responding to short answer questions using the R.A.D.D strategy.



Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 8th – Science Notebook quiz
- Mar 9th – ELA Wordly Wise exam # 11
- Mar 9th – Math exam Grade 5: Topic 9
- Mar 9th – Math exam Grade 6: Topic 8 & 9
- Mar 22nd - ELA Wordly Wise exam # 12

Required Reading

ELA – In-class: Wonder by RJ Palacio; At-home: Independent reading books

Science – Various scientific texts: Mars the Atmosphere



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.

Keep working on long division and decimal placements.

Study Math notes nightly!

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The NY State Math exam is may 1st and 2nd.

School Closing
March 30th – April 6th
Spring Recess



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March 2018

Grade 5/6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	7	8 Science Notebook quiz	9 Math exam Grade 5: Topic 9 Math exam Grade 6: Topic 8 & 9 ELA Wordly Wise exam # 11	10
11	12	13 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	14 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm	15 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20	16	17
18	19	20 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	21	22 ELA Wordly Wise exam # 12	23 Class Trip Snug Harbor "Into the Woods"	24
25	26	27 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	28 Spring Classic 1:00-2:20pm	29	30 No School Good Friday	31

Important Upcoming Dates

March 20th - April 6th - Spring Recess

April 9th - School resumes

April 11th - 12th - NYS ELA Exam

April 17th and 24th - Math Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm

May 1st - 2nd - NYS Math Exam