



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5/6

MARCH 2019

Working Together for Student Success

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.

Our **TEST PREP ACADEMY** for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held according to the following schedule:

Grade 5	ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm
Grade 6	ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Grade 7	ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm
Grade 8	ELA – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 2 and April 3, 2019. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1 and May 2, 2019.

I am super excited about our Annual **Middle School Social Studies Fair** on **Thursday, March 7, 2019** 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 were due on Friday, February 22, 2019. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. Ms. Calimano will continue to meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 as per the following schedule. Each group is involved in their own civic endeavor. All hours are counted for their community service. NJHS Grade 8 candidates meet every Wednesday, NJHS Grade 7 candidates meet every Thursday, and NJHS Grade 6 candidates meet every Friday

Middle School Bowling Spring Session will begin on April 9, 2019. The cost for participation is \$60. Please complete the attached application and return it with payment to Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Mr. Keith Dragonetti. Bowlers should meet at Rab's Country Lanes on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 pm. Students bowl two games of league play. Pick up is approximately 5:15 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, 2019 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 14, 2019 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Thursday, March 14, 2019 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20 am.

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. .

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 Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

Any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171.

A Note from our PTA:

Join us for our next PTA meeting Weds March 13 at 7pm. Our annual Night of Chances is Friday March 29. Doors open at 6:30pm. Get your ticket bundles now! Save the Date for our annual Bowling with the Panthers on Sunday April 7

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal, Middle School



What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – The students are expected to complete our realistic fiction novel *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan this month. They are beginning to see how a character changes and evolves throughout a novel. We will continue to focus on the grade level standards in this text as well as other fiction and nonfiction pieces of work as we prepare ourselves for our upcoming NYS English Language Arts exam.

Math – We will be finishing up our work with fractions in early March. It is important that students master simplifying and know all four operations with fractions. Our next topic will be on solids and volumes.

Science – Students will explain how tornadoes develop from thunderstorms and discuss the dangers of severe weather. The students will also explain how data is collected for weather maps and forecasts and identify symbols used in weather maps.

Social Studies – During the Month of March the students will be learning all about the French Revolution.



Test/Projects Dates

Mar 4th – Science Weather Quiz

Mar 7th – Math Quiz

Mar 8th – Social Studies Exam

Mar 12th – Math Exam

Weekly reading responses are required to be handed in at the end of each week.



REMINDERS!

Please make sure to come to class with the materials needed for learning. Bring in 3 sharpened pencils daily and have a subject notebook and folder.

Please monitor folders as we move to a new learning topic, folders should be cleaned out accordingly.

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

Required Reading



ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Science – Chapter 7: Weather

Important Date

March 14th

- Early Dismissal - 11:20am
- Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20-2:20pm and 5:00-8:00pm



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Grade 5/6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Reading Responses due	2
3	4 Science Weather Quiz	5	6 Test Prep Academy Grade 5 2:20-4:20pm Grade 6 6:00-8:00pm	7 Math Quiz	8 Social Studies Exam Reading Responses due	9
10	11	12 Math Exam	13 Test Prep Academy Grade 5 2:20-4:20pm Grade 6 6:00-8:00pm	14 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	15 Reading Responses due	16
17	18	19	20 Test Prep Academy Grade 5 2:20-4:20pm Grade 6 6:00-8:00pm	21	22 Reading Responses due	23
24	25	26	27 Test Prep Academy Grade 5 2:20-4:20pm Grade 6 6:00-8:00pm	28	29 Reading Responses due	30 / 31

Important Upcoming Dates:
 April 2nd – 3rd – New York State ELA Exam
 April 11th – End of Third Marking Period
 April 18th – Report Cards Distributed
 April 19th – 26th – Spring Recess