



# The Michael J. Petrides School

## Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

### May 2018



*“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.” Percy Bysshe Shelley*

Dear Parents,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes. I hope you enjoyed your Spring break.

We will be hosting a Parents as Partners/Mother’s Day event for students on Friday, May 11, 2018. A parent of students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to **Brunch and Bouquets** from 8:50 am – 9:35am and a parent of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited from 10:35 am – 11:15 am. We will be making flower bouquets and enjoying brunch.

Parents of fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science expedition in the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A of our Petrides Complex on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. A detailed invitation will be forthcoming.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Class will be offered on **Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
May 16, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
May 30, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
June 6, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

**Our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been SCHEDULED for Friday, May 18, 2018.** Detailed information will be forthcoming. Our NJHS students are organizing a Box Top collection campaign. Please send in all Box Tops to support our school.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Annual Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

There is no school for students on May 28, 2018. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn this month?

ELA – The students will continue working on their narrative writing piece during the month of May

Math – During May our sixth grade curriculum will look at equations with more than one operation as well as statistical data. In fifth grade, the students will focus on classifying quadrilaterals and finding distances on a coordinate plane.

Science – The students will identify how plants and animals in an ecosystem are connected. They will describe how plants and animals depend on each other and their physical environment. The students will also analyze how human decisions and activities have a profound impact on the physical and living environment.

Social Studies – During the month of May we will continue our study of the history of the nation. We will focus on the constitution as well as westward expansion.



### Test/Projects Dates

May 11<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise exam #13  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise exam #14



### REMINDERS!

The NY State Math exam is on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

Students should be reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night to increase their comprehension and stamina.

### Required Reading



ELA – Wordly Wise: Lessons 13 and 14  
 Science – Newsela article: Ecosystem  
 Social Studies - Students will work with a variety of primary and

**School Closing**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Memorial Day**



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 NYS Math Exam	2 NYS Math Exam	3 College Access Day at Citifield	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 ELA Wordly Wise exam #13  Parents as partners Brunch & Bouquets Grade 5 & 6: 8:50-9:35am Grade 7 & 8: 10:35-11:15am	12
13 Happy MOTHER'S Day!	14	15 Spring Concert 7:00pm	16	17	18 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony	19
20	21	22	23 Annual Street Fair 5:00-8:00pm	24	25 ELA Wordly Wise exam #14	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29	30	31		

### Important Upcoming Dates

- June 7<sup>th</sup> - No school**
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - No school**
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - No school**
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of school**