



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5/6

MAY 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

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.

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

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (our annual Street Fair) will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Parents of Fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science Exposition on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 9:00 am – 9: 35 am. The Science Exposition will be held in the B building. Please sign in at the B Building Main entrance and you will be escorted to the Exposition.

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. Classes will be offered on **Thursdays from 2:20 – 4:20 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
Thursday, May 23, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
Thursday, May 30, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
Thursday, June 13, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our Eighth grade Student Voice Circle Facilitators will be hosting a Parents as Partners workshop on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 8:30 am to model our social emotional learning activities done in Middle School.

There is no school for students on May 27, 2019. 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.

Sincerely,
BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In May we will be finishing *Esperanza Rising* and will begin our nonfiction unit. We will start reading our next book, a biography of Jackie Robinson. The students will analyze the text for the relationships between two or more individuals, events or concepts based on information from the text.

Math – During the month of May the students will continue to work on standards based Math concepts including measurement and data.

Science – Students will identify places where life is found on Earth. Students will define ecology. Students will observe how the environment influences life and list factors that influence changes in population size. Students will describe how organisms obtain energy for life. Students will identify how organisms interact and will recognize that every organism occupies a niche.

Social Studies – During the month of May the students will be learning about World War I.



Test/Projects Dates

May 3rd – Social Studies Exam
 May 6th - In class Science project due
 May 20th – Math Exam this week
 May 24th - Science quiz



REMINDERS!

The NY Statewide Math exam will be administered on May 1st and 2nd. Please come prepared with two No. 2 pencils. Scientific calculators are required for 6th Grade students only on Day 2 of the exam. **No** calculators allowed on Day 1 of the Math exam. **No** calculators are allowed for the 5th grade students for either day of the exam.

If a student is absent they should always get the Science notes from the PowerPoint located in the back of the room and or get the notes from a peer.

Read Theory homework is due every Friday.



Required Reading

ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan; *Life of Jackie Robinson*

Science – Chapter 7 – Interactions of Life



Important Dates

May 1st & 2nd – NY State Math Exam
 May 3rd – Report Cards Distributed
 May 9th – Street Fair: Parent Teacher Conferences
 May 27th – No School: Memorial Day

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 NY State Math Exam	2 NY State Math Exam	3 Social Studies Exam Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6 In class Science project due	7 Spring Concert 7:00pm	8	9 Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences 5:30-7:30pm	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14	15	16 Parents as Partners "Student Voices Circles"	17	18
19	20 Math Exam this week	21	22	23	24 Science quiz	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 4th – No School: Eid al-Fitr
 June 6th – No School: Chancellor's Conference Day
 June 11th – No School: June Clerical Day
 June 26th - Last day of classes – Early dismissal 11:20am