



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

April 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Luckily, April is filled with events as we patiently await the spring weather.

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Tuesday evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! There are two sessions remaining for **Math only on April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018.**

Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and Thursday, April 12, 2018. I encourage all students to get a good night sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don't forget to wear your glasses, if needed, and RELAX.** As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child's schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

The end of the third marking period is **April 12, 2018.**

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on April 20, 2018. Our ceremony will be held in May. The date will be forthcoming.

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8th grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. I have also attached a copy of the seventh grade CITIFIELD permission slip. These are also posted on our school's website for your easy reference.

I want to thank all of the families supporting our school uniform policy and look forward to seeing 100% participation during the remainder of the school year. Please remember **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days or SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR any day.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring break and 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 this month?

ELA – In April we will continue to research articles and various texts to understand multiple perspectives surrounding an event. The students will use all available resources to research and write their own informational article in a newspaper format.

Math – The students will be reviewing all topics covered throughout the year. Such topics include The Number System, Expressions and Equations, Geometry, and Ratios & Proportional Relationships.

Science – The students in class 620 will explain what energy is and be able to distinguish between kinetic and potential energy. The students will identify various forms of energy. They will apply the law of conservation of energy transformation and identify how energy changes form. The students in class 621 and 622 will continue to think like scientists who want to know why, how or when something occurred. They will develop their understanding of the scientific method to help them formulate and answer questions about the world around them.

Social Studies – During the month of April the students will learn all about Enlightenment.



Test/Projects Dates

- Apr 9th – ELA Complex Text
- Apr 11th & 12th – NY State ELA exam
- Apr 19th – Scientific Method quiz Class 621 & 622
- Apr 20th – Social Studies exam
- Apr 27th – ELA Article deadline
- Apr 27th – Science Notebook quiz Class 620
- Apr 30th – Science project due



REMINDERS!

The NY State ELA exam is on April 11th and 12th. Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

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

Come celebrate our writing with us! We will have a publishing party on Monday, May 21st. Class times will be posted in the May calendar.

Please check www.pupilpath.com for updated Science quiz/testing and homework schedule.

Required Reading



ELA – *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep; Multiple newspaper articles; internet research

Math – Review the Vocabulary Pack

Science – Textbook Chapter 1: The nature of Science

School Closing

March 30th –through April 6th
Spring Break



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7
8	9 ELA Complex Text	10	11 NYS ELA Exam	12 End of 3 rd Marking Period NYS ELA Exam	13	14
15	16	17 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	18	19 Scientific Method quiz Class 621 & 622	20 Social Studies exam	21
22	23	24 Test Prep Academy 6-8pm	25	26	27 ELA Article deadline Science Notebook quiz Class 620	28
29	30 Science project due Class 620					

Important Upcoming Dates

May 1st – 2nd-NYS Math Exam

May 23rd – Street Fair: Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 28th –School Closed: Memorial Day