



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

January 2019



"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome back and best wishes for a wonderful new year. I hope 2019 brings you nothing but good things. We certainly have some exciting things planned for January! Our middle school holiday celebrations were a big success. I thank you for your participation. The children had lots of fun.

The Middle School teachers have scheduled the following opportunities for you to visit and spend some time with us during the month of January. Please note the dates here:

Grade	Class	Date	Time/Period	Parents as Partners Workshop
5	520	January 22, 2019	1:00 – 1:30	Fiesta for Esperanza
5	521	January 22, 2019	9:00 – 9:30	Fiesta for Esperanza
5	522	January 22, 2019	11:15 – 11:45	Fiesta for Esperanza
7	720	January 23, 2019	9:45 – 10: 15	Rise Up! Hamilton
7	721	January 23, 2019	9:00 – 9:30	Rise Up! Hamilton
7	722	January 23, 2019	10:30 – 11:00	Rise Up! Hamilton

I am VERY EXCITED to announce that Habitat for Humanity Club will be working with middle school students for a talent show/lip sync competition on February 13, 2019. Our first Middle School **"Spotlight Fight"** will be fantastic. Students can perform in groups or individually. I want to encourage as many students as possible to participate. There will be multiple rehearsal opportunities for each grade level. Rehearsals are on the attached calendar. Acts must be limited to 2 minutes. More information will be forthcoming.

Our National Junior Honor Society students have been working hard this year. They have visited Clove Lakes Nursing Home, organized the Box Top campaign and did volunteer gift wrapping in the Staten Island Mall. National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to apply. Students can earn community service hours during our PAL after school program. Ms. Calimano meets with 7th grade members on Tuesday each week. 8th grade members can meet every Wednesday and 6th grade students applying can meet on Fridays after school in Room B204. After school participation is not mandatory but those students who work on the community service projects after school go on trips to culminate each endeavor.

We are continuing our Box Top for Education collection. Attached you will find an easy collection sheet.

We are organizing a Middle School Bowling League for students in collaboration with our PAL after school program. Bowlers will meet at Rabs Country Lanes starting Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Bowling will be every Tuesday for eight weeks. Bowling is open to the first twenty students who would like to participate. The cost is \$60 charge. PAL and Petrides will offset the additional lane fees. Please see Mr. Keith Dragonetti or myself for an application.

Middle School Wrestling and Floor Hockey after school applications have also been distributed. Please contact me if your child would like to participate.

There are still seats available to students in grades 6 – 8 for our PAL after school program. We offer at least one hour per day of **tutoring** in Math and ELA by our licensed middle school teachers and one hour of **homework help** each day by our licensed middle school teachers. We also offer arts and crafts, STEM, cooking, track, robotics and much more! I strongly encourage all families to join PAL after school and take advantage of this free service provided. Please contact me directly to arrange the tutoring or homework help to meet your child's needs.

As per our new school uniform policy, **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. Uniforms can be ordered online at josephsportny@yahoo.com. **The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049.** Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy. You may also purchase a school uniform at any local store that carries school uniform wear. It has come to my attention many students are wearing hooded sweatshirts over their uniforms. Only school logo sweatshirts or light blue sweatshirts are allowed

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal,
Middle School

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA - In our next unit, Working with Evidence, students will focus on the following Guiding Questions & Learning Objectives: What are Rules to Live By? How do people formulate these rules to lead better lives? These Rules to Live By are communicated through multiple literary models. We have just completed our literary model – *Bud, Not Buddy*. We will continue looking at inspiration through poetic and real life examples. We will then research to write an Essay to Inform about a self-chosen rule to live by, supported with facts, definitions, details & examples. This research project will cycle through the writing process and include references.

Math – Students will be working on ratios and proportional relationships from chapter on 13, 14 and 16 throughout this month. Students will be connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems.

Science – Students will continue to explore the atmosphere and its significance in order to sustain life on planet earth. Students will describe what happens to energy Earth receives from the sun, comparing and contrasting radiation, conduction, and convection. Students will partake in lab exploring conduction through various materials. Students will also explain how the water cycles and its effect on weather patterns and climate.

Social Studies – Students will continue using their knowledge of the characteristics of civilization to identify the achievement and contributions of the early river civilizations. They will finish studying ancient Mesopotamia and move on to Egypt.



Test/Projects Dates

- Jan 2nd – Science Notebook quiz (Class 620)
- Jan 3rd – Science notebook quiz – (Class 621 & 622)
- Jan 7th - Math Quiz: Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 620)
- Jan 8th - Math Quiz Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 621 & 622)
- Jan 9th - Social Studies Exam
- Jan 11th - ELA Complex Text Assessment
- Jan 16th – Science exam (Class 620 & 621)
- Jan 17th – Science Exam (Class 622)
- Jan 25th - ELA Rules to Live By Research Form

ELA Wordly Wise Vocabulary Assessments
In class ELA packets will be completed and graded.



Required Reading

ELA - Stanford University Commencement Address by Steve Jobs; “If” by Rudyard Kipling; *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost; Multiple informational research articles

Science – Chapter 6- Atmosphere; Article: *Burned by the Sun* – students will read and annotate for purpose while exploring how the sun’s harmful UV rays can cause damage to skin. Students will summarize the text, indicating their comprehension of a scientific text.



REMINDERS!

Remember to read independently for a minimum of 20 minutes per day. Use your RADD strategy when you are responding to 2 point short answers –

- Restate the question
- Answer the question (inference)
- Detail #1
- Detail #2

Please use pearsonsuccessnet.com to review each Math chapter. Our e-book is on this website as well.

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. Notebook quizzes will be given quarterly.

Students receive a review before every Science test and are encouraged to study from it. Students are required to complete the review and hand it in to be graded.

School Closing

January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Schools Closed Winter Break	2 Science Notebook quiz (Class 620)	3 Science Notebook quiz (Class 621 & 622)	4	5
6	7 Math Quiz: Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 620)	8 Math Quiz Ch. 12 & 13 (Class 621 & 622)	9 Social Studies Exam	10	11 ELA Complex Text	12
13	14 Talent Show Practice (8 th period)	15	16 Science exam (Class 620 & 621)	17 Science Exam (Class 622)	18	19
20	21 Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25 ELA "Rules to Live By" Research List Talent Show Practice 12:00-12:45pm Auditorium	26
27	28 End of Second Marking Period Talent Show Practice (8 th period)	29	30	31	2/1 Talent Show Practice 12:00-12:45pm Auditorium	

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 5th – School Closed Lunar New Year
 February 13th - Middle School Talent Show
 February 18th through 22nd – Midwinter Recess
 February 25th – Classes Resume