



# The Michael J. Petrides School

## Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

### March 2018

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. Please be advised that **SLIME** is not permitted at school. It is a distraction to the learning environment, sticks to hair and leaves a mess on student desks. Any slime in school will be confiscated.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm. There will be one hour for English Language Arts and one hour dedicated for Math instruction. Following are the dates and times of the classes. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

March 6, 2018

March 13, 2018

March 20, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 17, 2018 – MATH ONLY

April 24, 2018 – MATH ONLY

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

I am super excited about our Annual Middle School Social Studies Fair on March 9, 2018 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 are due on Friday, March 2, 2018. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. They will continue their civic efforts every Wednesday from 2:20– 4:30 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, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 15, 2018 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm**

**Thursday, March 15, 2018 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20am.**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been invited to Snug Harbor Cultural Center to see a production of *Into the Woods* on Friday, March 23, 2018. The permission slip is attached.

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.

Our First Annual Spring Soccer Classic will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:20 pm. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

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

There is no school for students on March 30, 2018. School resumes on April 9, 2018. If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

*A Note from our PTA:*

Please join us for Family Bowling on March 25, 2018 at Showplace Bowling Center from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be two games of bowling, pizza, raffles and a bake sale.

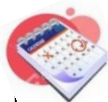
## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – Our next unit will incorporate test prep into understanding perspectives. We will investigate newspaper articles and research multiple perspectives on the same event in order to understand how diverse points of view help us live in an increasingly diverse society. We will also learn multiple strategies for constructing short responses and demystifying multiple choice - all according to the NYS Evaluation Rubric.

Math – This month the students will be able to classify polyhedrons and identify vertices, edges and faces; identify a polyhedron from its net and draw top, side and front views.

Science – This month the students in class 620 will explore scientific texts to be able to cite text evidence to support their analysis. The students will determine the central idea and provide a detailed summary of a text. These skills will guide students for test prep of the NY State ELA exam in April. The students will also work on an evidence claim essay using these skills. The students in class 621 and 622 will continue to learn about biotic and abiotic factors in environments. This unit includes how climate influences life in an ecosystem, the different levels of energy in a food chain and how organisms that live in parts of the ocean where sunlight does not reach, use chemosynthesis to produce their own energy rich molecules.

Social Studies – During the month of March the students will be reading and analyzing Data Based Questions (DBQs) to learn all about the European Monarchy.



### Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Social Studies Fair project due (Optional)
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – ELA Complex Text
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – Social Studies exam: Multiple Choice
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – Math quiz: Chapter 18
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Science Argumentative Essay (In-class)
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies exam: DBQ Essay
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – Science Mars essay due (Class 620)
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – ELA reading Assessment
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – Science exam: Ch. 10 (Class 621 & 622)

### Required Reading



ELA – *Dragonwing* by Lawrence Yep;  
*Comprehending Calamity* by Emma Burke;  
 Internet articles on the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and fire

Math – Textbook and eBook pages 453-467

Science – Class 620: Science Text: Mars the Atmosphere. Class 621 & 622: Chapter 10: The nonliving environment



### REMINDERS!

As we are preparing for the NY State ELA exam, please remind students to include skills and strategies learned in class to respond to text and answer questions.

Pi Day – 3/14

Please use [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) to review topics for the NY State Math exam.

Check [www.pupilpath.com](http://www.pupilpath.com) for updated Science homework, testing and quiz schedules.

The NY State ELA exam is April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 The NY State Math exam is May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**School Closing**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Recess**



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## Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Studies Fair project due (Optional)	2 ELA March Complex Text Social Studies exam: Multiple Choice NJHS Applications due	3
4	5	6 Math quiz: Chapter 18 <b>Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm</b>	7	8 Science Argumentative Essay (In-class)	9 Social Studies exam: DBQ Essay Social Studies Fair (Optional) Grade 5 & 6- 8:30-9:30am Grades 7 & 8- 10:00-11:00am	10
11	12	13 Science: Mars Essay due (Class 620) <b>Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm</b>	14 Math Pi Day <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm</b>	15 <b>Early dismissal 1:20am</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm</b>	16 ELA Reading Assessment	17
18	19	20 <b>Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm</b>	21	22 Science exam: Ch. 10 (Class 621 & 622)	23 Class Trip Snug Harbor "Into the Words"	24
25	26	27 <b>Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm</b>	28 Spring Classic 1:00-2:20pm	29	30 <b>No School Good Friday</b>	31

### Important Upcoming Dates

March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup>- Spring Recess

April 9<sup>th</sup> - School resumes

April 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: NYS ELA Exam

April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - Math Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>: NYS Math Exam