



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 6

MARCH 2020

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this week's Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Afternoon conferences are from 12:20 pm until 2:20 pm and evening conferences are from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. ***Please note Thursday, March 5, 2020 is a half day for students. Dismissal is at 11:20am.***

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.

Our **TEST PREP ACADEMY** for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from **7:00 am – 8:00 am** on the following dates:

Thursday, March 5

Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12

Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19

Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2

Wednesday, April 8

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for March 25 and March 26. The New York State Math test is scheduled for April 21 and April 22, 2020.

National Junior Honor Society applications were due on Friday, February 28, 2020. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after-school program this year. Mr. Giordano will meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 on Thursdays after school. Students can continue their commitment to community service during that time.

Students in grades 5, 6 and 7 have been invited to attend a College Fair at Citifield on April 1, 2020. Following the College Fair we will see the New York Mets take on the Philadelphia Phillies. Permission slips have been distributed to students and attached to this newsletter.

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. I have attached a copy here for parents to review.

If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin,
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month the students will continue to analyze the decade of the 1960's through different pieces of non-fiction texts. Each week the students will have a new topic from the 1960's and dissect the article to gather important information. We will work on different reading skills and stress the importance of annotations when reading the article. The students will fill out a non-fiction organizer for each article read in order to collect the information for future usage. Each student is given state test questions at the end of each topic. This will all lead to an Informative Essay on one of the topics of their choosing from the 1960's. Now that we are back from break, we as a class will begin the writing process for this essay. We will also continue our review for the upcoming State Test (March 25th and 26th)

Math – The students will find volume of a right rectangular prism and show that volume is the same as would be found by multiplying the edge length of prisms. Students will apply the formula $V = L \times W \times H$ to solve real word and mathematical problems. The students will also apply their knowledge of area to finding surface area of a figure.

Science – This month the focus will move from physical/earth science to life science. Students will learn about populations and communities and how physical factors with which they interact compose an ecosystem.

Social Studies – Students will continue to identify the characteristics of a civilization by studying the achievements and contributions of the early river civilizations such as ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt. Students will also begin to identify Power, Innovations, and Ideas and Beliefs as enduring themes that can be seen in these civilizations as well as today.



Test/Projects Dates

Mar 2nd - Social Studies Fair Projects due
 Mar 12th - Math Test: Chapter 18
 Mar 13th - ELA Practice State Test Passage
 Mar 20th - ELA Practice State Test Passage
 Mar 25th & 26th - NYS ELA Standardized Test
 Mar 30th - ELA rough draft of Informative Essay
 Apr 1st - Social Studies Test Ancient Egypt



REMINDERS!

The New York state ELA Standardized Test will be administered on Wednesday March 25th and Thursday, March 26th, 2020. Please come prepared with 2 No. 2 pencils.

Students should review Social Studies notes and handouts to prepare for the next exam.

Required Reading

ELA – 1960's Non-Fiction Unit



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Social Studies Fair Projects due	3 Social Studies Fair Gr 5&8: 8:30-9:30 Gr 6&7: 9:30-10:30	4	5 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm Early Dismissal 11:20am	6 Spring Picture Day	7
8	9	10	11 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	12 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Math Test: Chapter 18	13 ELA Practice State Test Passage	14
15	16	17	18 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	19 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	20 ELA Practice State Test Passage	21
22	23	24	25 NYS ELA Standardized Test	26 NYS ELA Standardized Test	27	28
29	30 ELA rough draft of Informative Essay	31	April 1 Social Studies Test Ancient Egypt			

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 9th – 17th Spring Recess
April 21st – 22nd NYS Math Exam