



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

May 2018



“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.” Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dear Parents,

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. I hope you enjoyed your Spring break.

We will be hosting a Parents as Partners/Mother’s Day event for students on Friday, May 11, 2018. A parent of students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to **Brunch and Bouquets** from 8:50 am – 9:35am and a parent of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited from 10:35 am – 11:15 am. We will be making flower bouquets and enjoying brunch.

Parents of fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science expedition in the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A of our Petrides Complex on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. A detailed invitation will be forthcoming.

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. Class will be offered on **Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
May 16, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
May 30, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
June 6, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been SCHEDULED for Friday, May 18, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Our NJHS students are organizing a Box Top collection campaign. Please send in all Box Tops to support our school.

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

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Annual Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

There is no school for students on May 28, 2018. 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 this month?

ELA – Continuing to research as writers, we will use our newly donated Chromebooks to gather information about the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. How does investigating multiple perspectives surrounding the same event, shape our point of view? We will become journalists and publish our own newspaper articles.

Math – Chapter 19 we will be working on statistics and probability. The students will learn that different measures can be used to describe the center of a numerical data set. Each measure is most appropriate depending on characteristics of the data.

Science – During this month the students in class 620 will design controlled experiments and identify independent, dependent and constant variables used in an experiment. The students will also describe the procedure used. Students in Class 621 & 622 will apply mathematics equations to describe relationships among variables in the natural world. They will recognize when “work” is being done, and they will use mathematical equations to calculate work, power, mechanical advantage, efficiency, etc. They will also learn how machines make work easier and how friction influences efficiency.

Social Studies – This month the student will study European Monarchs.



Test/Projects Dates

May 7th – Science Research Foldable due (Class 620)
 May 14th – ELA article due
 May 18th – Science Notebook quiz (Class 620)
 May 23rd - Science Exam

Please check www.pupilpath.com for Science HW/testing/quiz schedule.
 Social Studies exam dates to be determined.



REMINDERS!

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

If you have not already done so, please email me with permission for your child to be included in pictures for our thank you package to donorschoose.org. My email address is jbrancaccio@schools.nyc.gov

Come celebrate our journalistic research techniques at our end of year Publishing Share on May 21st: Class 620 8:30-9:00am; Class 621 1:00-1:30pm; Class 622 10:30-11:00am

Required Reading



ELA – *Dragonwings* by Lawrence Yep; various nonfiction articles and internet research

Science – Class 620: Textbook Ch. 1: Nature of Science; Class 621 & 622: Textbook Ch. 3- Work and simple machines

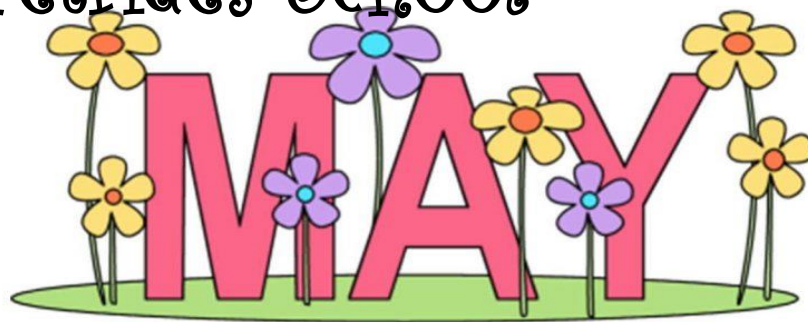
Social Studies - Students will work with a variety of primary and

School Closing

May 28th
 Memorial Day



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 NYS Math Exam	2 NYS Math Exam	3 College Access Day at Citifield	4	5
6	7 Science Research Foldable due (Class 620)	8	9	10	11 Parents as Partners Brunch & Bouquet Grades 5 & 6: 8:50-9:35am Grades 7 & 8: 10:35-11:15am	12
13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	14 ELA Article due	15 Spring Concert 7:00pm	16	17	18 Science Notebook quiz (Class 620) National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony	19
20	21 Parents as Partners: Publishing Party Class 620 8:30-9:00am; Class 621 1:00-1:30pm; Class 622 10:30-11:00am	22	23 Science Exam (Class 620) Annual Street Fair 5:00-8:00pm	24	25	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Important Upcoming Dates

June 7th - No school
June 11th - No school
June 15th - No school
June 26th - Last day of school