



# The Michael J. Petrides School

## Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

### November 2017



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. Our annual Halloween dance was a big success thanks to your support. The end of the first marking period is approaching on November 3, 2017. Parents should be checking PupilPath.com to view their child's academic progress. I am happy to reprint login information for any parent in need. Please email me at any time and the login information will be sent home in your child's backpack.

I want to thank all of the fifth and eighth grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

This month, fifth grade parents are invited to an **Investigation Lab** on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** according to the following schedule:

**Class 520: 1:00 – 1:30 pm      Class 521: 10:00 – 10:30am      Class 522: 8:30 – 9:00 am**

The seventh grade parents are invited to a **Publishing Party** on **Monday, November 6, 2017** for their narrative writing piece according to the following schedule:

**Class 720: 9:00 – 9:30am      Class 721: 10:30 – 11:00 am      Class 722: 9:45 – 10:15am**

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. Please note dates and times:

#### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm**

Please note that **Thursday, November 16** is a **HALF DAY** of school. Dismissal is **11:20 am**

I want to encourage students in grades 6 through 8 to join our school's chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**. The complete application for students is attached to this newsletter. Please take note that we are providing community service opportunities for students after school with Ms. Calimano every Wednesday.

I want to thank the eighth grade parents for attending our informational Sip & Share with Ms. Buckheit and Mr. Tabbitas. I am in the process of distributing High School applications to our eighth grade students. We are discussing what Petrides High School has to offer and I am arranging a "High School Shadowing" experience for students during the month of November. High School applications are due back to my office on or before December 1, 2017. Please remember that if Petrides is not listed as your number one choice for public schools, you may lose your seat in our high school program.

We are excited to expand our social/emotional learning opportunities by partnering with the YMCA Counseling Service Branch. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Second Step Program. The students will learn about empathy, communication, bullying prevention, emotional management and substance abuse prevention.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! We are offering Cooking, Boy's Rap, Basketball (Boys Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls), Spin Class, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Girl's Talk, Step, Drum Line, Robotics, National Junior Honor Society (civics and service), test prep and homework help. In order for students to participate, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at [petridesschool.com](http://petridesschool.com) or in my office. The program runs from 2:20 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. As per our school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue top and navy blue bottoms. Middle school students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must be ordered online at [josephsportny@yahoo.com](mailto:josephsportny@yahoo.com). The telephone number is 347 – 768 – 2049. Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

**November 7, 2017 ELECTION DAY**

**November 23 and 24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or at (718)8150186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – Students will begin reading *The Lightning Thief* by author Rick Riordan and begin to compare themes across literature such as: Family, Friendship, Perseverance and Facing Challenges. August (*Wonder*) and Percy (*Lightning Thief*) both struggle with challenges in their lives. They will examine themes that connect to both characters. The students will also work on a narrative writing piece that focuses on a hero in the everyday world.

Math – During the month of November students will continue working on the number system topic. They will learn to find the quotients of divisions involving mixed numbers. In addition the students will be able to graph points on a coordinate plane.

Science – This month the students in class 620 will be recognizing that matter is made of particles in constant motion. They will also relate the three states of matter to the arrangement of particles within them. The students will then relate changes in thermal energy to change of state. The students in class 621 & 622 will begin to study the atmosphere that surrounds our planet and makes life here possible. They will learn about gases that make up our atmosphere and how the atmosphere is broken up into layers that all have their own properties.

Social Studies – The students will learn how to write a Social Studies essay during this month. They will be drafting the essay in class.



### Test/Projects Dates

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – ELA Complex Text Assessment  
 Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Science exam: States of Matter  
 Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – SS Egypt Postcard due  
 Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Math Task: Chapter 9  
 Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – SS: first Essay due  
 Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Science Quiz  
 Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Math Task: The Number System



### Required Reading

ELA – *Percy Jackson – The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan; Key elements of mythology – article; Text exemplars/various complex texts  
 Math – Textbook: Chapter 9 & 10  
 Science – Chapter 6: Atmosphere  
 Social Studies - Handouts related to ancient Egypt



### REMINDERS!

Please be sure to check Pupil Path for all updated ELA grades and assignments.

Math – Use [www.Pearsonsuccess.com](http://www.Pearsonsuccess.com) to review each chapter.

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**Please bring in *Scholastics News* slip and money if you haven't already done so.**

### School Closing

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Election Day**  
**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Recess**

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ELA Complex Text Assessment	3 Science Test States of Matter (621,622)	4
5	6	7 <b>No School Election Day</b>	8 Social Studies Egypt Postcard Due	9 Math Task: Chapter 9	10	11
12	13	14 Social Studies Essay due	15 Science Quiz: States of Matter (620) <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00pm</b>	16 <b>Early Dismissal 11:20am</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:20-2:20pm</b>	17	18
19	20	21 Math Task: The Number System	22 Pep Rally	23 <b>No School Thanksgiving</b>	24 <b>No School Thanksgiving</b>	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter Recess