



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 6

November 2018



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 15, 2018. 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 grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Mr. DelRe will host a workshop where you will do a math task on systems of equations with your **8th grade** child on **Monday, November 26, 2018**. (Class 820 at 8:15am, Class 821 at 9:45am and Class 822 at 9:00am)

Ms. Diario will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **7th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 720 at 9:00am, Class 721 at 10:30am and Class 722 at 8:15am)

Ms. Brancaccio will host a Publishing Party for **6th grade** parents and students on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 620 at 9:45am, Class 621 at 9:00am and Class 622 at 1:45pm)

Ms. Kruesi will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **5th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 520 at 9:00am, Class 521 at 9:45am and Class 522 at 8:15am)

All parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** for **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**. Conferences are from 12:20 until 2:20pm and then again from 5:00 – 8:00pm.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current eighth grade members that work with Ms. Calimano are visiting Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 7, 2018 to work on a Thanksgiving craft with seniors. Our seventh grade members are organizing the BOX TOP campaign. Please use the attached Box Top collection sheet and send in your box tops!

Our Eighth grade students will be visiting historic Philadelphia on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Please send in permission slip and Money to Ms. Pat Harrigan ASAP.

Our Fifth grade students will have an in-school trip on November 20, 2018. They will see a presentation from the Wildlife Unit of the New York City Parks department about Deer Awareness. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

Our Seventh grade students will experience a two part in-school trip during the month of November. They will see a presentation from the New York City Parks Department about Ecology: How humans affect the environment. They will also have an outdoor experience guided by the Parks department and Ms. McDonald on our campus. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

The NJHS students will be conducting a THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE for needy families in our community. Please send in all NON PERISHABLES starting November 5th until November 16th. The flyer is attached.

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 bottom. Middle school, students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must 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.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 6, 2018 ELECTION DAY

November 12, 2018 VETERANS DAY

November 22 and 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – This month the students will read the novel *Wonder* by RJ Palacio and make inferences about character point of view. They will connect the novel to themes across literature (6.RL.2) using *The Lightning Thief* as a comparative text. The students will also analyze comparative statements detecting themes such as Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance, Fear of Failure, and Friendship. The students will then choose a theme to complete their Performance Task and write a narrative about an Everyday Hero. They will use their Voice to peer assess and share their writing.

Math – Students will be working on chapter on 9 and 10 throughout this month. They will be able to interpret and compute quotients of fractions, and solve word problems involving division of fraction models and equations to represent the problem. The students will also be able to understand that positive and negative numbers are used together to describe quantities that have opposite directions or values.

Science – This month the students will continue to recognize that the motion of particles help to explain the phases of matter as well as changes from one phase to another. They will define and comprehend thermal energy and temperature. They will also relate changes in thermal energy to changes of state.

Social Studies – Students will examine how archaeology helps shape our understanding of prehistoric humans and early man. Students will identify the elements of a civilization. Students will also identify the differences between a primary and secondary source.



Test/Projects Dates

- Nov 1st - Science Notebook quiz (Class 621 & 622)
- Nov 7th - Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 622)
- Nov 7th - Social Studies Exam
- Nov 8th – ELA Published Narrative: Everyday Heroes
- Nov 8th – Science Matter exam (Class 621 & 622)
- Nov 8th – Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 621)
- Nov 9th – Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 620)
- Nov 9th – ELA Wordly Wise Online Assessment
- Nov 14th - Science notebook quiz (Class 620)
- Nov 16th – ELA Wordly Wise Online Assessment
- Nov 19th – Science Matter exam (Class 620)
- Nov 21st – Math quiz: Chapter 10 (All Classes)

Required Reading

ELA – *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, Wordly Wise informational text, *The Hero's Journey* informational supplemental article
 Science – Chapter 4- Matter; Article: *Solar Plane Renewable Energy*



School Closing

Nov 6th – Election Day
 Nov 12th – Veteran's Day
 Nov 22nd & 23rd – Thanksgiving Recess



REMINDERS!

For at home vocabulary practice, please have students visit www.vocabtest.com and select book 6.

Independent reading is crucial to vocabulary acquisition and helps to foster a lifelong love of reading. Please visit www.scholastic.com/bookclubs and enter code 135YA for discounted books ordered directly to our classroom!

Text @6elajbranc to 81010 and help strengthen our home to school connection. Please join us for a Parents as Partners Publishing Party on Thursday, Nov. 15th - Class 620-9:45-10:15, Class 621-9:00-9:30, Class 622-1:45-2:15

If a student is absent they should always get the Science notes from the PowerPoint located in the back of the room or get the notes from a peer. Thank you for your involvement in participating in the Pop Rocks Lab in October. The students and I enjoyed having family visit while exploring the topic of viscosity!

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

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Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Science Notebook Quiz (Class 621 & 622)	2	3
4	5	6 No School 	7 Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 622) Social Studies Exam	8 ELA Narrative: Every Day Heroes Science Matter exam (Class 621 & 622) Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 621)	9  Picture Day Math quiz: Chap 8 & 9 (Class 620) Wordly Wise Quiz: Online assessment	10
11	12 No School 	13	14 Science Notebook Quiz (Class 620)	15 End of First Marking Period Parents as Partners Publishing Party Class 620-9:45-10:15 Class 621-9:00-9:30 Class 622-1:45-2:15	16 Wordly Wise Quiz: Online assessment	17
18	19 Science Matter exam (Class 620)	20	21 Math quiz: Chapter 10 (All Classes)	22 No School 	23 No School 	24
25	26	27 Report Cards Distributed	28 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent-Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	29	30	

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 24 – January 1
Winter Recess