



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7

February 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

Wow! The saying is certainly true. "Time flies when you are having fun." Half of the school year is behind us already. February marks the beginning of the third marking period and we have a lot to celebrate. We have the 100th Day of School, and Respect for All week. We also have our Middle School War of the Roses, a special assembly "Step Forward If" for fifth and sixth graders, "Too Good for Drugs" program for seventh graders, a Council for Unity St. Jude fundraiser, Respect for All week activities and a vacation.

Our Middle School Social Studies department will be hosting our annual Social Studies Fair. Projects are for extra credit in grades 5, 6 and 7. Projects will be mandatory in grade 8. The theme for this year's projects is "Issues of Power, Race and Gender." The teachers will also have after school sessions for groups, to work with their guidance. A separate permission slip for both will be forthcoming.

Ms. Kruesi, Ms. Milazzo and Ms. Rebecchi will host a "Parents as Math Partners" event on Thursday, February 15, 2018 according to the following schedule:

Class 521 8:15 am – 8:45 am Class 522 10:00 am – 10:30am Class 520 11:15 – 11:45 AM

The week of February 12, 2018 is Respect for All week. Following are our scheduled events:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 all students will do an anti-bully pledge

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. All students should wear their Color Wars T-shirts or anything Pink or Red.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 is School Spirit Day and students should wear Blue to show their Panther Pride.

Please send in BOX TOPS to show how much you **LOVE** your school. Attached you will find a box top collection sheet.

We will be celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day in true middle school style. On Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 12:45 – 2:20 pm we will be having the annual Middle School "War of the Roses." Grade level teams will compete in color wars. Your child can volunteer to participate in an assortment of events to earn points for their grade. The grade earning the most points will be the champions. A more detailed flyer will be distributed for this event. There will also be customized T-Shirts available for sale. T – Shirts will be color coded by grade.

The Council for Unity will be selling chocolate and Valentine's on February 14, 2018 to support St. Jude's Hospital for childhood cancer patients. An order form will be attached to this letter. Please be generous to this wonderful organization.

The NYPD will be conducting the "Too Good for Drugs" program to all seventh graders from 1:30 pm until 2:20 pm during the week of February 26, 2018.

National Junior Honor Society applications are available in my office. All applications are due back to me on or before Friday, March 2, 2018.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* will begin in March. Please look out for the permission slip for this wonderful cost free opportunity. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

A Note from the PTA: Our Annual Thank Heavens for Little Girls Dance will be held on February 11th. Tickets are on sale now. If you have never joined us for this wonderful event, it is for Girls (Pre K - Eighth Grade) and a significant male role model. There will be dancing, games, raffles, and lots and lots of fun.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on February 28th at 7pm.

There is **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, February 16, 2018 to celebrate Lunar New Year. There will be no school for winter recess the week of February 19, 2018. School resumes Monday, February 26, 2018.

If you have any questions about the above-mentioned information, 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 today?

ELA – During this month the students will read non-fiction articles about child labor during the 19th century and compare their findings to the to the novel *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson. We will learn strategies for annotating nonfiction articles, answering multiple choice reading comprehension questions and writing short response for the upcoming ELA test.

Math – The students will use measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations.

Science – During the month of February students will begin their journey into the world of earthquakes and learn about the causes of earthquakes, how earthquakes transmit waves that travel along earth’s surface and how earthquakes are measured. They will learn about seismic earthquakes and numerous ways to remain safe during an earthquake. They will also learn about how volcanoes form, different types of volcanoes and what determines how a volcano erupts.

Social Studies - This month our Social Studies Scholars will be exploring the ratification of the Constitution, Hamilton’s economic plan, presidency of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, and Louisiana Purchase. The unit will conclude with a performance-based assessment with students writing an argumentative essay discussing why people create, structure, and change governments.



Test/Projects Dates

- Feb 6th – ELA exam: Wordly Wise Lesson 5
- Feb 7th – Math quiz: Unit 5 (Class 720 & 721)
- Feb 8th – Math quiz: Unit 5 (Class 721 & 722)
- Feb 12th – SS exam: Constitutional Rights & Issues
- Feb 27th – Math Break Assignment due
- Feb 27th – Math Task: Unit 5 (Class 720 & 721)
- Feb 27th – Social Studies Unit 3 Essay due
- Feb 28th – Math task: Unit 5 (Class 722)
- Feb 28th – Science exam: Chapter 7
- Mar 5th and 6th – SS exam- Unit 3 (tentative)
- Mar 1st - Middle School Social Studies Fair Projects due
- Mar 9th – H Building - Social Studies Fair



REMINDERS!

Check www.pupilpath.com for updated Science homework and testing schedules.

Students should be checking Google Classroom every night for Social Studies for homework and school wide reminders. Videos are being posted as studying resources.

Students are encouraged to participate in our optional middle school social studies fair for extra credit! This year’s theme is “Issues of Power, Race, and Gender”. We will be hosting after school social studies sessions for students to work on their project with their social studies teachers.

Social Studies Fair Student Team Workshops
 Wed, Jan 31 2:30-4:30
 Wed, Feb 7 2:30-4:30
 Wed, Feb 28 2:30-4:30

Required Reading



- ELA – Students will read assigned chapters from *Lyddie* and complete questions in the Student Package
- Math – GoMath Modukles 10 & 11; Buckle Down Lessons 26-31
- Science – Chapter 7: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Social Studies Scholars

- Class 720: Olivia Baslin
- Class 721: Christopher Bischoff
- Class 722: Matthew Vincent

School Closing

February 16th through 23rd
Winter Recess

The Petrides School

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Grade 7

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | Lyddie HW #1 due | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | ELA exam: Wordly Wise Lesson 5 | Math quiz: Unit 5 Class 720 & 721 | Math quiz: Unit 5 Class 721 & 722 | Lyddie HW #2 due | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | Respect For All Week SS exam: Constitutional Rights & Issues | Anti-Bully Pledge NYC Jr. Ambassador trip to United Nations | Random Acts Of Kindness Day Middle School War of the Roses 12:45-2:20pm Wear Pink or Red | School Spirit Day Wear Blue Lyddie HW #3 due | No School Winter Recess | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 3/1 | 3/2 | |
| | Lyddie HW #4 due "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20pm | Math Break Assignment due Math Task: Unit 5 Class 720 & 721 Social Studies Unit 3 Essay due "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20pm | Math Task: Unit 5 Class 722 Science exam: Chapter 7 "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20pm | Social Studies Fair project due "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20pm | "Too Good For Drugs" Program 1:30-2:20pm | |

Important Upcoming Dates

March 1st – Social Studies Fair project due
March 2nd – NJHS Applications due
March 9th – Social Studies Fair
March 30th – April 6th: Spring Recess Schools Closed
April 11th – 12th: NYS ELA Exam
May 1st – 2nd: NYS Math Exam