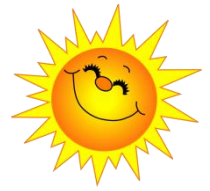




Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 7

JUNE 2019

Working Together for Student Success

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” John Lubbock

Dear Parents,

Your partnership with our school is paramount to the work we do each day. We sincerely thank you for your consistent collaboration in making the 2018 - 2019 school year a success!

Before we anticipate the lazy, restful days of summer, I have some important information about the end of the school year.

Our Middle School Social Studies Fair was an extremely exciting learning experience! I loved seeing all of the projects and learning about Triumph and Tragedy in History from my students. I would like to congratulate ALL of our student participants on a job well done. Following are our 2019 Social Studies Fair WINNERS:

Third Place – Devin Mendis, Aken Wickramanayake (grade 5), Cindy Chavela, Puja DeSilva and Pooja Perera (grade 6), Hannah Vayser, Isabella Burmaster, Sarah Kouider and Erika Volshteyn (grade 7), Veronica Wankowicz, Arbra Bajraktari (grade 8).

Second Place – Jayleen Nava, Gabriella Rojas and Suleika Sandi (grade 5), Cooper Enselman and Sierra Enselman (grade 6), Benjamin Owens, Jesse LeFurge, and Jose Perez IV (grade 7), Natalie Gulan, Amira Meawad and Mikayla Sahadi (grade 8).

First Place – **Matthew Scarfone and Glenn Sheppard (grade 5)**

Derrick Lee, William Ngai and John Sadelski (grade 6)

Jordan Brown and Abigail Daretany (grade 7)

Emilee Jospey, Jacqueline McMahon and Ortensia Simicija (grade 8)

Your children are continuing to work on meaningful academic tasks throughout the month of June. I would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality to school. All students should continue to come to school each day prepared to learn. Students must promptly transition from class to class and continue their pursuit of academic excellence through the remainder of the school year.

We have prepared the rigorous testing schedule for our 8th grade students during the month of June. Please see the attached schedule with specific directions for a smooth and easy test administration. It is important that you note the change in start and end time of the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and June 19.

For those of you who would like to get an early start, I have attached a supply list and summer reading assignment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Our June Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 12:30 until 2:15 pm.

All textbooks, library books and novels that have been issued to your child during the school year **MUST BE RETURNED** prior to June 21, 2019. Your child will not receive a report card if they have an outstanding account.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In June we will continue reading *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester and exploring the impact of slavery on individuals and society. Students will be reading self-selected texts about the slave experience and completing five weekly responses based on their reading. Also, students will continue reading and annotating books and articles to gather information for their research reports. We will work on all stages of the writing process, including drafting, revising and publishing in order to create a final report. Students will have the opportunity to present their research at the end of June.

Math – Students will learn to find the distance and midpoint of a line. They will apply their knowledge of slope, midpoint and distance to complete their in-class project.

Science – Students will delve into the Body Systems that they are comprised of and they will observe how these systems work collectively to ensure a safe and healthy body exists. Students gain understanding of nutrition, hygiene and healthy habits that encourage a positive adolescence.

Social Studies - This month our Social Studies Scholars will be diving into Unit 5, A Nation Divided, by analyzing the causes/effects of the Civil War, major battles throughout the war and resulting Constitutional amendments. Students will continue their study of United States History in Grade 8 starting with Reconstruction directly following the Civil War. We will also be concluding this year with an abbreviated mock Multiple Choice Regents Exam culmination of the content studied this year. It has been a pleasure teaching your children in Social Studies class. Have a wonderful summer!



Test/Projects Dates

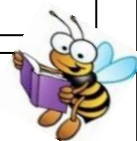
- June 3rd – Math Unit Test (Class 720 and 721)
 - June 5th – ELA Wordly Wise Cumulative Test (Lessons 1-8)
 - June 5th – Math Unit Test (Class 722)
 - June 7th – Math 4th Notebook Quiz
 - June 12th & 13th – Science Anatomy Exam
 - June 19th & 20th - Science Portfolio Distribution
 - June 20th - 21st – SS Unit 5 Test
 - June 21st – ELA Published Research Report
 - June 25th – SS Final Multiple Choice Mock Regents Exam
- Students will be engaged in Science Portfolio Self Assessments as the year comes to an end.

Required Reading

ELA – In class: *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester At home: self-selected text on the topic of slavery (read 20-30 minutes nightly)

Math – GoMath Unit 8; 8th Grade Buckle Down Lessons 7-13

Science – Students are encouraged to expand their knowledge of the systems that make up the human body and how these systems rely on and react to one another.



Important Dates

June 26th – Last day of classes
Early dismissal 11:20am



REMINDERS!

Students should come to Math class prepared with a pencil and a calculator every day

Please assist students in obtaining the necessary books and articles for their ELA research reports. Students will benefit from printing articles at home or school and borrowing books from local libraries. Thank you for your help!

Please encourage students to SAVE their student Science Portfolios to assist them with the start of their 8th grade Living Environment class. Ask your child to show and explain the work in their portfolio to you. They've had great accomplishments in Science this year.



SS Scholars of the Month

Class 720: Ethan Chung
Class 721: Harry Ison
Class 722: Jordan Brown



Math Student of the Month:



Class 720 - Eva Mazziotti
Class 721- Kathleen Discolo
Class 722- Zoey Cheung

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Math Unit Test (Class 720 and 721)	4 No School	5 ELA Wordly Wise Cumulative Test (Lessons 1-8) Math Unit Test (Class 722)	6 No School	7 Math 4 th Notebook Quiz	8
9	10	11 No School	12 Science Anatomy Exam	13 Science Anatomy Exam	14	15
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23 /30	24	25 SS Final Multiple Choice Mock Regents Exam	26 Last Day of School Early Dismissal 11:20am	27 H A P P Y S U M M E R!	28	29 

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 5th – First day of school