



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7



March 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

Happy March! We will continue our box top campaign during March. Please use the attached collection sheet and submit all box tops to my office or the main office. I thank you in advance for your participation. Please be advised that **SLIME** is not permitted at school. It is a distraction to the learning environment, sticks to hair and leaves a mess on student desks. Any slime in school will be confiscated.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 pm. There will be one hour for English Language Arts and one hour dedicated for Math instruction. Following are the dates and times of the classes. I strongly encourage all students to participate in test prep sessions offered at our school.

March 6, 2018

March 13, 2018

March 20, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 17, 2018 – MATH ONLY

April 24, 2018 – MATH ONLY

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 11th and 12th, 2018. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1st and May 2nd, 2018.

I am super excited about our Annual Middle School Social Studies Fair on March 9, 2018 at the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A on our campus. Attached is the Parent visiting schedule:

Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 – 8:30 am until 9:30 am

Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 – 10:00 am until 11:00 am

National Junior Honor Society applications are due on Friday, March 2, 2018. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. They will continue their civic efforts every Wednesday from 2:20–4:30 pm.

Spring Parents Teacher Conferences will be conducted during the month of March. Conference dates and times are:

Evening Conferences will be held on March 14, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 15, 2018 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm

Thursday, March 15, 2018 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20am.

Our 5th and 6th grade students have been invited to Snug Harbor Cultural Center to see a production of *Into the Woods* on Friday, March 23, 2018. The permission slip is attached.

We have prepared the eighth grade end of year letter and dues. All information will be distributed in classes and will be posted on our school website.

Our First Annual Spring Soccer Classic will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:20 pm. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

How lucky are we to be in Petrides? I think we are very lucky! We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful parent group and PTA. The PTA does many fundraisers for our school. The money raised at those fundraisers has been used to buy the beautiful laptops and laptop carts that your children are using in our middle school classrooms. One of the biggest PTA fundraisers is the Night of Chances Auction. I would like to donate a basket of lottery tickets to share the luck that we have. **I am asking middle school families to donate lottery tickets for this basket.** It will be prominently displayed and labeled at the auction. You could also send a dollar or two and we will be happy to purchase the lotto tickets for the basket. Please send all donations to the attention of Patricia Harrigan or BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

There is no school for students on March 30, 2018. School resumes on April 9, 2018. If you have any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

A Note from our PTA:

Please join us for Family Bowling on March 25, 2018 at Showplace Bowling Center from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be two games of bowling, pizza, raffles and a bake sale.

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – During the month of March the students will learn how to write persuasive essays in connection with themes discussed in *Lyddie*. We will also continue practicing test taking strategies for the upcoming NY State ELA exam.

Math – This month the students will investigate chance processes and develop, use and evaluate probability models. They will find probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams and simulation.

Science – This month the students will learn how volcanoes form, different types of volcanoes and what determines how a volcano erupts. They will continue to make connections between heat flow and movement within Earth and sections of Earth's crust moving. When this unit is complete, the students will move from the branch of Earth Science to the branch of Life Science.

Social Studies - This month our Social Studies Scholars will be exploring the presidencies of our first 3 Presidents and starting Unit 4: A Nation Grows – Expansion and Reform 1800 - 1860. We will also be conducting a mini-unit in preparation for the 2018 ELA State Exam focused on Non-Fiction Reading/Writing. March 9th will be our annual Middle School Social Studies Fair! This year's theme is "Issues of Power, Race, and Gender". Be on the lookout for information regarding our spring trip to Philadelphia!



Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 1st - Social Studies Fair project due (Optional)
- Mar 6th – Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 720 & 721)
- Mar 7th – Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 721 & 722)
- Mar 8th – Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 722)
- Mar 9th – ELA Vocabulary test-Lesson 6
- Mar 12th – ELA Petition Project due
- Mar 13th – Science exam: Chapter 7

Required Reading



- ELA – We will finish reading *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson and read related nonfiction texts.
- Math – GoMath Modules 12 & 13; Buckle Down Lessons 24 & 25
- Science – Ch. 7: Earthquakes and Volcanoes; Ch. 13: The Cell

Social Studies Scholars

- Class 720: Matthew Erickson
- Class 721: Kayla Hodges
- Class 722: Jessica Poplawski



REMINDERS!

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

Check www.pupilpath.com for updated Science homework, quiz 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.

-Be on the lookout for information on our spring trip to Philadelphia!

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School Closing

March 30th – April 6th
Spring Recess



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Studies Fair project due (Optional)	2 NJHS Applications due	3
4	5	6 Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 720 & 721) Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	7 Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 721 & 722)	8 Math exam: Unit 5 (Class 722)	9 ELA Vocabulary test Lesson # 6 Social Studies Fair (Optional) Grade 5 & 6- 8:30-9:30am Grades 7 & 8- 10:00-11:00am	10
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25	26	27 Test Prep Academy ELA and Math 6:00-8:00pm	28 Spring Classic 1:00-2:20pm	29	30 No School Good Friday	31

Important Upcoming Dates

March 30th – April 6th: Spring Recess Schools Closed
April 9th – School resumes
April 11th – 12th: NYS ELA Exam
April 17th and 24th – Math Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm
May 1st – 2nd: NYS Math Exam