



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 7

MARCH 2020

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at this week's Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Afternoon conferences are from 12:20 pm until 2:20 pm and evening conferences are from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. ***Please note Thursday, March 5, 2020 is a half day for students. Dismissal is at 11:20am.***

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.

Our **TEST PREP ACADEMY** for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from **7:00 am – 8:00 am** on the following dates:

Thursday, March 5

Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12

Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19

Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2

Wednesday, April 8

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for March 25 and March 26. The New York State Math test is scheduled for April 21 and April 22, 2020.

National Junior Honor Society applications were due on Friday, February 28, 2020. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after-school program this year. Mr. Giordano will meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 on Thursdays after school. Students can continue their commitment to community service during that time.

Students in grades 5, 6 and 7 have been invited to attend a College Fair at Citifield on April 1, 2020. Following the College Fair we will see the New York Mets take on the Philadelphia Phillies. Permission slips have been distributed to students and attached to this newsletter.

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. I have attached a copy here for parents to review.

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

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – During the first three weeks of March, we will be preparing for the ELA State Exam. Students will practice strategies for correctly answering multiple choice questions and writing the extended response. Homework assignments will require students to apply the techniques we learned in class to read and respond to passages from last year’s exam. Additionally, we will finish reading *Day of Tears* and further dig into the two big standards we’ve been covering throughout this unit, the impact of figurative language on mood, and the development of multiple points of view within a text. Short responses are frequently assigned throughout the reading so that students can be assessed on their understanding of these topics.

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 – Students look beyond what their naked eye can see and continue their study of the microscopic world. Students begin to understand the cellular composition of the world around them. Systems of the human body are explored as connective systems dependent on one another for overall wellness. Our ongoing explanation of human impact on biotic and abiotic factors in our environment continues we are CITIZEN SCIENTISTS.

Social Studies - This month our Social Studies Scholars will be crafting an argumentative historical writing piece investigating why people create, structure, and change governments. Next, we 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 2020 ELA State Exam focusing on Non-Fiction Reading/Writing. March 3rd will be our annual Middle School Social Studies Fair!



Test/Projects Dates

- Mar 2nd - S.S. Fair Project Due
- Mar 3rd - S.S. Fair 8:30-10:30
- Mar 3rd – Math Unit 5 Task (Class 721)
- Mar 4th – Math Unit 5 Task (Class 720 & 722)
- Mar 10th – Math Unit 5 Test (Class 721)
- Mar 11th – Math Unit 5 Test (Class 720 and 722)
- Mar 11th – Science Test
- Mar 12th – ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 8 Test
- Mar 13th: SS Published Argumentative Historical Writing Piece due
- Mar 20th - Math Notebook Quiz
- Mar 25th & 26th - NYS ELA Standardized Test



REMINDERS!

The New York State ELA Standardized Test will be administered on Wed March 25th and Thurs March 26th, 2020. Please come prepared with 2 No. 2 pencils.

Students should practice annotation strategies at home. Whenever they read, the text should be highlighted and noted meaningfully and thoroughly.

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

Social Studies Fair: 8:30-9:30 am: Families of Students in Grades 5 and 8; 9:30am-10:30am: Families of Students in Grade 6 and 7

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

Summaries of students Science reading is accepted as extra credit throughout the school year.



Students of the Month

SOCIAL STUDIES

720: Alan Koren
721: Sierra Enselman
722: Ganesh Sivadasan

MATH

720: Haseeb Rana
721- Calla Chow DeGeorge
722- Kimora Mitchell

ELA

720: Haris Rana
721: Imani Carter
722: Abdul Koroma

SCIENCE

720: Kenula Weliwatta
721: Ian Rautenstrauch
722: Johnathan Rojas



Required Reading

ELA – *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester; Wordly Wise Lesson 8

Math - Go Math Modules 12 and 13 Buckle Down Unit 5: Lessons 24 and 25

Science – Students are given required reading materials in class, but are always urged to independently read science articles and journals outside of school.

The Petrides School



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Social Studies Fair Projects due	3 Social Studies Fair Gr 5&8: 8:30-9:30 Gr 6&7: 9:30-10:30 Math Unit 5 Task (Class 721)	4 Math Unit 5 Task (Class 720 & 722)	5 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm Early Dismissal 11:20am	6 Spring Picture Day ELA Homework #4	7
8	9	10 Math Unit 5 Test (Class 721)	11 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am Math Unit 5 Test (Class 720 and 722) Science Test	12 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am ELA Wordly Wise Lesson 8 Test	13 SS Published Argumentative Historical Writing Piece due ELA Homework #5	14
15	16	17	18 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	19 Test Prep Academy 7:00-8:00am	20 Math Notebook Quiz ELA Homework #6	21
22	23	24	25 NYS ELA Standardized Test	26 NYS ELA Standardized Test	27	28
29	30	31				

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 9th – 17th Spring Recess
April 21st – 22nd NYS Math Exam