



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 7

May 2018



“And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth’s dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.” Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dear Parents,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes. I hope you enjoyed your Spring break.

We will be hosting a Parents as Partners/Mother’s Day event for students on Friday, May 11, 2018. A parent of students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to **Brunch and Bouquets** from 8:50 am – 9:35am and a parent of students in grades 7 and 8 are invited from 10:35 am – 11:15 am. We will be making flower bouquets and enjoying brunch.

Parents of fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science expedition in the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A of our Petrides Complex on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. A detailed invitation will be forthcoming.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Class will be offered on **Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
May 16, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
May 30, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
June 6, 2018	US History & Government – Room B306 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been SCHEDULED for Friday, May 18, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Our NJHS students are organizing a Box Top collection campaign. Please send in all Box Tops to support our school.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Annual Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Detailed information will be forthcoming.

There is no school for students on May 28, 2018. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions, 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 this month?

ELA – In May we will continue learning about the author’s use of symbolism in *Speak*. The students will analyze how symbolism contributes to the novel’s theme. We will meet in small groups every Friday to discuss student-selected novels. The students will then prepare for and participate in literature circles.

Math – The students will graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. They will also compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways.

Science – For the month of May, the students will learn about invertebrate animals. They will discover how living things are classified by shared characteristics on the cellular and organism level. They will also learn how plants and animals have a great variety of body parts and internal structures that contribute to their ability to maintain a balanced condition.

Social Studies – This month our Social Studies Scholars will be completing their study of Unit 4: A Nation Grows, Expansion and Reform 1800-1860 with a study of the Industrial Revolution, Erie Canal, Gold Rush, Irish potato Famine, and Declaration of Sentiments. We will then begin Unit 5: A Nation Divided, which will take us through the growth of slavery, abolition movement, and causes/effects of the Civil War. We will conclude our year in mid-June with a U.S. History/Government Mock Regents focused exclusively on the material studied this year as well as an independent research project.



Test/Projects Dates

- May 7th – ELA Research Thesis Statement due
- May 14/15 – Social Studies Exam: Unit 4
- May 14th – Research Paper Outline due
- May 21st – Research Paper First Draft due
- May 25 – Social Studies Quiz
- May 29th – Research Paper Second Draft due
- May 30th – Math Exam: 8th Grade Unit (Class 720, 721)
- May 31st - Math Exam: 8th Grade Unit (Class 721, 722)

The ELA research project will be completed in steps throughout the month of May. Every Monday students will submit the next assignment leading up to the completed

Please check www.pupilpath.com for Science homework/test/quiz schedule.



REMINDERS!

The NY State Math exam is on May 1st and 2nd.
Please bring in sharpened # 2 pencils.

Students will be required to obtain at least four sources for their ELA research projects. Library visits and internet research will be necessary to complete the research project.

Students should be checking Google Classroom every night for Social Studies homework and school-wide reminders. Videos are being posted as studying resources. A U.S. History Mock Regents will be given at the end of the year focused exclusively on the material studied this year. Students can purchase red Baron's regent's study books to review.

Required Reading



ELA – Each week the children will read a section of their Literature Circle novel and prepare notes for Friday’s meeting

Math – GoMath Module 16, 17, 18

Science – Textbook Ch. 17: Invertebrate Animals
Social Studies - Classwork Packets; Google Classroom; Homework

School Closing

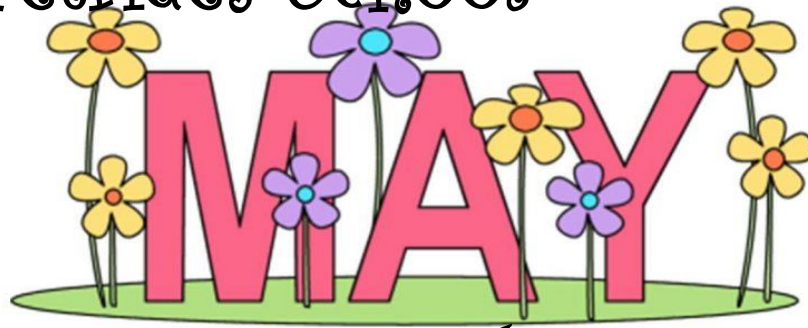
**May 28th
Memorial Day**



Social Studies Scholars

- 720: Grace DiForte
- 721: Christopher Petricevich
- 722: Natalie Gulan

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 NYS Math Exam	2 NYS Math Exam	3 College Access Day at Citifield	4 ELA Literature Circle # 2	5
6	7 ELA Research Thesis Statement due	8 Spring Concert 7:00pm	9	10	11 ELA Literature Circle # 3 Parents as Partners: Brunch & Bouquets Grades 5 & 6: 8:50-9:35am Grades 7 & 8: 10:35-11:15am	12
13 Happy MOTHER'S Day!	14 ELA Research Paper outline due Social Studies Exam: Unit 4	15 Social Studies Exam: Unit 4	16	17	18 ELA Literature Circle # 4 NJHS Induction Ceremony	19
20	21 ELA Research Paper First Draft due	22	23 Annual Street Fair 5:00-8:00pm	24	25 ELA Literature Circle # 5 Social Studies Quiz	26
27	28 No School Memorial Day	29 ELA Research Paper Second Draft due	30 Math Exam: 8 th Grade Unit (Class 720, 721)	31 Math Exam: 8 th Grade Unit (Class 721, 722)		

Important Upcoming Dates

June 7th – No school
June 11th – No school
June 15th – No school
June 26th – Last day of school