



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 7

MAY 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

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.

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

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (our annual Street Fair) will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Parents of Fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science Exposition on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 9:00 am – 9: 35 am. The Science Exposition will be held in the B building. Please sign in at the B Building Main entrance and you will be escorted to the Exposition.

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. Classes will be offered on **Thursdays from 2:20 – 4:20 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
Thursday, May 23, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
Thursday, May 30, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
Thursday, June 13, 2019	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our Eighth grade Student Voice Circle Facilitators will be hosting a Parents as Partners workshop on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 8:30 am to model our social emotional learning activities done in Middle School.

There is no school for students on May 27, 2019. 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 today?

ELA – In May, we will continue reading *Day of Tears* and exploring the historical context. To accompany the novel we will read non-fiction articles, including primary sources, about slavery and its effects on individuals and society. Students will be able to compare and contrast the novel and various historical accounts of the same period in order to understand how authors of fiction use or alter history in their writing.

Math – Students will learn to solve and graph linear equations with one variable. They will learn how to find and graph the slope of a line.

Science – Students will be learning about the different systems that make up the human body and how these systems interact and impact one another. Wellness, nutrition, growth and development will be explored through research, discussion and questioning. The students will be introduced to cells and genetics, as well.

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 Andrew Jackson, the Mexican American War, Industrial Revolution, Erie Canal, Gold Rush, Irish Potato Famine, and Declaration of Sentiments. We will begin Unit 5: A Nation Divided that will take us through the growth of slavery, abolition movement, and causes/effects of the Civil War.



Test/Projects Dates

May 1st and 2nd - NYS Math Exam (Scientific calculator required for both days)
 May 8th – Science Biome Expert Group Projects due
 May 8th & 9th - Science Biome Group Project Presentations
 May 14th – ELA - Wordly Wise Test # 8
 May 14th – Social Studies Unit 4 Test review
 May 15th, 16th, 17th – Social Studies Unit 4 Test

Important Date

May 1st & 2nd – NY State Math Exam
 May 3rd – Report Cards Distributed
 May 9th – Street Fair: Parent Teacher Conferences
 May 27th – No School: Memorial Day

SS Scholars of the Month

Class 720: Benjamin Owens
 Class 721: Isabella Noble
 Class 722: Abigail Daretany

Math Student of the Month:

Class 720 Ahmed Mohamed
 Class 721- Frankie Carroll
 Class 722- Hannah Vayser



REMINDERS!

The NYS Math Exam will be administered on May 1st and 2nd. Please come prepared with two sharpened No. 2 pencils and a scientific calculator (required for the both days of the Math exam).

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

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 50 MC 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

Math - Go Math Unit 8

ELA - Students will read independently 20-30 minutes nightly.

Science – All reading will be provided in class.

Social Studies - Classwork Packets; Google Classroom HWs



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 NY State Math Exam (scientific calculators required)	2 NY State Math Exam (scientific calculators required)	3 Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6	7 Spring Concert 7:00pm	8 Science Biome Group Project due and Presentations begin	9 Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences 5:30-7:30pm Science Biome Group Project Presentation	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!	13	14 ELA Wordly Wise Test # 8 S.S. Unit 4 Test review	15 S.S Unit 4 Test Class 721 & 722	16 Parents as Partners "Student Voices Circles" S.S Unit 4 Test Class 720 & 721	17 S.S Unit 4 Test Class 721&722	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 4th – No School: Eid al-Fitr
 June 6th – No School: Chancellor's Conference Day
 June 11th – No School: June Clerical Day
 June 26th - Last day of classes – Early dismissal 11:20 am