



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 5

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 – We will continue our study on the non-fiction genre of biography. We will be using different research tools to learn about people who have significantly shaped our world. Students will then use this research to teach others and formulate theories. During writing workshop, we will be writing autobiographies.

Math – After the NY State Math exam the students will name a point on a coordinate grid, find distances on a coordinate grid, and use a coordinate grid to solve problems.

Science – Fifth grade students will be learning about the human body as a group of systems that work in unison and balance together. Students will learn about nutrition and how we rely on different parts of plants for nutrients. The students will use their investigative and research skills to gain a deeper understanding of the magnificent machine - their own bodies!

Social Studies - This month the students will continue to examine how the natural geography of America led to the development of the thirteen colonies. Students will be able to identify characteristics of the 3 colonial regions, as well as compare and contrast the colonial regions.



Test/Projects Dates

- May 13th – ELA Complex text
- May 13th – Science Exposition completed projects due
- May 14TH – Annual 5th grade Science Exposition!
- May 23rd – Math Exam: Coordinate grid
- May 31st – ELA Writing piece due



REMINDERS!

The NY Statewide Math exam will be administered on May 1st and 2nd. Please come prepared with two No. 2 pencils. **No** calculators are allowed for the Math exam.

Please come to class prepared with a pencil and materials. Students are required to have an independent reading book and their assigned level at all times. We are running low on supplies, please bring in Lysol wipes, looseleaf, post its and tissues. Thank you!

Check Daily REMIND app for Math updates and homeworks.

Participation in the 5th Grade Science Exposition is MANDATORY and each individual participates.

Monday May 13th – Trifold boards, projects and all experiment parts are DUE!

Parents are invited to join our young scientists as they teach us about the everyday science they have learned. Our 5th Grade Science Exposition is on Tuesday, May 14th.

Required Reading



ELA – *Promises to Keep* by Sharon Robinson; Various non-fiction articles; *Teammates* by Peter Golenbock

Math – GoMath Ch. 9; Buckle Down Unit 5, Lesson 26; Pearson Topic 16, Coach Domain 5 Lesson 30

Science – All readings will be provided in class

Important Dates

- 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

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 NY State Math Exam	2 NY State Math Exam	3 Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6	7 Spring Concert 7:00pm	8	9 Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences 5:30-7:30pm	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13 ELA Complex text Science Exposition completed projects due	14 Annual 5 th Grade Science Exposition	15	16 Parents as Partners "Student Voices Circles"	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Math Exam: Coordinate grid	24	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 ELA Writing piece due	

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 at 11:20am