



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

November 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

I hope everyone had a very Happy Halloween. Our annual Halloween dance was a big success thanks to your support. The end of the first marking period is approaching on November 15, 2018. Parents should be checking PupilPath.com to view their child's academic progress. I am happy to reprint login information for any parent in need. Please email me at any time and the login information will be sent home in your child's backpack.

I want to thank all of the fifth grade parents who joined me for a Sip & Share last month. Your feedback is instrumental in making our school the best!

The Middle School teachers and I would like to open our classroom doors and invite you to Parents as Partners classroom workshops. Following is the schedule for November:

Mr. DelRe will host a workshop where you will do a math task on systems of equations with your **8th grade** child on **Monday, November 26, 2018**. (Class 820 at 8:15am, Class 821 at 9:45am and Class 822 at 9:00am)

Ms. Diario will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **7th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 720 at 9:00am, Class 721 at 10:30am and Class 722 at 8:15am)

Ms. Brancaccio will host a Publishing Party for **6th grade** parents and students on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 620 at 9:45am, Class 621 at 9:00am and Class 622 at 1:45pm)

Ms. Kruesi will host a workshop where you will do a math task with your **5th grade** child on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**. (Class 520 at 9:00am, Class 521 at 9:45am and Class 522 at 8:15am)

All parents are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** for **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**. Conferences are from 12:20 until 2:20pm and then again from 5:00 – 8:00pm.

I want to encourage students in grades **6 through 8** to join our school's chapter of **The National Junior Honor Society**. The complete application for students is attached to this newsletter. Please take note that we are providing community service opportunities for students after school with Ms. Calimano every Tuesday and Wednesday. The students involved in these sessions are making a wonderful difference in our Staten Island Community. Some of the current eighth grade members that work with Ms. Calimano are visiting Clove Lakes Nursing Home on November 7, 2018 to work on a Thanksgiving craft with seniors. Our seventh grade members are organizing the BOX TOP campaign. Please use the attached Box Top collection sheet and send in your box tops!

Our Eighth grade students will be visiting historic Philadelphia on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Please send in permission slip and Money to Ms. Pat Harrigan ASAP.

Our Fifth grade students will have an in-school trip on November 20, 2018. They will see a presentation from the Wildlife Unit of the New York City Parks department about Deer Awareness. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

Our Seventh grade students will experience a two part in-school trip during the month of November. They will see a presentation from the New York City Parks Department about Ecology: How humans affect the environment. They will also have an outdoor experience guided by the Parks department and Ms. McDonald on our campus. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

The NJHS students will be conducting a THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE for needy families in our community. Please send in all NON PERISHABLES starting November 5th until November 16th. The flyer is attached.

Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. As per our school uniform policy, **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue top and navy blue bottom. Middle school, students can wear Petrides Phys Ed uniforms on Phys Ed days. All uniforms must be ordered online at josephsportny@yahoo.com. **The telephone number is 347 - 768 - 2049.** Uniforms will be delivered to school and distributed by Mr. Michael Duffy.

Please note that there is no school for students on:

November 6, 2018 ELECTION DAY

November 12, 2018 VETERANS DAY

November 22 and 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov or at (718)815-0186 extension 22171.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin
Assistant Principal

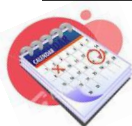
What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – During the month of November the students will begin reading the novel “Esperanza Rising,” by Pam Munoz Ryan. We will be focusing on the genre of historical fiction. Students will be studying the historical time period in which the story takes place.

Math – This month the students will divide by 1 and 2-digit divisors, understand division with partial quotients, estimate the quotient for reasonableness, interpret remainders, divide by multiples of 10, adjust quotients and connect models and symbols. The students will also multiply decimals and whole numbers, multiply decimals and decimals, use expanded form, multiply money, and multiply with zeros in the product.

Science – We have begun our “Variables Unit” in which we learn to identify and work with Independent Variables, Dependent Variables, and Constant Conditions within Controlled Experiments. We will use an exploration of and experimentation with **pendulums** as a springboard into this unit of study. Students will work in their Table Groups on labs to support their hypothesis about relationships that could exist between Independent and Dependent Variables. Students are practicing their **organizational skills** throughout this unit, starting with their note taking! The need for careful organization becomes more and more important as we venture into data collection during our experimentations.

Social Studies – During this month the students will examine the impact the Columbia Exchange had on both the Old and New World using a variety of sources. They will also practice answering text dependent questions on the topic.



Test/Projects Dates

Nov 5th - Science Quiz: Variables (Open Notebook)
 Nov 14th – Math Exam: Divide Whole Numbers
 Nov 16th - ELA Complex Text
 Nov 19th - Math Quiz
 Nov 30th – Math Exam: Multiply Decimals
 Science - Students will have **Notebook Checks** every couple of weeks to ensure that they have complete and meaningful notes in their books that they can use as resource tools to enhance their own learning. Test and Quiz grades will be announced.



REMINDERS!

Please come to ELA class prepared with a pencil and notebook every day.

Come to Math class prepared daily with sharpened pencils, a good eraser, math folder with packets, and math notebook ready to learn. Be sure to use your online resources to review math lessons learned in class, Pearsonsuccessnet.com and Thinkcentral.com. Keep updated with the Remind app for Math Homework and upcoming tests

Please join us for a Parents as Partners Math Performance Task with your child on Nov. 15th, Class 520- 9:00-9:30am, Class 521 9:45-10:15am, Class 522- 8:15-8:45am and.

Students are welcome to get a pass from Ms. McDonald to spend their lunch in her room to catch up with missed notes and assignments, and to ask for additional support in understanding a topic we are studying.

On **November 20th** we are having a special program from the NYC Parks Dept. They will come to our classroom to enrich our 5th grade science program!

Email is the best way to contact Ms. McDonald, and we welcome your communications. The email address is cmdonald2@schools.nyc.gov. Students are urged to keep an eye on the changing of season, and to share their findings and wonderings with their families. ENJOY!!



Required Reading

ELA – *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
 Various non-fiction articles

Math – Go Math Ch. 2, Pearson Topics 4 & 5, Buckle Down Unit 2 Lessons 6 & 7; Go Math Ch. 4, Pearson Topic 6, Buckle Down Unit 2 Lesson 6

Science – Students will be reading about the scientific works and explorations of different scientists including Sir Isaac Newton and Jane Goodall to help them gain a real world reference to how science has shaped our modern world, and how the scientists behind the advancements have attained their findings. The teacher provides all reading information in class to the students.

School Closing




Nov 6th – Election Day
 Nov 12th – Veteran’s Day
 Nov 22nd & 23rd – Thanksgiving Recess

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Science Quiz: Variables (Open Notebook)	6 No School 	7	8	9  Picture Day	10
11	12 No School 	13	14 Math Exam: Divide Whole Numbers	15 Parents as Partners: Math Performance Task Class 520- 9:00-9:30 Class 521 9:45-10:15 Class 522- 8:15-8:45 End of First Marking Period	16 ELA Complex Text	17
18	19 Math Quiz	20 Science Special Program NYC Parks Dept.	21	22 No School 	23 No School 	24
25	26	27 Report Cards Distributed	28 Early Dismissal 11:20am Parent-Teachers Conferences 12:20-2:20pm 5:00-8:00pm	29	30 Math Exam: Multiply Decimals	

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 24 – January 1
Winter Recess