



The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5

October 2018



Dear Middle School Parents,

I am happy to say we can put another smooth school opening in the books! I hope you took the opportunity to meet your child's teachers at our annual Back to School event. I have included our teacher information sheet in this newsletter for your easy reference. It has been a joy to see the fresh faces of September. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with this remarkable group of middle school students.

An important school wide goal is to continue our partnerships with parents during this school year and to have open lines of communication. This partnership has been recognized as being paramount to the success of our students. I believe opening our classrooms and inviting parents to experience our innovative learning activities with their children is informative and fun. I also truly value just sitting down with parents, sharing a cup of tea and hearing their feedback. Therefore, our October Parents as Partners meetings will give you the opportunity for those types of experiences.

Grade 8 **SIP & SHARE** with Ms. Attal on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 8:15 am to discuss the HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

GRADE 5 **SIP & SHARE** with Assistant Principal Souffrin on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 8:15 am to discuss the TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL.

GRADE 6 **Science POP ROCKS SCIENCE LAB** with Ms. Palemine on Monday, October 22nd for Class 620 at 9:00 am. On Wednesday, October 24th for Class 621 at 8:15 am. And on Thursday, October 25th for Class 622 at 8:15 am.

GRADE 7 **NARRATIVE ESSAY PUBLISHING PARTY** with Ms. Rockfeller on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Class 720 9:00 – 9:30am, Class 721 9:45 – 10:15 am, Class 722 10:30 – 11:00am

GRADE 8 **ONION CELL LAB** with Ms. Carrara, on Monday, October 29, 2018 Class 821 8:15 am, Class 822 9:30 am and Class 820 1:35 pm.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE for students in grades 7 and 8 will be on October 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Socialization is paramount in the life of an adolescent. Sociologists have noted its importance for a long time. "In order to build gratifying human relationships, it is vital that children learn and have the opportunity to practice social skills considered appropriate." We are happily planning some social activities to celebrate Halloween in Middle School! On Wednesday, October 31, 2018 we will be having a Middle School Halloween Party. This event will be held on the athletic field from 1:00 – 2:15pm. We will have DJ entertainment, candy, prizes and blow up rides for students. The cost will be \$10 per student. A permission slip will be forthcoming.

I am happy to see so many families supporting our school uniform policy. 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 with navy blue bottoms, a school physical education uniform, or school spirit wear. I will continue to have incentives for students in compliance with the uniform policy. I will also continue to use the "*Citywide Standards of Intervention and Discipline Measures*" if a student is not in compliance. The infraction code is B02 – "Failing to wear the required school uniform (applies only to students in grades 6 – 12 in schools that have adopted a school uniform policy and whose parents have not secured an exemption.) Students not in compliance with the school uniform policy will receive a warning letter as a courtesy.

Petrides PAWS Points Tracker sheets were explained and distributed to all middle school students. Students can earn points for PAWS behavior throughout the month. Our reward token store will be open during the first week of November.

Our PAL after school program is well underway. I am excited to see so many students in attendance! In order for students to participate in our free after school program, they must complete a PAL application. Applications are available online at petridesschool.com or in my office. The program runs from 2:30 to 6:00 daily and students can attend only part time if desired.

Pupilpath.com is an online resource to keep track of assignments and your child's progress at school. Pupilpath is up and running for students and parents in grade 5 - 8. If you need login information, feel free to contact me at (718) 815-0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Mark your calendars: There is no school on October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day. The end of the first marking period is November 15, 2018. Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 28, 2018

A Note from the PTA:

We will host Pretzels for Panthers on Friday October 5, 2018. Pretzels are \$1

Family Movie night is October 5, 2018

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 October we will continue reading the novel “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane” by Kate Dicamillo. The students will focus on character analysis by citing textual evidence using the skill of inferences. Please see the corresponding packet. The students are working in groups and independently. They will begin working on a narrative in a writer’s workshop.

Math – This month the students will add and subtract whole numbers and decimals and estimate sums and differences of decimals. The students will review properties of multiple and multiply multi-digit numbers.

Science – Our fifth grade students continue to dive into Intertidal Zones learning about the interdependence between plants and animals in this unique ecosystem. The students begin to learn The Scientific Method as a PROCESS of steps carefully taken when experimenting.

Social Studies – Students will be examining the 5 themes of geography to determine how geography influences the development of a country or region.



Test/Projects Dates

- Oct 2nd – Math quiz: Decimal vocabulary
- Oct 5th – ELA quiz – Wordly Wise Lesson 1
- Oct 9th – Science: Intertidal Zone Packet Publication
- Oct 12th – Math exam: Pearson-Topic 2; GoMath-Ch.3
- Oct 15th – Science exam: Intertidal Zone Unit
- Oct 16th – Math quiz: multi-digit multiplication vocabulary
- Oct 19th – ELA quiz – Wordly Wise Lesson 2
- Oct 26th – Math exam: Pearson-Topic 3
- Social Studies - Students will work to complete an in class packet that contains a variety of activities/assessments.



Required Reading

- ELA – “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane” by Kate Dicamillo; various paired passages
- Math – Pearson Topic 2; GoMath Chapter 3; Buckledown Unit 2 Lessons 10-12
- Science – Reading requirements provided in class
- Social Studies – Students are encouraged to examine and explore world maps as well as country and city maps or visit sites such as www.ducksters.com/geography/ and www.natgeokids.com



REMINDERS!

As per our uniform policy **ALL** students are required to wear uniforms every day to school. The uniform policy consists of a light blue collared shirt and dark blue bottoms.

Please come prepared to class daily with math folder, notebook and sharpened pencils. Use online resources www.pearsonsuccessnet.com.

A fifth grade Science binder is kept in our classroom filled with copies of our class notes, homework assignments, tasks and tests for student use.

Please register for our Class “REMIND” App. On your smartphone enter the number 81010 and then text the message @aacdb49 for Ms. McDonald, @mrsapog for Ms. Poggi and @skruesi for Ms. Kruesi.

School Closing

October 8

Columbus Day observed


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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Math quiz: Decimal Vocabulary	3	4	5 ELA quiz: Wordly Wise Lesson 1	6
7	8 No School Columbus Day	9 Science: Intertidal Zone Packet Publication	10	11	12 Math exam: Decimals	13
14	15 Science exam: Intertidal Zone Unit	16 Math quiz: Multi-digit Multiplication Vocabulary	17 Sip & Share <i>Transition To Middle School</i> 8:15am	18	19 ELA quiz: Wordly Wise Lesson 2	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Math exam: Multi-digit Multiplication	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween Party 1:00-2:15pm 			

Important Upcoming Dates:

End of First Marking – November 15th
Parent Teacher Conferences – November 28th