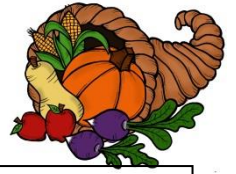




The Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter Grade 5/6

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 – We are continuing to work through our novel *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Students will focus on learning to make inferences and using textual evidence to support their claim.

Math – Our next topic covered in Math will be multiplication and division of decimals. The students will learn double digit multiplication and understand decimal placement. As always problem solving using CUBES strategy will be infused throughout every lesson.

Science – Students will continue to recognize that the motion of particles help to explain the phases of matter as well as changes from one phase to another. They will relate changes in thermal energy to changes of state. Students will identify how condensation and evaporation relate to changes of state.

Social Studies – During the month of November we will cover the Ancient Greeks and Macedonians. We will also start working on long responses and essay writing.



Test/Projects Dates

Nov 7th - Science Quiz

Nov 13th – Social Studies Exam



REMINDERS!

Weekly homework of five Readtheory stories are due each Monday.

Math packets are distributed at the beginning of each topic and due before the test date. Study multiplication facts nightly in order for mastery.

If a student is absent they should always get the Science notes from the powerpoint located in the back of the classroom or get the notes from a peer.



Required Reading

ELA – *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

Science – Chapter 4: Matter

School Closing

Nov 6th – Election Day

Nov 12th – Veteran's Day






Nov 22nd & 23rd – Thanksgiving Recess

The Petrides School

NOVEMBER

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Grade 5/6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 No School 	7 Science Quiz	8	9 Picture Day 	10
11	12 No School 	13 Social Studies Exam	14	15 End of First Marking Period	16	17
18	19	20	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	

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 24 – January 1
Winter Recess