



Michael J. Petrides School

Middle School Newsletter



GRADE 6

APRIL 2019

Working Together for Student Success

Dear Middle School Parents,

As the saying goes “no winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.” I am anxiously waiting for the warm weather to return!

I am very proud of all the students who took advantage of our Wednesday afternoon and evening Test Prep Academy. Classes were full with children eager and happy to be here! Regents Test Prep Academy will begin in May. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Our New York State ELA Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and Wednesday, April 3, 2019. I encourage all students to get a good night’s sleep prior to test days, enjoy a healthy breakfast and come to school with sharpened number two pencils. **Also, don’t forget to wear your glasses, if needed** and RELAX. As our T-shirts say, KEEP CALM AND PANTHER ON!! Your child’s schedule will change slightly during testing days. On exam days (stated above) they will report to their official class teacher for period 1. They will be dismissed from that room at the conclusion of their testing. They will then proceed to regularly scheduled classes.

The New York State Math Assessment is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and Thursday, May 2, 2019.

The end of the third marking period is **April 11, 2019**.

I am very pleased with the number of students who chose to become members of our National Junior Honor Society. Students will be notified of their acceptance on **April 5, 2019**. Our ceremony will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2019** at 9:30 am. Parents and families of continuing and newly inducted NJHS members are invited to attend.

Our PAL @ Petrides Program is collaborating with our kitchen staff to present a parent engagement activity on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at 9:00 am until 9:40 am. You will be sampling the healthy snacks offered to your children during PAL, discussing the cooking program and learning about healthy snack options. Please sign in at the B building main desk upon your arrival.

Our seventh grade students will be participating in a Socratic Seminar on **April 16, 2019** according to the following schedule and you are invited to attend.

Class 720 8:15 am – 8:45 am
Class 721 10:30 am – 11:00 am
Class 722 9:45 am – 10:15 am

Our eighth grade students will be participating in a Rat Dissection Lab on **April 30, 2019 and May 1, 2019** according to the following schedule and you are invited to attend.

Class 820 8:15 – 9:30 am – May 1st
Class 821 1:00 – 2:20 pm – April 30th
Class 822 8:15 – 9:30 am – April 30th

Our eighth grade students will have an assembly on **April 16, 2019**. The presentation will be “Holocaust Survivor’s Story Assembly with Shira Stoll.”

Preparations for end of year ceremonies and celebrations are well underway. The eighth grade end of year letter outlining dates and costs is attached to this newsletter. Along with the 8th grade end of year letter is a behavior contract. This contract will be reviewed with your child at school. You should go over this contract at home and both you and your child must sign it. The first payment for 8th grade activities is due on **April 11, 2019**.

Please take note that spring recess starts on **Friday, April 19, 2019**. Students return to school on **Monday, April 29, 2019**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

BettyAnn Souffrin

What topics will the students learn today?

ELA –In April, after much hard work & practice, we will be taking our Statewide ELA exam. We have learned skills and strategies to do our best and show what we know! We will also be officially launching our unit on Understanding Perspectives. We will research articles & various texts to examine and understand multiple perspectives surrounding an event. Students will learn to use all available resources to research and write their own informational article in a newspaper format.

Math – Sixth graders will be working on a review of the following topics: expressions and equations, geometry, the number system, ratios and proportional relationships.

Science – Students will define science and identify questions that science cannot answer. Students will compare and contrast theories and law. Students will identify the three main branches of science. They will define hypothesis and recognize how the scientific method is applied. They will also identify the difference between observation and inferences.

Social Studies – Students will identify how geography presented both opportunities and obstacles that helped shaped the development of the Golden Age of Greece.



Test/Projects Dates

- Apr 2nd & 3rd - NYS ELA Exam
- Apr 8th – ELA launch of Understanding Perspective Unit
- Apr 9th - Science Oral Presentations begin (Class 621 & 622)
- Apr 10th - Science Oral Presentations begin (Class 620)
- Apr 17th - Social Studies Exam: Ancient Greece

Required Reading

ELA – *Dragonwings* – a novel by Laurence Yep;
Scaffolded complex text informational articles for resource & research purposes; Multiple media sources to support research based writing

Science – Textbook Ch. 1-Nature of Science




REMINDERS!

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

Please use pearsonsuccessnet.com to review Math topics.

Remember these tips before your ELA exam:
Get a restful night of sleep, have a healthy and hearty breakfast, wear comfy clothing, bring your glasses if you wear them, bring your sharpened wooden number 2 pencils and most importantly – Relax, you've got this!

Students will be given an in-class Social Studies packet that will contain various readings and worksheets, which will be graded as classwork. Review notes and packets to prepare for test.

Students should obtain any Science notes and/or assignments when absent.

Important Date

- April 2nd & 3rd – NY State ELA Exam
- April 11th – End of Third Marking Period
- April 19th through 26th – No School Spring Recess

The Petrides School

April



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Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 NYS ELA Exam	3 NYS ELA Exam	4	5	6
7	8 ELA launch of Understanding Perspective Unit	9 Science Oral Presentations begin (Class 621 & 622)	10 PAL Parent Engagement 9:00-9:40am Science Oral Presentations begin (Class 620)	11 End of Third Marking Period	12	13
14	15	16	17 Social Studies Exam: Ancient Greece	18 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony 9:30am	19 No School Spring Recess	20
21	22 No School Spring Recess	23 No School Spring Recess	24 No School Spring Recess	25 No School Spring Recess	26 No School Spring Recess	27
28	29	30				

Important Upcoming Dates:

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