



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 6

## MARCH 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Middle School Parents,

Happy March! We will continue our box top campaign during March. Please use the attached collection sheet and submit all box tops to my office or the main office. I thank you in advance for your participation.

Our *TEST PREP ACADEMY* for students in grades 5 – 8 will be held according to the following schedule:

<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Grade 7</b>	<b>ELA and Math – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm</b>
<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>ELA – Wednesday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 from 2:20 – 4:20 pm</b>

The New York State ELA test is scheduled for April 2 and April 3, 2019. The New York State Math test is scheduled for May 1 and May 2, 2019.

I am super excited about our Annual **Middle School Social Studies Fair** on **Thursday, March 7, 2019** at the newly renovated Hall of Science in Building A on our campus. Attached is the Parent visiting schedule:

**Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 – 8:30 am until 9:30 am**

**Parents of students in Grades 7 and 8 – 10:00 am until 11:00 am**

**National Junior Honor Society** applications were due on Friday, February 22, 2019. I am so excited about the work this group has done during the after school program this year. Ms. Calimano will continue to meet with NJHS candidates from 2:20 – 4:30 as per the following schedule. Each group is involved in their own civic endeavor. All hours are counted for their community service. NJHS Grade 8 candidates meet every Wednesday, NJHS Grade 7 candidates meet every Thursday, and NJHS Grade 6 candidates meet every Friday

**Middle School Bowling** Spring Session will begin on April 9, 2019. The cost for participation is \$60. Please complete the attached application and return it with payment to Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Mr. Keith Dragonetti. Bowlers should meet at Rab's Country Lanes on Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 pm. Students bowl two games of league play. Pick up is approximately 5:15 pm.

**Spring Parents Teacher Conferences** will be conducted during the month of March. Conference dates and times are:

**Evening Conferences will be held on March 14, 2019 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Afternoon Conferences will be held on March 14, 2019 from 12:20 – 2:20 pm**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019 IS A HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL. DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IS 11:20 am.**

We have prepared the eighth grade end of year letter and dues. All information will be distributed in classes and will be posted on our school website. .

How lucky are we to be in Petrides? I think we are very lucky! We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful parent group and PTA. The PTA does many fundraisers for our school. The money raised at those fundraisers has been used to buy the beautiful laptops and laptop carts that your children are using in our middle school classrooms. One of the biggest PTA fundraisers is the Night of Chances Auction. I would like to donate a basket of lottery tickets to share the luck that we have. **I am asking middle school families to donate lottery tickets for this basket.** It will be prominently displayed and labeled at the auction. You could also send a dollar or two and we will be happy to purchase the lotto tickets for the basket. Please send all donations to the attention of Ms. Patricia Harrigan or Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin in a labeled envelope. I thank you, in advance for your generosity. Your children will certainly benefit from this.

Any questions about the above information, feel free to contact me at [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov) or (718) 815 – 0186 extension 22171.

*A Note from our PTA:*

Join us for our next PTA meeting Weds March 13 at 7pm. Our annual Night of Chances is Friday March 29. Doors open at 6:30pm. Get your ticket bundles now! Save the Date for our annual Bowling with the Panthers on Sunday April 7

Sincerely,

Ms. BettyAnn Souffrin  
Assistant Principial. Middle School

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – Our next unit will encompass an emphasis on building and strengthening skills for the upcoming statewide ELA exam. Students will practice identified skills via our iReady Diagnostic Assessment and take part in interactive tutorials via our iReady toolkit program. We will also learn multiple strategies for constructing 2 point short responses and demystifying multiple choice. Students will additionally learn how to formulate a 4-point essay, all according to the NYS Evaluation Rubric. Students will begin our unit on Understanding Perspectives and begin our Novel Dragonwings. We will examine multiple perspectives on the same event to understand how diverse points of view help us live in an increasingly changing society.

Math – This month the students will be reviewing all sixth grade topics: the number system, ratios & proportional relationships, expressions & equation, geometry.

Science – Students will explain how tornadoes develop from thunderstorms and discuss the dangers of severe weather. Students will explain how data is collected for weather maps and forecasts and identify symbols used in weather maps. Students will begin researching a historic hurricane or tornado for a news segment group presentation to be presented the second week in April. Detailed assignment and guidelines will be handed out in class.

Social Studies – Students will continue to examine the role belief systems played in a variety of societies and identify the impact these beliefs had on the Eastern Hemisphere. The Unit will focus on Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.



### Test/Projects Dates

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Social Studies Project due  
 Mar 4<sup>th</sup> - ELA Complex Text  
 Mar 5<sup>th</sup> –Science quiz Weather 621 & 622  
 Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Science Weather quiz 620  
 Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Fair (Borough President Hall of Science in A-Building)  
 Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise Quiz  
 Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – Science Weather Test 621 & 622  
 Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Exam: World Religion  
 Mar 18<sup>th</sup> - Science Weather Test 620  
 Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> – ELA Wordly Wise Quiz

In class Social Studies packets will be completed and graded.



### REMINDERS!

Please use [pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://pearsonsuccessnet.com) and [iready.com](http://iready.com) to review each Math topic. Also our e-book is on [pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://pearsonsuccessnet.com) as well.

Please use skills and strategies learned in class to answer all multiple choice and short response questions.

- \*RADD (short response)
- \*Slash the Trash (multiple choice)
- \*Jail the Detail

Students are encouraged to get missing Science notes when absent, missing notes are located in the PowerPoint folder in the classroom.

Students should review Social Studies notes and handouts to prepare for the next exam and complete all packet work.

### Required Reading



ELA –Dragonwings by Laurence Yep, Comprehending Calamity by E Burke, Various media and article on the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

Science – Weather chapter 7; Mars – the atmosphere article

### Important Date

March 14<sup>th</sup>

- Early Dismissal - 11:20am
- Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20-2:20pm and 5:00-8:00pm

# The Petrides School

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# Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Social Studies Project due	2
3	4 ELA March Complex Text	5 Science quiz Weather (Class 621 & 622)	6 Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm	7 Science quiz Weather (Class 620)  Social Studies Fair Grades 5 & 6 8:30-9:30 am Grades 7 & 8 10:00-11:00am	8 ELA Wordy Wise Quiz	9
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24	25	26	27 Test Prep Academy 6:00-8:00pm	28	29	30 / 31 / / /

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – New York State ELA Exam

April 11<sup>th</sup> – End of Third Marking Period

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Distributed

April 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Recess