



Michael J. Petrides School

# Middle School Newsletter



## GRADE 6

## MAY 2019

*Working Together for Student Success*

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

We will be outdoors for recess and making use of our majestic athletic fields and play courts on a daily basis. Students should dress in layers and wear appropriate shoes.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events....

The Annual Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Students in grades 5 – 8 will be performing. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences (our annual Street Fair) will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Parents of Fifth grade students will also be invited to our Fifth grade Science Exposition on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 9:00 am – 9: 35 am. The Science Exposition will be held in the B building. Please sign in at the B Building Main entrance and you will be escorted to the Exposition.

Spring also brings our Regents Prep Academy. We will be offering classes to Eighth graders in preparation for their upcoming Regents exams in The Living Environment, US History and Government, and Common Core Algebra. Classes will be offered on **Thursdays from 2:20 – 4:20 pm** on the following dates:

DATE	CLASS OFFERING
<b>Thursday, May 23, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
<b>Thursday, May 30, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303
<b>Thursday, June 13, 2019</b>	US History & Government – Room B205 Common Core Algebra – Room B224 Living Environment – Room B303

Our Eighth grade Student Voice Circle Facilitators will be hosting a Parents as Partners workshop on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 8:30 am to model our social emotional learning activities done in Middle School.

There is no school for students on May 27, 2019. I hope you enjoy Memorial Day weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 718.815.0186 extension 22171 or [BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BSouffrin@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,  
BettyAnn Souffrin

Assistant Principal

## What topics will the students learn today?

ELA – In the month of May, we will continue to research as writers. Students will gather documentation surrounding the 1906 Earthquake & Fire – which is a historical event highlighted in our focus novel *Dragonwings*. We will investigate multiple perspectives surrounding the same event & shape our point of view using interviews, data & facts. Students will craft their own journalistic article in a newspaper format based on research. We will support our historical fiction novel with non-fiction supplemental texts. We will focus on learning standards 6.RI.6 – Point of View and 6.W.8 – Assessing source documentation and credibility/quoting data.

Math – Sixth graders will be working on statistics and probability. Students will be answering questions by collecting and analyzing data that needs to be collected and how best to collect it. Data can be represented visually using tables, charts, and graphs. The type of data determines the best choice of visual representation.

Science – Students will identify places where life is found on earth. Students will define ecology. Students will observe how the environment influences life and list factors that influence changes in population size. They will also describe how organisms obtain energy for life. Students will then identify how organisms interact and will recognize that every organism occupies a niche.

Social Studies – This month the students will identify the characteristics and contributions of the Golden Age of Greece, as well as compare and contrast the Greek city-states of Athens and Sparta.



### Test/Projects Dates

- May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - NY State Math Exam
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Science Exam (Class 620)
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – ELA Complex Text
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Science Exam (Class 621 & 622)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Science quiz (Class 620 and 621)
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Science quiz (Class 622)
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – ELA Article publish date
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Exam



### REMINDERS!

The NYS Math Exam will be administered on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come prepared with two sharpened No. 2 pencils. A scientific calculator is required for the Math exam for May 2<sup>nd</sup> only. **No** calculator will be allowed on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please use [pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://pearsonsuccessnet.com) to review math topics.

If a student is absent they should always get the notes from the PowerPoint located in the back of the room and or get the notes from a peer.

Review notes and packets to prepare for the Social Studies exam. Visit Hip Hughes Histories for a fun and informative review of topics.

### Required Reading



ELA – *The Golden Mountain: From the Gold Rush to Present* – D. Wong; *Chinese American Voices: Graphic History of Chinese North America* – J. Yung; Various non-fiction articles and internet research

Math – Chapter 19 in the textbook/e-reader

Science – Chapter 7 – Interactions of Life

Social Studies – Students will be given in-class packets that will contain various readings and worksheets, which will be graded as classwork

### Important Dates

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

# The Petrides School



## Grade 6

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 NY State Math Exam ( <b>NO</b> Calculators allowed)	2 NY State Math Exam (Calculators required)	3 In class Science project due  Report Cards Distributed	4
5	6 ELA Complex Text  Science Exam (Class 620)	7 Science exam (Class 621 & 622)  Spring Concert 7:00pm	8	9 Street Fair: Parent Teachers Conferences 5:30-7:30pm	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	13	14	15	16 Parents as Partners "Student Voices Circles"	17	18
19	20	21 Science Ecosystem quiz (Class 620 and 621)	22 Science Ecosystem quiz (Class 622)	23	24 ELA Article publish date  Social Studies Exam	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – No School: Eid al-Fitr  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> – No School: Chancellor's Conference Day  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> – No School: June Clerical Day  
 June 26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes-Early dismissal 11:20am