



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – April 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We will be beginning our narrative unit of study. We will be reading our second novel. Students are going to be working on character analysis. Our focus is going to be identifying how characters overcome obstacles.

Math:

We will continue to prepare for the upcoming state tests. We are continuing to learn strategies to solve word problems. Also, we are working on building strong explanations to support mathematical thinking. Students will also be visiting chapters 11 and 13. Chapter 11 focuses on identifying and measuring different types of angles. Chapter 13 will focus on applying the area and perimeter formulas for rectangles in real world and mathematical problems.

Social Studies:

Students will continue their study of the colonial rebellion against the British. Students will understand that the colonists' objections to British rule helped shape the government that the United States has today. We will also emphasize New York's importance during the American Revolution.

Science:

This month the students will be practicing for the Science Statewide Exam, which will be administered in June. Some of the topics to be reviewed include forces in motion and gravity.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are continuing to work on folk music from around the world in our 4th grade level book.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will perform new trimester necessities, including music assessment, learn new piece with dance and concentric aides, and learn proper singing technique.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of April students begin their final performing arts rotation. Their first creative project will be drawing and painting a self-portrait.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/30 - 4/8 - Spring Recess

4/11 & 4/12 - NYS ELA Exams

4/13 & 4/14 - Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Candy Shop opens at 6pm, Doors open at 6:30pm, Showtime: 7pm

4/15 - Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - Candy Shop opens at 1pm, Doors open at 1:30pm, Showtime: 2pm

4/18 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

4/18 - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

4/20 - PTA hosts "Night of Chances"

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

6/4 - NYS Science Test

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Donations of paper towels and tissues would be greatly appreciated.
- Please remember to check the red folders (take home folders) daily. There are many forms and notices sent home which need your attention. Please empty the folder once a week so that it is easy to identify new information.
- Please make sure that your child comes to school with all of his/her supplies, especially sharpened pencils.
- Please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear on Wednesday and Thursday for Ballroom Dancing.
- ***Check our instagram and twitter pages:
Twitter - @PetridesSchool
Instagram - mjpetrides school



"We're so excited to see how our students are embracing the ballroom dancing program. We cannot wait to learn more dances and begin preparing for our culminating event."

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Our Social - Emotional Learning...



This month our Elementary School students will be focusing on Problem Solving. We will practice cultivating the ability to solve interpersonal problems effectively. Throughout this unit, students will participate in activities to identify different types of conflict styles and the benefits and costs associated with each style. Students learn and practice a step-by-step approach for successfully resolving interpersonal conflicts and are encouraged to use this approach whenever conflicts arise at schools. At home, you can practice these skills by role-playing with your child. WWW.home-speech-home.com has a great website to use for sample problem solving scenarios.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

