



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – March 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

We are beginning test preparation for the upcoming NYS examination. Students will be working in class and at home in their Common Core aligned Test Ready booklets and ELA packets. We will be reviewing test strategies, rubrics, and writing responses to select prompts.

#### Math:

We will be moving into Chapter 8 of the Go Math program. Students will learn to write fractions as the products of a whole number and a unit fraction. They will use models and diagrams to multiply a fraction by a whole number.

We will continue to prepare for the upcoming state Math tests. We will continue to learn strategies to solve word problems. Also, we are working on building strong explanations to support mathematical thinking.

#### Social Studies:

Unit 3 will examine the effects of the American Revolution on the people of New York. The students will learn about Colonists' response to British rule. We will also learn about the role New York played in the Revolution.

#### Science:

Students will be learning about simple machines this month.

### What's New in Music and Art?

**Mr. Cintula:** We are continuing to work on folk music from around the world in our 4<sup>th</sup> grade level book. We are also wrapping up our work of music about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will work on Recorder with new notes Low D and High C with 2 music selections, and learn 1 line dance and Heel and Toe Polka.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of March students are working on creating a collage using colors, shapes and textures.



### \*IMPORTANT DATES

3/14 – Report Cards Distributed

3/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 5-8pm

3/15 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20-2:20pm –  
Half day of school for students

### LOOKING AHEAD...

4/11 & 4/12 – NYS ELA Exams

5/1 & 5/2 – NYS Math Exams

6/4 – NYS Science Test

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please be our partner in your child's education by ensuring that they complete assignments in a timely manner.
- Ballroom dancing will begin this month. Our ballroom sessions will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 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.
- Students should remember to wear or bring appropriate footwear on gym/ballroom dancing days. Many students are wearing boots to school and forgetting their sneakers at home.
- **\*\*\*Check our instagram and twitter pages:**  
Twitter – @PetridesSchool  
Instagram – mjpetrides school

*"We are very excited for our upcoming ballroom dancing program. The students will really enjoy learning the steps and performing for their peers and families."*

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### Social Emotional Learning Curriculum – Sanford Harmony

This month we will be focusing on Empathy and Critical Thinking Skills. The students will learn to facilitate an awareness between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. They will learn to promote empathy and incremental thinking and to reduce stereotyped thinking. Students will engage in interactive exercises and games to become aware of how their thoughts influence their feelings and behaviors, to learn the skills associated with empathetic responding, to recognize the malleability of human traits and abilities, and to identify the consequences associated with stereotyped thinking.

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Our Thank Heaven for Little Girls Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all next week at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

