



# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – March 2019

### 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. We strongly recommend students utilize their iReady accounts at home. Students are able to complete lessons, games, and practice problems in reading and math.

#### **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. Also, test preparation for the upcoming state examinations will begin for math. Students will be working in class and at home in their Performance Task books. Students will also be revisiting concepts and completing additional practice.

#### **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:**

This month the curriculum will include different forms of energy. Students will be working in the science lab and reviewing concepts in class from their Science Coach Book. Topics that will be covered include; heat, temperature, electrical currents, and energy changing form.

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

**Mr. Cintula:** We are working on a favorite pop song "This Is Me" from the movie *The Greatest Showman*. We are also working on folk songs about accepting each other and counting on good friends.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will learn new notes Low D and High C on recorder with 2 new pieces and possibly learn 2 new dances.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of March, students continue their sewing project.

### **Technology:**

During the month of March, your child will be focusing on both keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools and a Typing Software Program to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. We will also be continuing to learn about Microsoft Word and how to find information about a topic using online resources.

### **\*IMPORTANT DATES**

3/13- Report Cards Distributed

3/14 - Parent Teacher Conferences:

Afternoon - 12:20-2:20pm (Half day of school for students)

Evening - 5:00-8:00pm

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

4/2 & 4/3 - NYS ELA Exams

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

6/3 - 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.
- 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.

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

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### **PTA News**

Welcome back! The PTA would like to welcome everyone back from a winter week off! We hope everyone had a warm, cozy, relaxing week and is ready to get back to learning, and school fun festivities!

Our "pretzels for panthers" is this upcoming Friday, March 1. Also, on Friday, March 1st there will be the opportunity for our students to take their Spring Pictures. These school pictures are unique as we allow students to dress down and you may also coordinate sibling pictures. Finally, on Friday, March 1st join us to dine out at TGIFRIDAYS at 280 Marsh Ave for our PTA benefit night, where 20% of your bill will automatically benefit Michael J. Petrides' PTA! (All you have to do is mention our school by name to your server!)

Our Night of Chances fundraiser is Friday, March 29th. Please join us for this fun adult evening where you will have chances to win awesome raffle prizes!

Last PTA meeting we raffled off a Night of Chances raffle bundle pack! (70 raffle tickets of different levels). All you need to do is show up, for your chance to win!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm where we will be raffling off a chance to win a free ticket to "Bowling with the Panthers" which will be on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for supporting our school!

### **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. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

