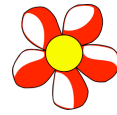




# The Fantastic Fourth Grade

Ms. Dalton, Ms. Meduri, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Walsh,  
Ms. Komar and Ms. Hession



## Parent Newsletter – May 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### **Literacy:**

We will be continuing our "Overcoming Obstacles Unit." Students are reading Number the Stars in class and will be writing their own personal narrative on overcoming an obstacle or challenge. We will be focusing on content vocabulary and deeper character analysis. Our writing will focus on developing our story using dialogue and story mapping skills.

#### **Math:**

Students will continue to work on Unit 9 of the Go Math curriculum. This unit focuses on decimal notation, reading and writing of decimals, comparing and contrasting the value of decimals and recognizing the correlation of decimals and fractions.

Later in the month students will continue their study of Unit 12 of Go Math. Students will be reviewing patterns within the Metric System/US Customary Units.

#### **Social Studies:**

We will also begin to discuss the challenges the colonists faced establishing their new country. The students will learn about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the branches of government.

#### **Science:**

This month the students will be practicing for the Science Statewide Exam, which will be administered next 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.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will study/work with Soprano recorder, learn notes Low E and Low D (and coordinate with familiar notes B, A and G), and learn 2 new pieces of music.

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of May students will complete their self-portrait and move on to learning about collage techniques.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

5/14 - 5/23 - Our schools' *Annual Student Art*

*Exhibition:* Students who participated in 2017-18 visual arts classes have their artwork exhibited in C-building hallways (i.e. hallways located closest to the auditorium entrance).

5/22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling Trip to Showplace

5/23 - Street Fair, 5-8pm - Parents are invited to meet the staff.

5/28 - Memorial Day - No School

### LOOKING AHEAD...

6/1 - Ballroom Dancing Culminating Event (Auditorium)

6/4 - NYS Science Test

6/8 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Luau Party (kids only)

6/11 - Step Up Ceremony

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Homework is given daily and checked daily. Please make sure that your child continues to read and log each day.
- 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.
- We will continue to have Ballroom Dancing each Wednesday and Thursday. Please remind your child to wear appropriate footwear on those days. Stay tuned for further information regarding our Ballroom Dancing Show and Competition.
- **\*\*\*Check our instagram and twitter pages:**  
Twitter - @PetridesSchool  
Instagram - mjpetrides school

*"We are so proud of all of the fourth grade students for their hard work and commitment while preparing for our ELA and Mathematics Assessments!"*

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## Our Social - Emotional Learning...



This month we will be focusing on Peer Relationships. This work will encourage supportive interactions and friendships among classmates. Our students will participate in activities to consider the qualities important to friendship, to develop strategies for minimizing the costs associated with cross-gender friendships, to learn effective responses for dealing with bullying situations, and to practice providing peers with support.

## A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Hello Petrides Families,

Spring has sprung-hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy that sunshine!! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year, let's make sure to stay focused and bright until then.

We would like to commend our dedicated 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA test. We would like to wish them luck for this week's upcoming NYS Math test as well.

We look forward to all of the exciting culminating events that are quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the dates accordingly. I can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!**