



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Parent Newsletter – May 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We will be beginning our "Overcoming Obstacles Unit." Students will be 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 begin working 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 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 continue practicing for the Science Statewide Exam, which will be administered next month. The topics they will be focusing on include energy, movement, electricity, magnets, and measurement.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are starting our journey of folk music around the world through our textbook series "The Music Connection", grade 4. We will be singing together and solo as well as sample percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn graduation piece with beautiful singing and appropriate behavior.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of May, students in Class 420 will begin their participation in the visual arts component of the performing arts drawing and painting their self-portraits.

Technology:

During the month of May, 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

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

5/10 - Plant Sale - Schedule to follow

5/15 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

5/17 - 4th Grade Bowling Trip to Showplace

5/24 - 4th Grade Trip to see Aladdin

5/27 - Memorial Day - No School

LOOKING AHEAD...

6/3 - 4th Grade Science State Test

6/6 - 4th Grade Luau Party (Kids only)

6/11 - Step Up Ceremony in Auditorium

6/13 - Ballroom Dancing Culminating Event (Auditorium)

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 Tuesday 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.

"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!"

*-Ms. Dalton, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Komar,
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PTA News

* Pretzels for our Panthers Friday May 3 (\$1/pretzel)

* Teacher appreciation week! May 6th - 10th

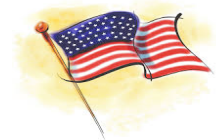
* "Principal for a day". Raffles on sale until May 9th.

(\$1/ticket; \$10/12 tickets; \$20/25 tickets)

* Street Fair May 9th from 5pm - 8pm. Join us for dancing in the street, face painting, games and a live drawing of our "principal for a day" raffle winners.

* Plant Sale Friday May 10th (class schedule times to be distributed closer to event)

* PTA meeting May 15th at 7pm. Elections held for PTA board members as well as SLT board members for the next school year (2019-2020)



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 3rd and 4th graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA and Math tests. We are confident you did great!

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

