



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

**Ms. Dalton, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Komar,
Ms. Meduri, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Sconzo**



Parent Newsletter – April 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We will be continuing our work in persuasive writing. Students will be researching controversial issues such as; cell phones in school and mandatory uniform policies for Public Schools. Students will work on writing persuasive essays supported with details from multiple sources.

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 electricity, energy, and magnets.

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 discuss/apply "What Would the World Be Like Without Music?", discuss/apply "Harmony" with beautiful singing, learn line dance, work well together and learn Polka, and recorder identification.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of April, students complete their self-portraits.

Technology:

During the month of April, 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

4/2 & 4/3 - NYS ELA Exams

4/12 - 7:00pm, 4/13 - 7:00pm, 4/14 - 2:00pm

The Michael J. Petrides School presents

The Little Mermaid

4/17 - Paws Awards/Academic Success Celebration, 6:30pm

4/19 - 4/28 - Spring Recess

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

6/3 - 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 Tuesday and Thursday for Ballroom Dancing.

"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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PTA News

Friday, April 5th is Pretzels for Panthers.

Bowling with the Panthers is April 7th from 2-4 at Showplace. It's \$15 per bowler. Included 1 slice of pizza, drink, 2 hours of bowling, and shoe rental.

PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm.

Dave and Busters Power cards are on sale now until May 20th.

We would like to thank you for attending the Night of Chances. It was a huge success and a special thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, teachers, staff, and students for all of their hardworking and help.

Thank you!



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

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Recess with the ones you love!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

