



The Fantastic Fourth Grade

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Ms. Komar and Ms. Hession



Parent Newsletter – April 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

We will be revisiting our Ready Gen Legend unit. The students will be studying different types of legends through plays, poems and short stories and constructing their own tales.

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 focus 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: Students are on a journey through "The Music Connection" (Grade 4). They are increasing their notation reading skills and focusing on bettering their vocal technique to prepare for possible 5th grade performance electives in the future. Ms. Hession's class is learning how to read the music staff through folk songs in their textbook "The Music Connection", as well as using interactive smart board note reading games. They are working on folk songs from around the world throughout the year.

Ms. LaMorte: Ms. Dalton's class will learn line dance and Polka, and self-evaluate. Ms. Cicale's class will complete new trimester assessment.

Ms. Granatelli: Students in Class 422 will be ending the visual arts component with exploring how to render a still life. After the spring recess, Class 420 will begin the visual arts component, and their first project will be learning how to draw and paint their self-portrait.

*IMPORTANT DATES

4/4 - Class trip - Beauty and the Beast

4/7 - Elementary Spirit Week t-shirt forms due

4/10-4/18 - Spring Recess - No School

4/26 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

4/27 - PTA General Membership Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/2, 5/3, & 5/4 - NYS Math Exams

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 Wednesday and Thursday for Ballroom Dancing.

PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated.

Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

Our April PTA meeting is Thursday, April 27th at 1:00pm.

Save the date:

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00-3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children's folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th.

Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

"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."

*-Ms. Dalton, Ms. Meduri, Ms. Cicale, Ms. Reardon, Ms. Sims,
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A Note From Ms. Caccese

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the last third of our school year. Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students had a chance to "SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW" on the New York State ELA exams last month and our younger students continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and math problem solvers...everyone keep up the amazing 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 at The Petrides School during upcoming special events!

Sending happy wishes for the upcoming Spring Recess...enjoy the ones you love!

Sincerely,
Ms. Caccese



