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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! We hope you & your children had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends & loved ones during the winter break. The New Year is a time when many of us think about resolutions. New Year's resolutions are not just for adults. This time of the year is a perfect time to speak with kids about healthy habits for life & making smart decisions, as it relates to their academic & social life. Reflect on what we value and set goals that match those values. Values drive our actions and motivate our goals. What do your kids value? What brings them JOY? The new year will no doubt bring new challenges but also a chance to renew and rebuild. It is my hope that we all find what brings us joy and remain optimistic as we look forward to brighter days ahead.

As we welcome students back into our classrooms, our highest priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. The Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Health has put additional health and safety measures in place to ensure students and staff are safe and that our schools can continue to be open. Here is a summary of some of the updates:

- Beginning January 3, schools will distribute free, take-home COVID-19 rapid test kits to any student or staff who exhibit COVID-like symptoms or have been in a classroom where a positive case has been identified.
- For students in kindergarten through grade 12, unvaccinated or not yet fully-vaccinated students who were in close proximity to a positive case will no longer have to quarantine and will continue attending school if they do not have symptoms and do not have a positive test result from a COVID test.
- To further ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff, the in-school surveillance testing program is expanding to double the number of individuals tested in each school, including both vaccinated and unvaccinated students, in grades 1 and up.
- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) continues to open new testing sites throughout the five boroughs. We strongly encourage that all students get tested for COVID-19, through a PCR, lab-based rapid test, or a home test kit on a continuous basis, regardless of vaccination status.

We know that nothing is more important to you than keeping your children in school, learning in healthy and safe environments. All changes aim to keep students in our classrooms with the least amount of disruption as possible, while putting their safety front and center. You can find more details on the DOE website - <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/messages-for-families>

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

NO

DRESS DOWN FRIDAYS

PROGRESS REPORTS

Were given to students
Thursday, December 23rd

No School

Dr. Martin Luther King
Monday, January 17, 2022

State Readiness Prog.

Tuesday & Thursday
2:50pm – 4:00pm

Saturday Academy

Saturday, January 8th
9:00am – 12:00pm

FORMS

If you have the following forms, bring it to the Office
Lunch Form, Emergency
Contact & Covid Consent

If You or Anyone in Your
Family/Home
Feels Sick!

**STAY HOME & GET
TESTED**

KAPPA III WEB SITE

Check it out
<https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>

Messages for Families

American Sign Language (Video) Dear Families, It has come to our attention that there is a social media challenge proposed on TikTok and other social media platforms encouraging students to "call in bomb threats, school shooting threats, etc." at schools across the United States.
www.schools.nyc.gov

All students received a vacation package prior to break. We are collecting & grading these assignments today. These grades will impact the 2nd marking period so please make sure your child turns in their completed work. Students will lose points for any late assignment.

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life. Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they come to school on time, every day. We want your child to be successful in school! Remember we have many incentives and the class with the highest attendance receives a pizza party and students are given points on their E-card when they obtain perfect attendance monthly.

All students received their progress report prior to vacation. If your child received a failing grade, I ask that you schedule a virtual appointment immediately to speak to your child's teacher.

It is our goal that the 2nd half of the year is filled with positivity & growth. I am looking forward to continuing our work together for the betterment of our children. Please make sure your child is reading every day for 20-30 minutes.

As always, I encourage you to refer to our school website for up-to-date information: <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. Thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family good health.

Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal

6th, 7th & 8th GRADE CONFERENCES

(If you would like to speak to your child's Professor please call our Parent Coordinator Ms. Ovalles.)

Congratulations to Class 605 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 90.0 for the week of December 20th.

Classes: **601**—79.3%, **602**—66.3%, **603**—82.9%, **604**—75.0%, **605**—90.0%

Classes: **701**—78.4%, **702**—81.5%, **703**—84.0%, **704**—82.0%, **705**—85.4%

Classes: **801**—73.1%, **802**—83.9%, **803**—85.9%, **804**—87.0%, **805**—62.5%

CONGRATULATIONS to Class 804 for having the highest attendance percentage of 93.2% for the month of **DECEMBER you have **WON** a **SUBWAY DAY** on **Friday, January 14th****

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

“Christmas isn’t a Season It’s A FEELING! -Edna Ferber

Ms. Matthews –

Social Worker Ms. Williams – High School Applications will open on January 24th, Please identify the 12 High Schools for which you wish to apply. Visit my Google classroom (Next Stop! High School) for updates & upcoming HS Open Houses. <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzkwMjQ4ODM1NzI4?cjc=zemgbbx>

Guidance Counselor – If you need assistance, you can email. Prof. Paniagua at Jpaniagua@schools.nyc.gov or Prof. Bandler at Lbandle@schools.nyc.gov.

Highlights for Grade 6

Math— We will work on converting metrics of units to compare which one is a better deal or compare the constant speeds. We will also take a quiz on converting units.

ELA — We will launch our new unit on American Indian Boarding Schools & build background knowledge about the time period.

Science – We will examine how energy transfer between molecules.

Social Studies —.

Physical Ed— We are focusing on beginning the New Year being active & working towards our fitness goals.

Music –.

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— We will be starting Unit 5; Rational numbers which will be introducing the four basic operations with negative numbers. We will also be taking the IReady Math diagnostic on Wednesday.

ELA— We will start the week with a new Word Generation Lesson in ELA, continue independent reading & journaling. We will finish writing the Compare Contrast Essay on the Novel, A Long Walk to Water & the article, “The Lost Boys of Sudan”.

Science— We will be focusing on the Digestive System. They will receive a project this week.

Social Studies— We will analyze the aftermath of the first battle of the Revolutionary War.

Physical Ed— We are focusing on beginning the New Year being active & working towards our fitness goals

Music –.

Spanish – This week we'll continue our exploration of cultural celebrations We'll read about the NEW YEAR Celebrations of various Hispanic cultures. We also plan to start exploring the concept of national identity among our students with the theme "¿De donde eres?" (Where are you from?).

Highlights for Grade 8

Math— We will complete our unit on Linear Relationships. We will make sure that they have completed their unit projects. We will also complete our unit Exams worth 100 points before moving on the next unit.

ELA — Happy New Year! This week , we will begin our next module using the book “Omnivore’s Dilemma” with a focus on the question “Where does our food come from?

Science— We will look at the following: Speed & Velocity, & Cell Transport.

Social Studies— We will use our understanding of the ideas of assimilation, cultural preservation, & nativism & apply it to different scenarios.

Physical Ed— We are focusing on beginning the New Year being active & working towards our fitness goals.

Health— We will be beginning our HIV/AIDS “FACT SHEET” Projects.

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