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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. Last week we administered the Mathematics Simulation Exam. These assessments will help us move forward together as a district community by identifying strengths and needs of our students prior to the NYS Exams this Spring. This Wednesday, January 10, 2024, we are holding our 8th grade Town Hall Meeting (in the auditorium) from 9:00-9:30am. We will review the 8th grade expectations, Yonder Pouches and senior activities. **Next week we are off on Monday, January 15th, in recognition of Martin Luther King.**

It is time for us to administer the 2nd round of I Ready Diagnostics for ELA and Math. These assessments are essential as they provide us information about what students have learned and teachers are able to identify areas where students need help. We evaluate the results and use the data to drive instruction. The assessments include multiple choice questions and short answers. Students can begin working on skill-based assignments online. We encourage all students to read at least 30 minutes a day.

Our After-School Programs are still in session. If your child has failed or at risk of failing a class, then he/she must sign up for one of our programs. Please see the schedule below for each program.

- State Readiness Program - Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:20pm - 3:30pm

ALL STUDENTS 6-8

- I Ready Diagnostic for ELA - January 16th
- I Ready Diagnostic for Math - January 18th

Last week, we identified students that are at risk for promotion to the next grade. Promotion in doubt letters will be given out the first two weeks of February. I urge you to please make sure your child has submitted all assignments. Our school will use multiple measures of performance to assess student progress toward New York State Education Department (NYSED) learning standards and promotion benchmarks in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies and Health. Students will be assessed holistically, using multiple measures, such as course grades and report cards, writing samples, projects, assignments, and other performance-based student work. You can continue to monitor your child's grades on a daily basis, using the google classroom reports. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. **For our 8th grade**

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

8th Grade Parent Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday January 10th
9:00am – 9:30am

8th Grade Cap & Gown Measurements
Thursday, January 11th

Parent In-Person Nutrition Class
Friday, January 12th
8:30am

Parent Workshop
(virtual)
Coping with Conflict while at Home
Tuesday, January 16 at
6:00 pm

NO School MLK Day
Monday, January 15th

Red & White Winter Ball (TBD)
Thursday, February 8th
4:00pm – 6:30pm

State Readiness After School Program
Wed. & Thursdays
2:20pm – 3:30pm

parents: please be reminded that students are required to pass all subjects in order to walk for Graduation.

Consistent attendance and punctuality are fundamental to a student's academic success. We have many students that are absent or late frequently. This impacts their ability to fully engage with the lessons and participate in classroom activities. Regular attendance ensures continuity in learning and allows students to benefit from the complete educational experience. Please speak with your child about the importance of attendance.

Homework assignments serve as valuable extensions of the concepts taught in the classroom. Unfortunately, we have noticed that many students have been inconsistently completing homework assignments. These assignments are designed to reinforce classroom learning, provide practice opportunities, and deepen understanding. Not completing homework can hinder students' ability to fully grasp and apply the concepts covered in class. I would like to remind you that trips serve as an incentive and students are selected based on completion of all assignments and excellent class behavior.

We have some parent meetings/workshops happening this month. January 10th there is a Safety Town Hall with District 12 from 6pm - 8pm. On Saturday, January 20th, we are hosting a PTA workshop about Introduction to Understanding Finances. On Tuesday, January 23th our School Leadership Team will meet to discuss progress towards our Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) goals.

As always, to ensure communication between home and school, I encourage you to refer to our school website and ClassDojo for up-to-date information: <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. Please make sure you receive our weekly chronicle and monthly calendar for up-to-date information on our events. You may contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles with any questions via email (jpena26@schools.nyc.gov) or phone (914-481-2666).

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 804 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 94.6% for the week of January 1st.

Classes: **601**—90.0%, **602**—84.2%, **603**—84.2%, **604**—93.3%

Classes: **701**—75.0%, **703**—86.0%, **704**—91.3%, **705**—89.3%

Classes: **801**—85.4%, **802**—84.7%, **803**—93.8%, **804**—94.6%, **805**—88.9%

CONGRATULATIONS to Class 604 for having the highest attendance percentage of 93.3% for the month of **December you **WON A SUBWAY DAY** on Friday, January 19th.**

FORMS

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

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/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

“Never apologize for having high standards!”

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Highlights for Grade 6

Math— we are continuing our unit project found in google classroom, “Rate & Percentage”. We are in the beginning of unit 3, & our scholars will have activities connected to real life scenarios.

ELA — we will examine an informational text to continue to build background knowledge about Native American Indian Boarding schools, focusing on point of view. In addition, we will review how to analyze key details in an informational text.

Science – we will discuss the effect of the amount of molecules & kinetic energy on temperatures.

Social Studies – we will be working on unit 3: Mapes of Hinduism & Buddhism; What is Religion? What is a Spiritual Tradition; The Castle System; The Tailor’s Dharma; Hinduism v Buddhism; Buddhism & The Four Noble Truths.

Physical Ed— How to jump forward/backwards using jump rope.

Music –.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua – we will focus on completing IPR’s for 6th & 7th graders. Continue to come to school on time Attendance is important. Miss a day, miss a lot. Have a wonderful week of learning.

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— we are continuing to work with unit rates and percentages.

ELA— we will continue the kickoff of the Harlem Renaissance unit with an engaging launch, utilizing a combination of captivating photos & thought-provoking poems. Through visual imagery & poetic expressions, we will be transported to the vibrant era of the Harlem Renaissance, sparking curiosity & setting the stage for exploration. We will explore sound devices such as figurative language, repetition & rhyme.

Science— we are working on our science project which is due on January 12th.

Social Studies— we will analyze the role of African American in the Revolutionary War.

Physical Ed— How to jump forward/backwards using jump rope.

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Highlights for Grade 8

Math— we will continue to work on solving multi-step equations. By the end of the week, we will be solving equations with variables on both sides of the equal sign.

ELA — we will explore the Local Food Chain & analyze the author’s purpose & point of view.

Science— we will look at: introduction to sun, earth and moon interaction and sexual reproduction.

Social Studies— we will analyze through primary & secondary sources about the Progressive Era & complete an essay.

Physical Ed— How to jump forward/backwards using jump rope.

Health— unit 2 assessment test review.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer – you are so close to the finish line so keep focusing on managing your time well, completing assignments, showing up to school every day & on time! Stay for extra help if you need it and converse with your teachers if you have to resolve any issues. Stay focused, stay motivated & know that you got this.