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# THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Can you believe we are in our second week of November? November is a time to focus on family and gratitude and we have so much to be grateful for. I, for one, am so grateful for the wonderful work we are doing at KAPPA. The devotion and dedication shown by so many is just so amazing. I hope you appreciate this time of the year as do I. Take a moment to look around and I am sure that you too will find so many things that you are grateful for. Remember gratitude is a valued and important part of life.

The Chancellor announced last week that he wants all schools ready to transition to remote instruction in the event of snow days or emergency closures. We have distributed devices to students who did not receive one. If your child has a device at home that is not working, we ask that you return it to the school so another one can be issued. Students that have a device already attached to their name cannot receive a device until we remove the old one. **This evening from 6-8pm, we are asking all students to log onto a google classroom**. This will also allow us to identify any potential technical issues and or barriers that may need to be addressed in order to ensure all students are able to participate in online assignments and live instruction. If your child is not able to log on this evening between 6-8pm, we ask that you have them log into their google class on Tuesday, November 7 between 8:15am - 8:45am. **REMINDER:** Tuesday, November 7th is a non-attendance day for students.

This week is very busy for us. We have two trips planned for 7th and 8th grade students. Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day, so students do not report to school. On Wednesday, November 8th, we are offering the SHSAT exam to our 8th grade students that registered. On Thursday November 9th it is Parent Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night. We have a half day schedule and students will be dismissed at 11:30am. Our Parent Teacher Conferences are remote this year so please make sure you schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teachers. The sessions are at 12:30pm - 2:30pm and 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Our Curriculum Night begins at 7:00pm -7:30pm. For our Curriculum Session, you are welcomed to attend any of our content sessions. We wanted the opportunity to share our curriculum with you and to give you the opportunity to provide us with feedback on the curriculum we are using. I really do hope that you are able to attend at least one of our curriculum sessions.



## SPECIAL NOTICES

## **REMINDERS**

**Canned Food Drive** Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Camp Ramapo** Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Election Day (*No School*) Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Virtual Parent Teacher Conference Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> *Afternoon Session* 12:30pm – 2:30pm *Evening Session* 4:00pm – 7:30pm

#### **Curriculum Meeting**

(Learn what your child is learning) Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 7:00pm

State Readiness After School Program Begins November 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. & Thursdays 2:20pm – 3:30pm

FORMS If you have the following forms, bring it to the Office Lunch Form & Emergency Contact I have a wondering and concern that I want to share with you: I wonder if you remember a time when we did not use cell phones and my concern is that our students constantly have their cell phones out and it is impacting their learning. Our students are saying that parents are calling them in the middle of class. Phone calls in the classroom are very distracting for both the student and the rest of the class. Students are not allowed to have cell phones out during the school day. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please call the office and we will bring the child to the office to speak to you.

The first marking period has officially closed, and all families will have access to view their child's report card on Thursday, November 9th via NYC Schools Account (NYCSA). We are excited to welcome all families to our virtual Parent Teacher Conferences. All teachers have emailed parents with their calendars to sign up for an appointment. You can also find all sign-up links on our website. If you have any questions in regard to your appointment, please contact your child's teacher or the main office. It is important that you view your child's report card before you attend the virtual parent teacher conference to help guide the conversations.

For our 8th graders, all students/families must create their MySchools account. All families can continue to explore options in the <u>online high school</u> <u>directory</u>. You should begin selecting schools that you are considering for High School.

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 <u>Class 804</u> for having the highest <u>Attendance Percentage of 96.4%</u> for the <u>week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.</u> Classes: 601—90.4%, 602—88.4%, 603—91.6%, 604—96.0%, Classes: **701**—88.7%, **702**—93.8%, **703**—88.8%, **704**—86.7%, **705**—78.3%

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to <u>Class 804</u> for having the highest attendance percentage of <u>96.2%</u> for the month of **October** you **WON A SUBWAY DAY** on <u>Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup></u>. 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....

"If the plan doesn't work change the plan but never the goal!"

-Unknown-

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams – .

#### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— we are still working on the foundation of ratios. Students are starting to work on ratio tables connected to real world problems. During the week students will start their projects for this unit.

**ELA** — we will be starting to compare & contrast a scene in the movie to the same chapter in The Lightning Thief in order to prepare for their End of Unit essay.

**Science** – we will discuss energy as the ability to cause things to change or move. We will also take a pre-assessment & start the Energy Transformation Project.

**Social Studies** – we will begin with the following: Launching the unit, Neolithic Revolution & the Early River Civilizations, followed by introduction to timeliness.

**Physical Ed**— Fitness Gram assessment to measure students' fitness levels. How to properly perform push-up & curl-ups. **Music** – we will be working on note values.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua –.

#### **Highlights for Grade 7**

Math— we will begin exploring how to solve multi-step equations.

ELA— we will be working towards our end of unit assessment. It will be a compare & contrast essay.

**Science**— we have a science project on creating a newsletter about 2 cell organelles. It's due on this upcoming Wednesday. **Social Studies**— we will complete our post assessment for unit 1.

**Physical Ed**— Fitness Gram assessment to measure students' fitness levels. How to properly perform push-up & curl-ups. **Music** – we will be finishing up instrument families.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua -.

#### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will complete unit 2. Students will have their unit 2 exam on Wednesday. Thursday is Parent Teacher conferences. We will then begin our third unit.

**ELA** — we will begin writing their end of unit/module compare & contrast essay on Wednesday. We are also looking forward to our  $8^{th}$  grade trip on Friday.

**Science**— we will look at inheritance of traits.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze the pull and push factors of immigrants.

**Physical Ed**— Fitness Gram assessment to measure students' fitness levels. How to properly perform push-up & curl-ups. **Health**— unit 2, violence and injury prevention introduction and behaviors that contribute to unintentional and violence.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** – please continue to work on your high school applications and visit open houses! Have a wonderful week.