



# THE CHRONICLE

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a fantastic MLK holiday weekend! As we welcome you back, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the inspiring words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his lasting impact on our society. His message of unity, equality, and justice resonates deeply within our school community.

Last week, we held our 8th grade town hall meeting. Our attendance was very low and we want to ensure all parents understand the expectations of all 8th grade students. The meeting was held to discuss the following:

- Importance of Completing Assignments and Passing Grades:
  - We discussed the critical role that completing assignments plays in academic success. 8th grade students are required to pass all subjects in order to walk for Graduation.
- Addressing Low Morale:
  - We discussed that maintaining high morale is crucial for a positive school experience. We will discuss strategies to identify and address low morale and encourage students to be more positive.
- Introduction of Yonder Pouches for Phone Management:
  - Phones have become a pervasive distraction in the classroom. We introduced the use of Yonder Pouches as a proactive measure to minimize disruptions and create a focused learning environment. We believe this initiative will contribute to a more engaged and participative classroom experience.

This week, we are excited to begin the second round of iReady Diagnostic assessments for reading and math. These assessments are an essential tool in measuring our students' progress and growth. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication our students have shown thus far, and we want to take this opportunity to celebrate their achievements. We will be awarding certificates to students and classes that have shown the most growth since the last assessment. It is truly encouraging to witness their determination and commitment to their education.

I also want to remind you that the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period will come to an end on January 26th. Report cards will be distributed on January 31st, and it is imperative that all assignments are submitted on time to ensure accurate and comprehensive evaluations. I urge you to please make sure your child has completed all of their projects, homework and assessments (IREADY). If your child has missing assignments, this will have a negative impact on their grades. Promotion in Doubt letters will be handed out during the first two weeks of February for students who may be at risk of not being promoted to the next grade.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

**Parent Workshop(virtual)**  
*"Coping with Conflict while at home."*

Tuesday, January 16th  
6:00 pm

**PTA Meeting  
(in Person)**  
**(Finance Workshop)**  
Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am – 12:00pm

**SLT Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
3:00pm

Trip  
**Dave & Busters**  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**BBQ's**  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Report Cards**  
Will be given  
Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

**Red & White  
Winter Ball (TBD)**  
February  
4:00pm – 6:30pm

**State Readiness After  
School Program**

We urge you to work closely with your child and their teachers to support their academic progress during this crucial time.

In addition to our regular school hours, we offer after-school programs to provide extra support for our students. If your child is not currently attending any of these programs and you would like them to participate, please reach out to us. We want to ensure that every student has access to the resources they need to succeed. Please see the schedule below:

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

Our PTA has organized a finance workshop on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm. This workshop will provide valuable information on managing personal finances and securing a stable financial future. We invite all parents to attend this informative session, and breakfast will be served as a small gesture of our appreciation for your involvement and support.

Our School Leadership Team (SLT) will meet on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and evaluate the progress we have made towards achieving our Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) goals. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of our SLT members, as their input plays a significant role in shaping the direction of our school's educational programs and initiatives.

As always, please remember to stay connected with us through our school website for up-to-date information: <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. Ensure that you receive our weekly chronicle and monthly calendar, as they contain valuable information on school events and important updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles, via email ([jpena26@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jpena26@schools.nyc.gov)) or phone (914-481-2666).

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we strive to provide the best educational experience for our students. Together, we can make a positive difference in their lives.

Warm regards,

Respectfully, Jean Colon, Principal

#### **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 92.2% for the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Classes: **601**—88.0%, **602**—82.1%, **603**—86.3%, **604**—93.3%

Classes: **701**—89.2%, **703**—91.2%, **704**—92.0%, **705**—84.6%

Classes: **801**—91.7%, **802**—90.0%, **803**—91.0%, **804**—92.2%, **805**—91.1%

**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 19<sup>th</sup>**.**

**Wed. & Thursdays**  
2:20pm – 3:30pm

#### **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....

*“You’re off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!!*

*-Dr. Seuss-*

**Ms. Matthews** – Senior Activities: Senior Dance June 6<sup>th</sup>, Affirmation Day June 12<sup>th</sup>, Graduation June 18<sup>th</sup>, Senior Trip June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Social Worker Ms. Williams** –

### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— we are working through our unit 3, rate & percent. Please make sure your scholar stays on task & continues to complete their homework assignments.

**ELA** — we will learn about the elements of plot. In addition, we will continue examining point of view in the novel Two Roads.

**Science** – We will discuss heat transfer between molecules.

**Social Studies** – we will be working in the social studies workbook (1/16-18/24): Unit 3: lesson 4 and 5 pages, 150-157: Buddhism. On 1/19/24 lesson 6, pages 158-161: Taoism & Confucianism.

**Physical Ed**— Introduction to volleyball & proper ways to pass the ball to other players.

**Music** – we will be the ukulele performance exam & the c and g7 chord project.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** –.

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will be taking the I-Ready Diagnostic Round 2 as well as continuing our work with percents.

**ELA**— we will be reviewing our first poem of the new unit, “Lift Every Voice”, & will have an assessment based on our analysis.

**Science**— we are going to learn about how blood flows in the heart.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze the end of the Revolutionary War.

**Physical Ed**— Introduction to volleyball & proper ways to pass the ball to other players.

**Music** – we will be working on concert e flat & D.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** —

### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue to solve multi-step equations. We will master solving equations with variables on both sides of the equal sign. We will then complete our unit project on solving multi-step equations.

**ELA** — we completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Iready Reading Diagnostic Tuesday. They will take a mid-unit assessment analyzing authors purpose & point of view later in the week.

**Science**— we will look at: The phases of the moon & Tides.

**Social Studies**— we will examine how the Progressive era shaped American Society.

**Physical Ed**— Introduction to volleyball & proper ways to pass the ball to other players.

**Health**— students will start unit 3 – Tobacco, alcohol & drug use.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** –.