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A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! As the holiday season draws near, we are reminded of the warmth that comes from gathering with friends and family, creating lasting memories, and embracing those who enrich our lives. In the spirit of gratitude and community, we are excited to announce our canned goods drive for the Thanksgiving season. November is not only a time for reflection and gratitude, but also an opportunity to extend a helping hand to those who may be less fortunate. We invite you to join us in this endeavor by contributing to our canned goods drive. Your generosity will help ensure that individuals and families in need can also experience the joy and abundance of the holiday season. Any non-perishable food items you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

With the holiday season so near, we are noticing a drastic decrease in our attendance. I would like to remind you that attendance is very important for our Middle School students. When they miss a day, they are missing learning opportunities. We understand that parents make choices about their child's attendance at school. We are aware of some of the influences on decision making, for example, the availability of cheaper holidays. However, all parents have a legal responsibility for their child to attend school. Children with lower attendance find it really challenging when they return to school and subsequently can make less progress in their learning. We ask parents to support the school and their child's learning by sending their child to school every day and scheduling vacation during the days when students are officially off.

On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, we will host our **Thanksgiving Lunch** with all students. It is going to be a truly wonderful celebration. This day is a reminder of the importance of gratitude. It is also a time to gather with students and staff, eat food and create new memories.

Last week we held our first Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences for the school year. During these conferences, all parents and teachers had the opportunity to discuss their child's academics and any concerns regarding courses and/or additional support needed. I am urging you to send your child to after-school if he or she received a low grade. If you were unable to attend a virtual conference, please email any member of the school and we can arrange for you to have a meeting with your child's teachers. All report cards can be found on NYC Schools Account (<u>https://mystudent.nyc/</u>). You may create an account or sign in at any time to view your child's report card.

As we enter Marking Period 2, we are encouraging all students to come up with goals for every subject. What do they want to accomplish? What steps will they take in order to accomplish their goals? What additional support do they need in order to improve



SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

Canned Food Drive Nov. 1st – Nov. 20th

SLT Meeting Tuesday, November 14th 3:00pm

Awards Assembly (Honor Roll, 3C's & Attendance) Wed, November 15th 1:30pm – 2:30pm

KAPPA III's Grateful Gathering

(Thanksgiving Student Luncheon) Tuesday, November 21st

No School Thur. November 23rd & Friday, November24th

State Readiness After School Program Begins November 1st 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 their grades? To prepare for the NYS exams, our State Readiness Program is scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-3:30. If you would like your child to attend after-school program please contact us for a permission slip.

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday, November 15th, we will be hosting a special Award Ceremony to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. This ceremony will honor students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their education through Perfect Attendance, achieved Honor Roll status, and exemplified the three Cs of Kappa III: Caring, Courage and Character.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who have earned these distinctions. Your hard work and commitment to excellence have not gone unnoticed. The Award Ceremony will take place at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, November 15th. Invitations have been sent to the students receiving an award. Students with an invitation can dress professionally for the school day.

Our School Leadership Team (SLT) will meet this Tuesday, November 14th at 3:00pm via Zoom.

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: <u>https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/</u>. 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 (<u>jpena26@schools.nyc.gov</u>) or phone (347-939-3917).

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 802</u> for having the highest <u>Attendance Percentage of 96.1%</u> for the <u>week of November 6th.</u>

Classes: **601**—89.1%, **602**—89.5%, **603**—89.5%, **604**—91.7%, Classes: **701**—85.9%, **702**—90.4%, **703**—85.9%, **704**—95.0%, **705**—79.2% Classes: **801**—82.6%, **802**—96.1%, **803**—93.4%, **804**—93.5%, **805**—93.2%

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 17th.</u>

Feels Sick! STAY HOME & GET TESTED

KAPPA III WEB SITE Check it out

https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom" -Marcel Proust-

Ms. Matthews – .

$\label{eq:social worker Ms. Williams - .}$

Highlights for Grade 6

Math— we are completing our projects connected to the content in unit 2 ratios & real-world scenarios. They are learning to choose a strategy & diagram to help them solve.

ELA — we will continue watching Percy Jackson & The Olympians-The Lightning Thief movie in order to compare & contrast scenes from the movie to the book. In addition, we will begin planning our compare & contrast essay.

Science – we will discuss what it means to have energy & also differentiate between kinetic & potential energy. We will have a mid-unit assessment on Thursday.

Social Studies – we will be working on the following topics from unit 2: To what degree does geography determine culture, how does the archaeological record shape our understanding of prehistoric hominids and early humans & the Neolithic Revolution. **Physical Ed**— How & where to find your pulse during pacer test practice.

Music – we will be continuing to work on note values & starting the ukulele.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua – hope you had a wonderful weekend. This week is Kindness week. Remember to be kind & respectful to all the people you encounter. Attendance is important. Miss A Day, Miss A Lot. We will continue to work on completing IPR's.

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— we will continue working with solving multi-step equations.

ELA— we will be drafting our end of unit essay based on the class novel.

Science— we are starting our mandatory lab tomorrow. It's important they come to school.

Social Studies— we will begin unit 2: The Road to independence.

Physical Ed— How & where to find your pulse during pacer test practice.

Music – we will be learning g how to put our instruments together & work on some African drumming.

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Highlights for Grade 8

Math— we will begin our new unit. Students will use their knowledge from the previous unit on slope & rate of change to now learn about linear equations. Students will be introduced to initial values.

ELA — we will continue to draft our final compare & contrast essay, focusing on body paragraphs 1 & 2.

Science— we will look at Anatomy of the reproductive organs.

Social Studies— we will analyze the various immigrant stories to compare & contrast immigrant experiences.

Physical Ed— How & where to find your pulse during pacer test practice.

Health— unit 2 describe ways to prevent or reduce injuries & other adolescent health problems.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer – continue to complete the high school applications, they are due by November 27th. If you are choosing an art school, complete the audition video or portfolio. If you chose a school that requires an essay, please start working on it. Start your 2nd marking period strong! Have a great week.