



# THE CHRONICLE

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 great weekend. It is so hard to believe that we are in the last week of October. We have had a wonderful month celebrating **Hispanic Heritage Month** and recognizing **Breast Cancer Awareness month**. Teachers and students are having a great time decorating for Breast Cancer Awareness and our school is pretty in pink! We raised \$1,742 from our amazing bake sale and other donations. I would like to thank the entire school community for their contributions to this cause.

By now, your children are coming home and reporting what they are learning, taking part in and what is expected of them. The faculty and staff of our school are committed to giving your child the best opportunity to succeed and grow in a safe and nurturing environment. In Middle School, it is important for all students to establish a good record of academic achievement, excellent attendance, responsibility, good judgment and a positive attitude. Please speak to your child everyday about the importance of being responsible scholars. You should check their notebooks daily to see what they are learning and to ensure they are taking proper notes. We encourage you to also discuss the use of the Word Gen words they are learning each week.

November 3rd is the last day of the 1st marking period. All parents have been provided with an invitation to view your child's progress in Google Classroom. We inform students daily that they must keep up with their schoolwork and pay attention to the feedback they receive from their teachers in order to improve their grades.

Safety is always our main priority. While school begins at 8:00am, we are asking all students to arrive by 7:45am for our morning mindfulness activities. Breakfast is served at 7:30am so we open the doors at that time. **Attendance** is key to all students' success. We have been in school for six weeks. If your child has missed more than **three days**, they have been placed on the chronically absent list. The district's goal for attendance for all schools is 95% or higher. As of October 16, 2023, KAPPA is at 91.3%. For us to achieve this goal of 95%, we need all students here every day. **Today we are sending out letters to families for those students that have three or more absences or latenesses, for a one-to-one meeting with our school attendance team.** This meeting is to develop a support plan to improve your child's attendance. Please remember, when students are late, they are missing their first period class; therefore, they are missing important information and are unable to complete their assignments correctly.

For our 8th graders, all students/families must create their MySchools account. The deadline to register for the Specialized High School Assessment is October 27th. Students who are interested in applying for a specialized high school in NYC must

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

**SLT Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
3:00pm

**Masquerade Dance**  
Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Spirit Day**  
Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Camp Ramapo Trip**  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip  
Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**KAPPA III - Open House**  
Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
4:00pm-5:00pm

**PTA Meeting**  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am – 12:00pm

**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>  
7:00pm – 7:30pm

register on the myschools website. The exam will be administered here on November 8th. All families can continue to explore options in the [online high school directory](#). This year, families can learn about school options directly through high schools' websites to find tours and open houses.

We have several events coming up. Please see dates below and continue to check our website and ClassDojo for messages and announcements:

- Tuesday, October 24th @ 3pm - School Leadership Team - Virtual Meeting
- Thursday, October 26th @ 4pm - 6pm - Masquerade Dance. By invitation only.
- Monday, October 30th - 6th Grade Camp Ramapo Trip
- Wednesday, November 1st @4pm - Open House for 5th Grade Students and Families
- Saturday, November 4th 10am - 12pm - Parent Teacher Association
- Thursday, November 9th - Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night
  - Afternoon Session 12:30pm - 2:30pm
  - Evening Session 4pm – 7:30pm
  - All parents are invited to join a virtual meeting from 7:00pm – 7:30 pm to learn more about school curriculum.

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](mailto:jpena26@schools.nyc.gov)) 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

**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 98.1% for the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Classes: **601**—94.5%, **602**—89.5%, **603**—91.1%, **604**—93.8%,

Classes: **701**—90.0%, **702**—95.7%, **703**—93.8%, **704**—92.9%, **705**—90.8%

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Class 604 for having the highest attendance percentage of 95.9% for the month of **September** you **WON A SUBWAY DAY** on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**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....

*"A room without books is like a body without a sole"*

*-Marcus Tullius Cicerone-*

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams – .

### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— our scholars are working in unit 2, how to represent equivalent ratios, using a double number line & line diagram. We expect all students to work on their Iready "MyPaths" lessons in their spare time using a device.

**ELA** — we will work on comparing & contrasting themes in The Lightning Thief & other Greek myths. In addition, we will continue to work on determining the central idea of a text.

**Science** – we will identify who depends on who between parents/guardians & the child & differentiate between & independent variables.

**Social Studies** – this coming week we will be working on the following topics from unit 1: Understanding place through climate & population Maps, Place: What is the country like & what to pack.

**Physical Ed**— we will be working on coordination on how to coordinate movements that require different body parts.

**Music** – we will be doing a project about complementary rhythms & taking a performance exam on Ensemble 1.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – Welcome Back! Please continue to come to school every day & on time. Attendance is extremely important. Miss a Day, Miss A Lot! Every minute counts. The counselors will continue to complete individual progress reviews.

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will begin our next unit on expressions, equations & inequalities. We will start with exploring expression equivalency.

**ELA**— We will be getting ready to work on our end of unit assessment.

**Science**— we are continuing focusing on microbiome. Specifically identifying cell organelles. They will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> project on Wednesday.

**Social Studies**— We will analyze the Salem Witch Trials through a mock trial.

**Physical Ed**— we will be working on coordination on how to coordinate movements that require different body parts.

**Music** – we will be finishing counting rhythms & taking a rhythm counting exam.

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### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue to work on slope. Students will use the rules for slope in order to find the rate of change for real world scenarios.

**ELA** — we are continuing to read our class novel & our focus is on identifying themes within each chapter of the book.

**Science**— we will look at: Cell Division – Mitosis & Meiosis.

**Social Studies**— we will begin unit 2 where they will analyze the progress of NYC.

**Physical Ed**— we will be working on coordination on how to coordinate movements that require different body parts.

**Health**— unit 1, lesson 9-students will be learning warning signs of feelings & feelings that require action.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** – the SHSAT application is due this FRIDAY! Please register your child to take the test. Please continue to visit schools open houses to explore the right school for your child.