



# THE CHRONICLE

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you had a wonderful weekend with your loved ones. Due to expected severe weather conditions, New York City Public Schools will **pivot to remote learning on Tuesday, February 13**. While buildings are closed, school will be in session remotely for all students. The remote learning will be synchronous, meaning that students will be expected to follow their regular Tuesday schedule. You can access all links below and in our parent letter, our school website, class dojo and google classroom. This will ensure that they do not fall behind in their studies and are able to keep up with their academic progress. If you have any trouble locating a link or schedule, please contact Ms. Ovalles right away.

### Student Schedules

[6th Grade Schedules](#)

[7th Grade Schedules](#)

[8th Grade Schedules](#)

Last week we celebrated **100 School Days**. Celebrating the 100th day was a great opportunity for students to engage in various activities that reinforce math skills, creativity, and teamwork. It was also a great opportunity to reflect on students' progress. This week is dedicated to Respect For All Week in our middle school, where we aim to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all students. We have planned a variety of activities to promote kindness, healthy relationships, friendship, and standing up against bullying.

Here's a breakdown of the week's activities:

### Monday, February 12th:

- **Commit to Kindness Pledge**: Students will have the opportunity to sign a pledge during lunch to support efforts to end bullying and promote prosocial behavior. They will also create Kindness Grams for friends, teachers, or someone meaningful to them at home.

### Tuesday, February 13th:

- **Healthy Relationships SEL Activity**: Students will watch a video titled "How Growing Up Different Taught Me Compassion" and participate in an "Elements of a Healthy Relationship" Restorative Circle.

### Wednesday, February 14th:

- **Friendship Day/Valentine's Day**: Students can wear red or pink shirts and engage in conversations about the meaning of being a good friend, using prompts and conversation starters provided to build a strong sense of community.

### Thursday, February 15th:

- **Anti-Bullying Pledge**: Students will take an anti-bullying pledge, committing to stand up against bullying, treat others with kindness and respect, and support those who may be targeted. This pledge demonstrates our dedication to creating a positive and caring school community.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

#### Report Cards

Were given  
Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Promotion In Doubt

Letters were mailed.  
Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

#### REMOTE DAY

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Trip

#### One World

#### Observatory

(Lehman College)

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Parent

#### Nutrition Class

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am – 10:00am

#### WINTER RECESS

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>-  
Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Free Eye Exam

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Virtual SLT Meeting

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
3:00pm

#### Picture Re-Take

Wednesday, February

**Friday, February 16th:**

- **National No One Eats Alone Day:** To combat social isolation and promote belonging, students will be randomly paired to have lunch and participate in team-building activities with peers outside their usual social circles.

Please note that NYC Public schools will be closed for Winter Recess starting on Monday, February 19th. Students will receive vacation packages this week, and assignments are due upon their return on Monday, February 26th.

Please mark your calendars for these events after the mid-winter break

- February 26th, we have a free eye exam day available. Please be sure to complete an application.
- Picture Retake Day is scheduled for February 28th, the last opportunity for school pictures.
- Our virtual SLT meeting will be held on February 27th at 3pm.

For the latest updates and information, visit our school website at <https://kappaiii.echalksites.com/>. Stay connected by receiving our weekly chronicle and monthly calendar. Reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Ovalles, with any questions at [jpena26@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jpena26@schools.nyc.gov) or 347-939-3917

Thank you for your continued support in creating a positive and inclusive school environment. Have a fantastic week ahead!

Warm regards, 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 802 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 99.0% for the week of February 5th.**

Classes: **601**—92.0%, **602**—87.4%, **603**—89.5%, **604**—97.3%

Classes: **701**—90.8%, **703**—92.8%, **704**—85.0%, **705**—89.1%

Classes: **801**—84.2%, **802**—99.0%, **803**—96.8%, **804**—94.3%, **805**—94.5%

**CONGRATULATIONS to Class 000 for having the highest attendance percentage of 000% for the month of **January** you DID NOT WON A SUBWAY DAY on \_\_\_\_\_.**

28<sup>th</sup>

**State Readiness After  
School Program  
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....

*“There are friends, there is family, & then there are friends that become family.”*

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**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 on Expressions & Equations. Homework is assigned daily. It is important our students arrive on time & be prepared for class.

**ELA** — we will continue with our test prep unit, focusing on creating short responses using direct quotes from a text. In addition, we will continue reading *Two Roads*, with an emphasis on exploring themes that are developing within the novel.

**Science** —we will start our new unit; population examine the statements that make up the cell theory. We will also take a thermal energy unit exam.

**Social Studies** – we continue to work on the school wide literacy test prep starting with 2/12-lesson1-filling in a Map; 2/13, Lesson 10 instructions and conclusion (session 6 in TC; 2/14-lesson 11-introductions and conclusions (session 6 in TC) 2/15-The world in 1462.

**Physical Ed**— Volleyball games.

**Music** – we will be working on combining “take time in life” with ensemble 2.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – This week is Respect for All Week. We will be participating in different activities around kindness, Compassion, Respect & Bullying. Make sure you are here every day & on time. This will be a super fun week! Have a great week of learning.

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will be reviewing Measures of Central Tendency & Measures of Variance (Mean, Median, Mode, Range, Outliers, Quartiles, IQR, Box Plots & Dot Plots).

**ELA**— we are continuing to integrate test prep along with the Harlem Renaissance curriculum. We will practice the skills needed to be successful on the state exam & explore poetry from African American artists inspired by the Harlem Renaissance.

**Science**— we are continuing focusing on the circulatory system. There will be a project coming up where they would need to choose a medical condition & how it affects the circulation.

**Social Studies**— we will complete our Test Prep Compare & Contrast Essay.

**Physical Ed**— Volleyball games.

**Music** – we will be working on playing the first 5 notes.

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### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will complete our unit on Exponent Laws. We will take our Unit Exam worth 100 points before moving onto the next unit.

**ELA** — we will begin working the short response for the NYS ELA Test Prep Packets & also their End of Unit Research Project. They will continue their research during class but will be expected to complete it for homework.

**Science**— we will look at Inner and outer planets and Genetics.

**Social Studies**— we will continue to work on test prep unit for the NYSE by comparing & contrasting two stories to write an essay about it.

**Physical Ed**— Volleyball games.

**Health**— Unit 3, how different medication are inter-related with side effects.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** – we will be celebrating Respect For All Week incorporating: Kindness Grams, Anti-Bullying, Friendship, No One Eats alone & Character Education. Have a wonderful vacation & make sure your children complete any work that they need to catch up on.