



THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a fun and safe weekend. Tomorrow is **Halloween** so for the safety of all of our students, we ask all students to **NOT bring their school bags**. Tomorrow is also **Spirit Day** and students are allowed to **dress down** but please no costumes. We are celebrating spirit day with ice-cream as we have spent the entire month learning about bullying prevention. All after-school programs are canceled for tomorrow. All children will be dismissed at 2:20pm.

Attendance is important at KAPPA III. Last year we achieved 95% in attendance. Our expectation is that students are in school every day. Encouraging students to attend school regularly is a powerful way to prepare them for success. As we get further into the school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance for all students. Every day a student is absent, becomes a lost opportunity for learning. Too many absences will affect achievement for the absent student. Most children miss a few days of school each year without long-term consequences. However, when they miss many days, the effects are almost always negative. At KAPPA, a student is "chronically absent" when they miss 10 percent of school days. That works out to less than 2 days per month. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit, so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and in their careers. We need your support, please send your child to school.

Tuesday, **November 7th is Election Day** and a non-attendance day for students. No in-person or remote instruction will be provided. **Thursday, November 9th, is Parent Teacher Conferences and Curriculum Night**. 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 and the curriculum we are using. I really do hope that you are able to attend at least one of our curriculum sessions.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30am for Conferences. Here is the schedule for conferences on Thursday, November 9th:

Afternoon Session: 12:30-2:30pm

Evening Session: 4:00-7:00 pm

Curriculum Session 7:00-7:30pm

The 1st Marking Period will conclude this Friday. You will be able to view your child's report starting Thursday, November 9, 2023, via NYC Schools Account (NYCSA). It is important that you view your child's report card before you attend the

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

Camp Ramapo Trip

6th Grade Trip
Monday, October 30th

Spirit Day

Dress Down Day
Tuesday, October 31st

KAPPA III - Open House

Incoming 5th Grade
Wednesday, November 1st
4:00pm-5:00pm

State Readiness After School Program

Begins November 1st
Wed. & Thursdays
2:20pm – 3:30pm

PTA Meeting

Saturday, November 4th
10:00am – 12:00pm

Election Day

(No School)
Tuesday, November 7th

Virtual Parent Teacher Conference

Thursday, November 9th
Afternoon Session
12:30pm – 2:30pm
Evening Session
4:00pm – 7:30pm

virtual parent teacher conferences which are scheduled for Thursday, November 9: 12:30pm - 2:30pm and 4:00pm - 7:30pm. We will send out a form to reserve virtual appointments with your child's teachers.

After-School State Readiness Program permission letter has been emailed to all parents and a hard copy will go home today. This program provides extra support for students to prepare for the ELA and Math state exam. Please return this letter if you would like your child to attend. **This program begins November 1st and will be every Wednesday and Thursday from 2:20pm - 3:30pm.**

I would like to continue communicating the importance of completing homework. At KAPPA, students receive homework everyday as per our policy; please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for more information. Homework is important because it is at the intersection between home & school. It serves as a window through which you can observe your children's education. Through practice & participation in learning tasks, homework can improve your child's achievement. Thus, it would be expected that if homework were completed accurately, not only would your child's general knowledge & grades improve but your child would also increase mastery of basic academic skills, such as reading, writing, spelling & mathematics. I ask that you check your child's homework every day to ensure that he/she is completing all work.

For our 8th graders, all students/families must create their MySchools account. All students who have registered for the Specialized High School Admissions Test will take the exam here on November 8th. All families can continue to explore options in the [online high school directory](#).

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) or phone (914-481-2666).

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 Class 702 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 98.6% for the week of October 23rd.

Classes: **601**—95.5%, **602**—92.6%, **603**—97.8%, **604**—90.0%,

Classes: **701**—92.7%, **702**—98.6%, **703**—96.3%, **704**—95.7%, **705**—86.2%

Classes: **801**—88.3%, **802**—94.7%, **803**—95.8%, **804**—95.2%, **805**—89.1%

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 13th**.**

Curriculum Meeting

(Learn what your child is learning)

Thursday, November 9th
6:30pm – 7:00pm

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....

"The future belongs to the competent. Get good, get better, be the best!"

-Brian Tracy-

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams – .

Highlights for Grade 6

Math— we will have a mid-unit assessment to measure the students understanding using ratios to find the cost per unit & as a comparison of quantities. We will also start developing our unit 2 project connect to real world concepts.

ELA — we will be taking a Mid unit assessment where they compare & contrast themes that are found in the Lighting Thief & a new myth they'll be introduced to.

Science – we review & complete the Scientific Method end of unit exams. We will also start Energy Transformation Writing Project.

Social Studies – we are working on the following subjects from unit 1: how does Geography Help or Hinder Development? & a 5 themes of Geography Mosaic Project. If the project is finished quickly, we will start unit 2: First Humans, Neolithic Revolution, & The Early Valley Civilizations Launching the unit.

Physical Ed— Halloween balloons, students will work in groups to answer some questions as one of teammates will run down the gym bouncing a balloon without dropping the balloon.

Music –.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua – Hope you all had a wonderful weekend. This week we will continue to work on IPR's & High School Applications. Remember attendance is important. Miss a Day Miss a Lot & every minute counts. Have a great

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— we will continue working with expressions by exploring the distributive property as well as introducing solving two step equations.

ELA— we will be getting ready to read about the Lost Girls of Sudan & practice our finding central idea skill.

Science— we will be introduced to a science project, which it will be due on November 6th.

Social Studies— we will review unit 1 & prepare for our post assessment.

Physical Ed— Halloween balloons, students will work in groups to answer some questions as one of teammates will run down the gym bouncing a balloon without dropping the balloon.

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Highlights for Grade 8

Math— we will continue to work on rate of change. We will learn how to find rate of change given a variety of information. Students will find rate of change from graphs, tables, equations and word problems.

ELA — we have read the La Llorona by Joe Hayes story & will continue their work comparing this with La Llorona in the summer of the Mariposas.

Science— we will look at Meiosis – Sex Cells Division.

Social Studies— we will analyze the urban & rural areas & reasons urbanization increased.

Physical Ed— Halloween balloons, students will work in groups to answer some questions as one of teammates will run down the gym bouncing a balloon without dropping the balloon.

Health— unit 1 assessment test. We will have to answer short response questions.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer – we will continue to work on career & college interviews IPR's & high school applications. Please start reviewing high schools & start adding them to your high school application. End of the marking period is this week so make sure to had in all your assignments. Happy Halloween!