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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend! Last week we completed I-Ready ELA and Math Diagnostics. I understand that our students have been taking many assessments recently, but rest assured that we are closely analyzing the results to drive targeted instruction. Upon evaluating the data, we identified the following trends across grades and classes:

- Some students are rushing through exams, negatively impacting their scores.
- Test anxiety is causing some students to shut down and lose motivation.
- A focus is needed on number relationships with computation and problem-solving skills.
- Students struggle with vocabulary comprehension within texts. Daily reading for 20/30 minutes and completing a reading log is mandatory to build vocabulary.

Our year-end goal is for each student to read at least 50 books, with at least 25 books read by this midpoint in the school year. Every student is required to complete a book review and post their rating in their ELA class.

As the 2nd marking period ends on January 26th, remember that you can track your child's progress in Google Classroom. Report cards will be distributed on January 31st. We constantly remind students of the importance of completing assignments on time and heeding teacher feedback for grade improvement. Promotion in doubt letters will be distributed in the first two weeks of February. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any concerns regarding their grades.

Below is what is happening in our school this week:

8th Grade Computer-Based Simulation and Mock Test:

- This week, our 8th-grade students will participate in a computer-based simulation and a mock test. This is an excellent opportunity for them to apply their skills in a practical setting and get accustomed to the structure of formal testing environments.

Introduction of Yondr Pouches for a Phone-Free Environment:

- To foster a more focused learning environment, we're introducing Yondr pouches to our students. These will help maintain a phone-free zone during

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

PTA Meeting
(Finance Workshop)
Saturday, January 20th
10:00am – 12:00pm

SLT Meeting
Tuesday, January 23rd
3:00pm

Trip
Dave & Busters
Thursday, January 25th

Nutrition Class
Fridays at 8:30 am

BBQ's
Friday, January 26th

Report Cards
Will be given on
Wednesday, January 31st

Red & White
Winter Ball (TBD)
Thursday, February 8th
4:00pm – 6:30pm

State Readiness After
School Program
Wed. & Thursdays
2:20pm – 3:30pm

FORMS
If you have the following

school hours. A signed agreement to our phone policy and expectations is required from all students for this initiative.

Wednesday - Thursday After-School Program:

- We are reaching out to students with poor attendance or academic struggles to join our after-school program. This additional support is aimed at helping them complete assignments and achieve grade-level mastery.

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) or phone (347-939-3917)

Warm regards,

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 604 & 803 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 95.0% for the week of January 15th.

Classes: **601**—82.5%, **602**—85.5%, **603**—82.9%, **604**—95.0%

Classes: **701**—86.5%, **703**—88.0%, **704**—85.0%, **705**—86.5%

Classes: **801**—81.0%, **802**—84.7%, **803**—95.0%, **804**—89.1%, **805**—91.7%

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 19th.**

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 6th, Affirmation Day June 12th, Graduation June 18th, Senior Trip June 20th

Highlights for Grade 6

Math— We are starting the topic "Finding the Percent" within our Unit 3. Students are required to complete their homework nightly, in preparation for the mid unit assessment on Wednesday.

ELA —. We will examine a new informational text to build our knowledge and understanding of Native American Indian Boarding schools. We will examine pictures to identify relationships between the photos and the text. In addition, we will continue to examine point of view of a narrator.

Science —. **We will differentiate between melting point, boiling point, and freezing point.**

Social Studies —We will be working on Unit 3: Lesson 6, pgs. 158-161 Taoist/Confucianism continued; Lesson 7, pgs. 162-172 Confucian/Taoist/Buddhist Art; Lesson 8, pgs. 173-176 Islam; Lesson 9, Read and Annotate "3 Religions. and 1 God" and "Basic Beliefs". Print out and describe the similarities and differences amongst the religions. If all of the above is completed on time, we will begin Lesson 10, pgs. 177-184 Pilgrimage.

Physical Ed—. Students will complete the Mid-Unit Assessment for Module 1. Tuesday they will also take the Math State Test Simulation. We will continue to read about local sustainable farming and hunter/gathers to end the unit.

Music —. this week we will be completing the note value unit.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua —. Hope you all had a restful weekend. 6th and 7th as we enter into the 3rd marking period, remember to stay focused, come to school on time and ask for help when you need it. We are proud of you for completing two marking periods. Have a wonderful learning week.

Highlights for Grade 7

Math—. 7th grade math will be finishing up their unit-on-unit rate and percentages.

ELA—. we will begin our Mid Unit assessments. Students are tasked with utilizing annotation strategies and their knowledge of poetry analysis to identify the themes found in " Lift Every Voice and Sing". Students are able to use illustrations as well as written word to express their understanding of the struggles that influenced this poem.

Science—. The 7th graders are focusing the circulatory system.

Social Studies—. This week we will begin to close out Unit 2.

Physical Ed—. Students will complete the Mid-Unit Assessment for Module 1. Tuesday they will also take the Math State Test Simulation. We will continue to read about local sustainable farming and hunter/gathers to end the unit.

Music —. This week we will be working on concert e flat and d.

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Highlights for Grade 8

Math—. we will complete our unit on multi-step equations. Students will master combining like terms and the Distributive Property before taking the Unit 4 Exam.

ELA —. Students will complete the Mid-Unit Assessment for Module 1. Tuesday they will also take the Math State Test Simulation. We will continue to read about local sustainable farming and hunter/gathers to end the unit.

Science—We will look at: The phases of the moon.

Social Studies—. Students will analyze the Gilded age and how it shaped the lives of American people and society.

Physical Ed—. Students will complete the Mid-Unit Assessment for Module 1. Tuesday they will also take the Math State Test Simulation. We will continue to read about local sustainable farming and hunter/gathers to end the unit.

Health—. Health-unit 3, How different drug affected human body.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer —. We are so proud of you for completing your work assignments to complete the 2nd marking period. Stay focused as we head into the 3rd marking period. Come to school every day, Miss a day, Miss a lot. Be kind and respectful to one another and support each other through the next 5 months until Graduation!