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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings Parents, I hope you had a fantastic weekend! As we delve into the month of February, a time designated to honor Black History, we are excited to share our educational themes and activities for the month. In addition to celebrating the achievements and contributions of African Americans, our curriculum will also focus on themes of love, kindness, respect, and friendship in honor of Respect for All Week (February 12 - February 15). We have a range of engaging lessons, projects, and events planned to ensure a well-rounded and enriching educational experience for our students this month.

Next week, we will be observing Respect for All Week at our school. This annual event serves as a reminder of the importance of promoting respect, kindness, and inclusivity within our school community. The purpose of Respect for All Week is to encourage students to embrace diversity, practice empathy, and stand up against bullying and discrimination. Through a series of educational activities, discussions, and workshops, we aim to foster a culture of respect and understanding among our students.

Below are the scheduled activities that align with our work on Respect for All.

- **Friday, February 9th - Respect for All Kickoff and 100 Days of School Celebration** - Students will be encouraged to dress up like a 100-year-old. Students will engage in several activities/competitions to earn prizes.
- **Monday, February 12th - Commit to Kindness Pledge** To support efforts to end bullying, model prosocial behavior and teach students how to seek help when needed, students will be encouraged to sign a pledge during lunch. Students will create Kindness Grams for friends, teachers and/or someone meaningful to them at home.
- **Tuesday, February 13th - Healthy Relationships - SEL Activity** Students will watch a "How Growing Up Different Taught Me Compassion" video. Students will engage in an "Elements of a Healthy Relationship" Restorative Circle.
- **Wednesday, February 14th - Friendship Day/Valentine's Day** Students will be allowed to wear a red or pink shirt. To help build community, students will receive prompts and conversation starters to foster healthy discussion about "What it means to be a good friend."
- **Thursday, February 15th - Anti-Bullying Pledge** - An anti-bullying pledge is a promise made by students to stand up against bullying and work towards creating a safe and inclusive school environment. It typically includes commitments to treat others with kindness and respect, speak out against bullying behavior, and support those who may be targeted. By signing an anti-bullying pledge, students show their dedication to fostering a positive and caring community within their school.

SPECIAL NOTICES

REMINDERS

Report Cards

Were given.
Wednesday, January 31st

Trip
Arts On Stage
(Lehman College)
Tuesday, February 6th

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

FREE EYE EXAM
February 26
Fill out the consent
form!

Parent
Nutrition Class
Friday, February 9th
8:30am – 10:00am

PTA Meeting
"OverComing
Procrastination Workshop"
Saturday, February 10th
10:00am – 12:00pm

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

- **Friday, February 16th - National No One Eats Alone Day** - To end social isolation and create a sense of belonging, students will be randomly assigned to eat lunch with and engage in team building activities with someone outside of their typical social circles.

Last week, we distributed your child's mid-year I-Ready results, which we use to develop individualized plans that support their academic progress. We ask that all students go on to Iready everyday for both ELA and Math. *I-Ready Personalized Instruction* uses insights from *i-Ready Diagnostic* to create a personalized path of engaging online lessons. In this way, students receive instruction and practice in areas where they need the most support. They feel motivated in the lessons because they are active, supportive, and relevant to their lives. Please make sure your child is completing his/her online lessons. In addition, the NYS exam is fast approaching, and we want to prepare our students in the best way possible. As always, we encourage all our students to attend our state readiness programs, and we urge parents to monitor their children's attendance during and after school hours.

We distributed report cards on January 31st, and it's essential that you review your child's grades and have conversations about the importance of academics. If your child's grades are low or failing, please schedule a meeting with his/her teachers right away to help develop an intervention plan. Promotion in doubt letters will be distributed next week, and we require a meeting with the admin team if your child receives one.

Our PTA has organized a meeting on February 10th - "Overcoming Procrastination" workshop from 10am - 12pm. Always, we thank you for your unwavering support and partnership to ensure your children receive the best possible education.

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 (914-481-2666).

Warm regards, 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 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 96.2% for the week of January 29th.

Classes: **601**—95.0%, **602**—92.6%, **603**—94.6%, **604**—96.2%

Classes: **701**—95.2%, **703**—91.2%, **704**—92.0%, **705**—90.2%

Classes: **801**—77.6%, **802**—93.8%, **803**—92.0%, **804**—92.9%, **805**—85.7%

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 _____.**

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....

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”
-Dr. Mae Jemison, 1st African American Female Astronaut-

Ms. Matthews – Senior Activities: Senior Dance June 6th, Affirmation Day June 12th, Graduation June 18th, Senior Trip June 20th

Social Worker Ms. Williams –

Highlights for Grade 6

Math—new unit focused on expressions & equations. We will delve into the world of mathematical expressions, learn to formulate equations, & develop problem-solving skills. Need additional support, please reach out. Let’s make this learning journey engaging & successful. Remember math tutoring happens every Wednesday & Thursday.

ELA — we will launch our NY state test preparation unit with a focus on crafting short responses. We will close read & annotate a variety of texts. In addition, examine strategies to help understand what the question is asking us to do as well as study exemplars to help us improve our short response writing skills. Finally, we will continue reading *Two Roads* with a focus on text structure.

Science – we will discuss the effect of temperature on the solubility of gases. We will review & take our thermal energy unit exams.

Social Studies – we are working on the MS ELA test prep guide: Lesson 5-second read text 2: Read aloud/shared experience TC bend 1; Bend 1 short response, session 1; bend 1 short response session 2, bend 1 short response, session 3.

Physical Ed— How to properly serve a volleyball & used different passes to start the game.

Music – we will be working on the C7 & F chords on the ukulele.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua – we will work on creating a Friendship Garden during lunch. We will also be working on IPR’s with 6th & 7th grade. Please make sure you are here every day & on time. Respect for all week is coming up soon. We have planned fun activities for you around Respect, Friendship, & kindness. Please complete your assignments on time & have a wonderful week of learning.

Highlights for Grade 7

Math— we will be finishing up our work on scale factor & scale drawing. We will then begin working on reviewing statistics from the 6th grade curriculum that is in the 7th grade state exam.

ELA— we will be analyzing the poem, “Hope”. We will be breaking down the poems structure and determining the different themes hidden in this piece of literature.

Science— we will continue to focus on metabolism. The next few weeks, we will start studying about the respiratory system & how it correlates with the circulatory system.

Social Studies— we will continue our test prep unit & plan our compare & contrast essay.

Physical Ed— How to properly serve a volleyball & used different passes to start the game.

Music – we will be working on concert B flat.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua —.

Highlights for Grade 8

Math— we will continue to work on the Exponent Laws Unit. We will practice their skills in order to solve questions from previous NYS Math Exams.

ELA — we will begin our research project choosing one of the following topics: Organic foods, pesticides or food desert & answer the questions: How do they influence access to healthy food.

Science— we will look at lunar eclipse and tides. Fetal development.

Social Studies— we will continue to work on test prep unit for the NYSE by comparing & contrasting 2 stories to write an essay about it.

Physical Ed— How to properly serve a volleyball & used different passes to start the game.

Health— unit 3, differences between over the counter medicine & prescribed medicine.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer – we are two weeks away from vacation so make sure your children are doing the work that is expected of them & coming to school every day. We have a lot of fun activities happening in our school in the next few weeks, in terms of Respect for all week & celebrating ourselves & each other. Have a wonderful week!