



# THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Monday Kappa III Family and Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month! We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. I would like to share a quote by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor, "It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we may not understand." I encourage all of us to talk to our children and teach them to understand and appreciate their cultural heritage.

At KAPPA III, we understand the value of making parents partners in the education of our students. It is for this reason, we maintain consistent open lines of communication. Together, as partners, we will be able to reach our goal and develop leaders. Students received the Student/Parent Handbook during our summer orientation. I urge you to sit with your child and read through it. We ask that you support us with 1) Student Code of Conduct Contract 2) KAPPA III Commitment to Excellence Student Compact 3) Parent/Guardian's Commitment 4) Anti-Bullying Contract 5) No Violence Contract 6) Parent Engagement 7) Homework Policy 8) Cell Phone Policy. Emergency cards were sent home and it is due back as soon as possible. It is important this information is kept updated as it will be used in an event of an emergency. All students must be in school uniform. We have a dress code that consists of white or blue shirt and khaki pants.

The purpose of our newsletter (Chronicle) is to keep you informed on a weekly basis about instruction and events that are taking place at KAPPA III. The Chronicle will be sent via e-mail every week. As you take a look at the second part of this newsletter, you will find the focus of study for each course-work.

This Thursday, September 21st is our Virtual Meet & Greet at 4:30pm. Meet & Greet has been designed as a traditional event so that parents have the opportunity to become acquainted with their child's professor. At this session, you will be able to hear the expectations placed upon your children and how it will be reflected in the course syllabus. Teachers will reach out via phone call or video meet. Please be sure to check your emails for more information.

September is Attendance Awareness Month. Schools across the country will participate in school-wide activities to bring awareness on the importance of building a healthy habit of school attendance. In an effort to promote healthy school attendance, students, and staff will participate in various activities during Attendance Awareness Spirit Week, the week of September 25th. The list of events will be posted on ClassDojo &

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

**Virtual  
Meet & Greet**  
Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
4:30pm – 8:00pm

**Yom Kippur**  
No School  
Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Multicultural Day**  
Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Spirit Day**  
Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

**FORMS**  
**If you have the following forms**, bring it to the Office  
Lunch Form, Emergency  
Contact & Covid Consent

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/>

students will come home with a hard copy today. Please note that students must wear uniform pants (Tues-Thursday) and are allowed to dress down on Friday.

Please be reminded that schools are closed for Yom Kippur, Monday, September 25th.

On Tuesday, September 26th, we will begin administering iReady Diagnostic for ELA and Math. These assessments are essential as they provide us information about what students have learned and teachers are able to identify areas where students need help. We evaluate the results and use the data to drive instruction. Both assessments will be administered in class. The assessments include multiple choice questions and short answers.

### **ALL STUDENTS 6-8**

iReady Diagnostic Assessment for ELA - September 26th

iReady Diagnostic Assessment for Math - September 27th

I am energized and deeply committed to providing academic excellence and setting high expectations for all of our scholars. I look forward to working with you and the KAPPA III community to ensure a successful year. 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/>.

Use the link below if you haven't signed up for ClassDojo

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=629fc292302d77f822d5c0d1>

Our ClassDojo "Race to 100" Challenge is still underway and will conclude on Friday September 22nd. The first three classes with 100% at home connections (parent & student login) will receive dress down and ice-cream. Classes that achieve 100% after the 1st three classes win the race, can choose either dress or pizza.

### **Here is where your class is ranking in the challenge so far:**

601-79%, 602-66%, 603-72%, 604-80%, 605-38%

701-83%, 702-83%, 703-83%, 704-94%, 705-86%

801-78%, 802-83%, 803-72%, 804-86%, 805-67%

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 705 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 100.0% for the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Classes: **601**—94.8%, **602**—96.7%, **603**—91.1%, **604**—97.6%, **605**—85.7%

Classes: **701**—88.2%, **702**—88.8%, **703**—98.8%, **704**—91.3%, **705**—100.0%

Classes: **801**—94.3%, **802**—89.5%, **803**—97.0%, **804**—87.0%, **805**—90.0%

**CONGRATULATIONS to Class 000 for having the highest attendance percentage of 00.0% for the month of September you **WON A SUBWAY DAY** on Friday, October TBA.**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

*"I mean, when the world comes for your children. With the knives out, it's your job to stand in the way -Joe Hill, Horns-*

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams –.

### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— a critical component to our unit, is to recall & apply the appropriate formula to find the area of various types of polygons. We are currently in the beginning of unit 1, & our scholars are required to develop a deeper understanding of how to compute properly & express in writing how they found a resolution. We are using google classroom as a resource.

**ELA** — we will continue to determine point of view in the lightning thief. In addition, we will do a close reading of an informational text entitled, “why ancient Greek Mythology is still relevant today in order to determine the central idea.

**Science** – we will formulate hypothesis & ask testable questions based on observations.

**Social Studies** – Unit 1, gathering information: preparing to write a Travel Article; absolute location latitude and longitude & Thematic maps.

**Physical Ed**— Roll the dice team activity. We will roll the dice & within their circle they will perform the activity.

**Music** –.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – We will continue to work on Career Trackers. Attendance is crucial. Missa day miss a lot!!!! Have a wonderful week of learning.

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will begin our unit on Rational Numbers, introducing adding, subtraction, multiplication & division of positive & negative numbers. Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> their 6<sup>th</sup> grade review project was due.

**ELA**— we will continue to make inferences while working on writing strong short responses using accurate textual evidence.

**Science**— we are focusing on microbiome & scientific methods. The students will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> project this week.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze the positive & negative impacts of Columbus’ exploration of the New World.

**Physical Ed**— Roll the dice team activity. We will roll the dice & within their circle they will perform the activity.

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### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue with transformations. Students will use the rules of congruence to analyze the movements of figures in the coordinate plane. This will be helpful for their transformations quiz on Tuesday.

**ELA** — we will continue to read the class novel, “Summer of the Mariposas” & learning what effect is created by differences in the points of view.

**Science**— This week we will be looking at the Earth’s four spheres – Geosphere, Hydrosphere, atmosphere & biosphere.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze the civil war, its reasons, causalities, & impact of it in the North & South.

**Physical Ed**— Roll the dice team activity. We will roll the dice & within their circle they will perform the activity.

**Health**— we will be working on four dimensions of health & how each one is interrelated.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Bandler** – we will focus on students signing up for our after-school program to help them prepare for the specialized high schools. I will be handing out booklets to help your students prepare for the test needed for these schools. Please feel free to email me if you want your child to participate [lbandle@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lbandle@schools.nyc.gov)