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# THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend! It is going to be a short but very busy week. Our professors have been very busy planning instruction based on the needs of our scholars. Each staff member has been a part of us establishing our CEP (School-Wide) goals that are related to the New Generation Learning Standards. Please ask your children every day: what did they learn and are they making progress towards meeting their goals? Remember it is essential for your children to be in attendance so that we can get them prepared for the next grade level.

Last week we held our Virtual Meet and Greet Town Hall meetings. I want to thank all families who were able to attend and learn more about our school community. If you were unable to attend, please let Ms. Ovalles, our parent coordinator know and she will inform your child's teachers. Communication is key! We have many forms of communication; weekly chronicle, monthly school calendar, ClassDojo, Google Classroom, progress reports, virtual parent teacher conferences, phone calls/emails, wellness checks, school website and town hall meetings.

It has come to our attention that many students are arriving to school late. We ask that all students arrive by 7:45 so they can participate in our morning routines. If your child would like to eat breakfast, they should arrive by 7:30. When students arrive late, they are missing valuable instruction, explanations and or meaningful conversations that you cannot get back. Arriving on time assures that students do not miss out on any opportunities for learning.

We are now 3 weeks into Marking Period 1. On October 6th, all students will receive a progress report for marking period 1. This will provide you with updates on your child's progress this marking period. If your child has a 70% or below in any subject, they are at risk for failing marking period 1. We inform students daily that they must keep up with their schoolwork and pay attention to the feedback they receive from their teachers in order to improve their grades. You may schedule a meeting with teachers if you have any questions/concerns about your child's grades.

We will begin administering iReady Diagnostics 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.



# SPECIAL NOTICES REMINDERS

Yom Kippur No School

No School Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

# Multicultural Day Celebration

(Bring in a **Dish** that represents your **Culture**) Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

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

DISTRICT 12 **Fall Harvest Festival** Archer Campus (1827 Archer Street) Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm

# 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/

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

iReady Diagnostic Assessment for MATH - Thursday, September 28th iReady Diagnostic Assessment for ELA - Friday, September 29th All students must complete both diagnostics

Our School Leadership Team (SLT) will begin today, September 26th at 3:00pm via Google Meet to review and develop the educational policies of Kappa III. District 12 is hosting a **Fall Harvest Festival** on Saturday, October 14th at 11am - 2pm. The location is at the Archer Campus (1827 Archer Street).

As always, to ensure communication between home and school, I encourage you to refer to our school website 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).

Reminder: All students receive homework every day. Please make sure that you check and sign your child's homework daily.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your family good health.

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 <u>Class 603</u> for having the highest <u>Attendance Percentage of 96.7%</u> for the <u>week of September 18<sup>th</sup>.</u> Classes: 601—87.0%, 602—96.7%, 603—97.8%, 604—94.1%, 605—80.0%

Classes: **701**—88.2%, **702**—92.5%, **703**—92.9%, **704**—90.8%, **705**—77.1% Classes: **801**—90.5%, **802**—85.0%, **803**—93.7%, **804**—91.4%, **805**—90.9%

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

# **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Thoughts to ponder.... "When you think about quitting think about why you started" -**Unknown**-

Ms. Matthews – .

Social Worker Ms. Williams –.

# **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— we are still critically exploring unit 1, is to recall & apply the appropriate formula to find the area of various types of polygons. We have a mid-unit exam this week to show what misconceptions they might have during this unit before the end of unit comes. We are using everyday google classroom as a resource for students to find their homework keep them up to date. **ELA** — We will continue exploring how an author develops a character's point of view. In addition, we will work to analyze figurative language in The Lightning Thief. Finally, we will complete our Iready reading diagnostic. **Science** – we will differentiate between control variables, control group & experimental group. **Social Studies** – we are working on unit 1, continuation of: Gathering information: preparing to write a travel article & describing places on earth using relative location.

**Physical Ed**— Teamwork games, steel the bacon & roll the dice in the circle.

**Music** – we will be continuing with African drumming, adding more instruments.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – Hope you all enjoyed your long weekend. We will continue to focus on conducting the Career Trackers interviews.

# **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will be taking a quiz on adding & subtracting rational numbers as well as taking the first round of the Iready Math diagnostic.

ELA— .

Science— we are continuing to work on our science projects that is due on September 29th.

Social Studies— we will analyze the journey & arrival of Africans to the New World.

**Physical Ed**— Teamwork games, steel the bacon & roll the dice in the circle.

**Music** – we will be working on a rhythm writing project.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua –** Hope you all enjoyed your long weekend. We will continue to focus on conducting the Career Trackers interviews.

# **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue with transversals. We will use angle relationships in order to find missing angles. The week will end with Iready assessments.

**ELA** — we are looking forward to celebrating Cultural Awareness Day tomorrow. We will continue to read our class novel; chapters 7 & 8 & students will be taking the Iready Diagnostic test on Friday.

**Science**— we will look at differences between living & non-living things.

**Social Studies**— we will complete their Civil War Diary Project.

**Physical Ed**— Teamwork games, steel the bacon & roll the dice in the circle.

**Health**— Emotional & mental unit. Students will be working in groups to create word that describes healthy & unhealthy relationships.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Bandler** – we have a virtual High School workshop today from 12pm – 1pm & 6pm-7pm tonight. Flyers went home with the student on Friday. Hope to see you online!