



# THE CHRONICLE

A WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN FOR KAPPA III PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! We trust that you and your children had a wonderful winter break filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments with family and friends. As we embark on a new year, it's a perfect time for reflection and setting intentions for the months ahead.

The start of the year often inspires resolutions, not only for adults but for our young learners as well. It provides a valuable opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with our children about developing healthy habits and making wise decisions, both academically and socially.

Consider discussing the following with your children:

- Reflecting on Values:
  - Encourage your children to reflect on what they value most. Understanding their values will guide their actions and help motivate meaningful goals.
- Renewal and Rebuilding:
  - Emphasize that the new year brings opportunities for renewal and rebuilding. It's a chance to learn from experiences, overcome challenges, and approach the future with optimism.
- Optimism for Brighter Days:
  - Acknowledge that while new challenges may arise, the new year also offers the promise of brighter days ahead. Encourage a positive outlook as we navigate the coming months together.

Our collective goal for the year is ensuring that every student attend school regularly. Regular school attendance has a profound impact on academic success, starting from kindergarten and extending through high school. We believe that a strong partnership between families and the school is crucial in achieving this goal.

Even as children become more independent, your support remains pivotal in ensuring they arrive at school safely every day. Understanding the importance of attendance is not only vital for academic success but also for preparing students for success in life.

Here's how you can help us in promoting regular attendance:

- Establish a Routine:
  - Set a consistent daily routine that includes ample time for a good night's sleep, preparing for school, and arriving on time.
- Communicate Openly:
  - Keep an open line of communication with your child's teacher. If there are any challenges or concerns related to attendance, please let us know. We are here to support you.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### REMINDERS

#### **I-Ready Math Testing**

Thursday, January 4th

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 9:30am

#### **Red & White Winter Ball (TBD)**

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – 6:30pm

#### **State Readiness After School Program**

Wed. & Thursdays

2:20pm – 3:30pm

## 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/>

- Highlight the Importance:
  - Share with your child why attending school is crucial for their learning and future success. Discuss the long-term benefits of regular attendance.
- Take Advantage of Incentives:
  - We are excited to offer various incentives to encourage attendance. The class with the highest attendance each month will enjoy a pizza party, and students with perfect attendance will receive points on ClassDojo.

All students received a vacation package prior to break. We are collecting & grading these assignments today. These grades will impact the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period so please make sure your child turns in their completed work. Students will lose points for any late assignment. Prior to the vacation every student received their progress report. If your child received a failing grade, I ask that you schedule a virtual appointment immediately to speak to your child's teacher.

As we re-enter the school routine, let's continue to foster a supportive and enriching environment for our students. We appreciate your partnership in nurturing the growth and development of each child. If you have any questions or if there's anything you'd like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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](mailto:jpena26@schools.nyc.gov)) or phone (914-481-2666).

Wishing you and your families a year filled with joy, growth, and countless achievements!

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 703 for having the highest Attendance Percentage of 89.2% for the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Classes: **601**—86.0%, **602**—81.1%, **603**—90.5%, **604**—69.5%

Classes: **701**—88.0%, **703**—88.7%, **704**—89.2%, **705**—89.0%

Classes: **801**—74.3%, **802**—78.9%, **803**—78.0%, **804**—85.2%, **805**—86.7%

**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 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Thoughts to ponder....

*“Never apologize for having high standards!”*

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**Ms. Matthews**

**Social Worker Ms. Williams –**

### **Highlights for Grade 6**

**Math**— we are starting unit 3 this week. Prior to starting we will measure the student’s prior knowledge with unit rate & percentages.

**ELA** — we will launch our new unit on Native American Indian Boarding schools. We will work on analyzing plot & character in the novel Two Roads.

**Science** – we will examine the effect of temperature & energy transfer on average kinetic energy. We will have our mid unit exam Thursday.

**Social Studies** – we will start unit 3: Comparative World Religions. We will work in on our social studies workbooks completing the unit 3 pre-assessment: comparing religions; find someone who..., and religious matrix.

**Physical Ed**— Height & weight for fitness gram assessment.

**Music** – we will be working on finishing up unit of the Ukulele.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Paniagua** – Happy New Year to all! Hope you all had a wonderful break. This week we will continue to conduct individual Progress reports for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Please continue to come to school. Attendance is important. Miss a day, miss a lot!

### **Highlights for Grade 7**

**Math**— we will begin our unit on percents. Their project on unit rate was due today, Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ELA**—.

**Science**— we are working on our science project: digesting. It is due on 1/12/24.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze key battles of the Revolutionary War.

**Physical Ed**— Height & weight for fitness gram assessment.

**Music** – we will be starting concert e flat and D.

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### **Highlights for Grade 8**

**Math**— we will continue with the new unit on solving equations. Students will review 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade equations before learning how to solve equations with variables on both sides of the equal sign.

**ELA** — we will delve into Organic industrial farming & delineating & evaluating Michael Pollans argument for this section. Also, the winter packet was due today, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Science**— we will look at structure & properties of matter.

**Social Studies**— we will analyze through primary & secondary sources how the Progressive Era impacted American society.

**Physical Ed**— Height & weight for fitness gram assessment.

**Health**— unit 2 violence & injury prevention. Lesson 10, how to prevent bullying during different situations.

**Guidance Counselor Ms. Vollmer** – Happy New Year to all!! This is a new year & new beginning so be mindful about accomplishing your goals & setting new ones. Focus on your goals for this year by what you are going to stop doing, continue doing & start doing?