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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I was delighted to see so many of you at our grade level parent meetings during the week of February 25th, at which time we reviewed the first half of the school year and explained what to expect for the remainder of the year.

NYS ASSESSMENTS: Please continue to monitor your youngster's attendance and schoolwork so that he/she will be assured of promotion to the next grade. Although multiple criteria are used for promotion decisions, your child's performance on standardized tests – dates listed below - do factor into the decision-making process.

NYS English Language Arts Assessment	April 2&3
NYS Mathematics Assessment	May 1&2

Making sure that your child comes to school prepared, on time and ready to learn every day is the best possible way to help him/her perform well on these important exams. We will be administering practice exercises and exams this month and next month to further prepare students.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, both afternoon and evening sessions, will be held on **Tuesday, March 26th**. The afternoon session will be from **12:20 PM to 2:20 PM** and the evening session will be from **4:30 PM to 7:30 PM** (note change of day and date from NYCDOE schedule). Please note that on Tuesday, March 26th, students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

It is extremely important for you to attend Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss your child's progress, especially if you received a *Promotion in Doubt* letter. As you meet your child's teachers, please keep in mind that they have many parents to see and will try to accommodate all of them during the scheduled conference hours. Individual conferences will therefore, be necessarily brief. If you have concerns that require a more extended conversation, please make a separate appointment to meet with the teacher(s). In addition to the Parent Teacher Conferences on March 26th, remember that Tuesdays from 2:20 PM to 3:00 PM is set aside for parent engagement. Please notify your child's teachers in advance if you would like to schedule a Tuesday afternoon appointment.

PARENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SURVEYS will be distributed this month. The survey will be given to your child for you to complete at home. It is extremely **important that you complete the survey** and have your child return it the next day to his/her **homeroom teacher**. We will be sending a list of *Frequently Asked Questions* about our school for you to review before filling out the survey. We need 100% participation from our parents to help our school remain in good standing! Please contact Ms. Shirley Bryant, our Parent Coordinator, if you have any questions about the survey (718) 353-6464 ext.1231 or email SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov.

IMPORTANT & SPECIAL MARCH DATES AND EVENTS

March 13 – Grade 8 Roundabout trip to see “Kiss Me Kate”

March 14 - Pi Day!

March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 18 – College Access 4 All Trip to Wagner College

March 18 - Report Cards Distributed this Week

March 19 - College Access 4 All Trip to Seton Hall College

March 20 - Grade 8 Roundabout Trip to see “Kiss Me Kate”

March 20 – Spring begins

March 25 - 6th Grade trip to Hayden Planetarium

March 26 – PTA Meeting 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM

March 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20 PM to 2:20PM AND 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

March 28 – College Access 4 All trip to St. Joseph's College Long Island Campus

As always, we are here to help you and your child have a successful middle school experience. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 CA4A trip to SUNY FARMINGDALE	8 Int'l. Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Saving Begins	11	12	13 Grade 8 trip to see "Kiss Me Kate"	14 PI Day!	15	16
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 CA4A trip to to Wagner College	19 CA4A trip to Seton Hall University	20 Spring Begins Grade 8 trip to see "Kiss Me Kate"	21	22	23
24 World Tuberculosis Day	25 Grade 6 trip to Hayden Planetarium	26 PTA Meetings 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM Parent- Teacher Conferences 12:20 – 2:20 PM 4:30 – 7:30 PM	27	28 CA4A trip ot St. Joseph's College Long Island Campus	29	30
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