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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of March is always a very busy time of the school year. Parent Teacher Conferences take place, preparation for New York State standardized testing continues, and we start planning graduation and summer school activities. I have detailed some of this and other important information below.

**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.

<b>NYS English Language Arts Assessment</b>	<b>April 19 &amp; 20</b>
<b>NYS Mathematics Assessment</b>	<b>May 2 &amp; 3</b>
<b>NYSELAT</b>	<b>April 17 - May 26</b>
<b>Grade 8 Science Performance</b>	<b>May 23 – June 2</b>
<b>Grade 8 Science Written</b>	<b>June 5</b>

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. All teachers are working hard to prepare all students for the assessments.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (virtual)** both afternoon and evening, will be held on **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:20 PM and from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. 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. Most teachers previously have established ways of communicating with parents, including scheduling conference appointments, and have informed parents of this. Teachers' email addresses also have been posted on our website. As you conference with your child's teachers, please keep in mind that teachers will try to accommodate as many parents as possible during the scheduled conference times. If you have concerns that require a more extended conversation, please make a separate appointment to speak with the teacher(s).

**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 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](mailto:SBryant22@schools.nyc.gov)).

**IMPORTANT MARCH DATES**

- 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade movie trip
- 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade movie trip
- 6 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade movie trip
- 7, 8, 14, 21, 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade visits to Queensborough Community College (two classes per date)
- 12 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- 14 - Pi Day!
- 15 – Progress Reports distributed this week
- 15 – PTA meeting 10:00 AM (virtual)
- 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:30 to 2:20 PM and 4:30 to 7:00 PM
- 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 20 – SLT meeting 3:15 PM (virtual); Vernal equinox

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

