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Petrides Families,

Another great week at Panther Nation!!

Red Ribbon Week

Join our guidance team as they usher in Reb Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest annual drug-use prevention awareness campaign, celebrated in schools and communities across the United States.

Red Ribbon Week Informational

Every year, communities across the United States come together during the last week of October to observe Red Ribbon Week. This event has been held annually since 1988 in remembrance of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, who was tragically killed while investigating drug traffickers. Red Ribbon Week is aimed at educating individuals, especially youth, about the dangers associated with drug use and encouraging a drug-free lifestyle. The campaign also seeks to foster a spirit of unity among people against drug misuse. It's a perfect time for parents, schools, and communities to come together, share resources, and pledge to stay drug-free.

Getting Involved as a Parent:

As a parent, your involvement can make a significant impact on your child's understanding and perception of drug abuse. Here are a few steps you can take:

- Educate Yourself and Your Child: Learn about substance abuse, and its dangers, and discuss these topics openly with your child.
- Participate in School and Community Activities: Engage in Red Ribbon Week activities within your community and your child's school to show your support.
- Lead by Example: Maintain a healthy lifestyle, demonstrating the values of healthy living and making good choices to your child.
- Encourage Open Dialogue: Foster a supportive environment where your child feels comfortable discussing the challenges they face, especially concerning peer pressure and substance abuse.

www.redribbon.org/

Scholastic Bookfair

October 26 - October 30 Petrides Library Schedule

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Halloween 2026

Parent Notices Regarding Halloween

- Petrides PreK – 12 Halloween Families Notice 26
- Halloween PreK - 5 Parade

Remote Day of School

November 3 – Election Day

NYCPS is requiring all students to attend virtual classes on November 3. This means all students will have a full day of instruction in their virtual classrooms, at home. Please review the **Pivot to Remote Informational** for details of Petrides remote day of instructional plan.

Pivot to Remote Informational

Here's what is happening this week . . .

MONDAY 10/26
Wear red to kick off Red Ribbon week

TUESDAY 10/27
Wear something to honor your favorite superhero

WEDNESDAY 10/28
Wear red, white & blue to stand united against drugs
Select High School Trip @ Broadway NYC
11th Grade PSAT Exam Administered @ Petrides

THURSDAY 10/29
Wear tie dye to peace out to drugs
Pre K Family Engagement – Pumpkin Painting @ K Building
5:00 pm - High School Open House @ Petrides Theater

FRIDAY 10/30
Wear your school appropriate Halloween costume
9:30 – 10:15 - Student Government presents Halloween Celebration & K – 5 Parade @ Petrides Athletic Field
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm - Middle School Dance @ Petrides Cafeteria

LOOKING AHEAD:
November 2 – Emergency Drill @ 9:00 am
November 3 – Election Day – Remote Day of School Pivot to Remote Informational
November 4 – Pre K – 4th Grade – Fall Portraits
November 4 – Petrides College Office presents Application & Financial Aid Process
November 5 – 5th – 11th Grade – Fall Portraits
November 6 – MBK Meeting @ IS 2

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November 10 – Wear White to Support - "White Out to Lung Cancer" Awareness Month
November 11 – Veterans Day – Schools Closed
November 12 – SLT Meeting @ 4:30 pm - B103
November 12 – PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm - B104
November 13 – Virtual Enterprise Trip *Focus* Winning Futures Leadership
November 16 – K- 4th Grade Report Cards Distributed
November 16 – November 20 – Parent Teacher Conference Week
November 16 – 12th Grade – The Big '27' Picture @ Athletic Field
November 18 - D31 Borough Student Advocacy Council Meeting
November 20 – Half Day of School – 8:00 am – 11:20 am
November 23 – 25 – Petrides Student Government presents Spirit Week
November 23 – Emergency Drill @ 9:00 am
November 23 – Class 422 Museum Trip
November 24 – 2nd Grade Parent Engagement - Friendsgiving w/ Families @ 12:00 pm
November 24 – Class 420 & 421 Museum Trip
November 24 – Pre-Kindergarten Parent Engagement: Paint with Me @ 1:00 pm
November 24 – PTA Sponsored Pies for Panthers
November 25 – Grades 9 – 12 Color Wars
November 25 – End of Marking Period 1
November 26 – Thanksgiving Recess – schools closed
December 2 – College Office Presents Application, FAFSA & Scholarships
December 4 – PTA presents Holiday Fair @ Petrides Library
December 9 – 5th – 12th Grade Report Cards Distributed
December 8 – Student Wellness *focus* Food & Nutrition Tasting @ NYCPS Food Services - Long Island City
December 8 – 12th Grade Cap & Gown Portraits
December 9 – 12th Grade Cap & Gown Portraits
December 9 – Report Card Distribution – Grades 5 – 12
December 11 – Fall Picture Retakes – Pre K – 11 Grade

Important Dates 2026 - 2027

Important Links

Petrides Student and Family Handbook
Cell Phone Policy
Attendance Policy
General Response Protocol - Family Notice
Grade 9- 12 Welcome back Informational
Driving Safely on Campus

Reminders

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Family Income Inquiry Forms

Title I Funding

Help ensure that The Petrides School receives its fair share of student funding.

Title I funding plays a vital role in our school community by directly financing many of the in-school and after school enrichment programs the Petrides school offers. Families, we need your help to receive the funds our students rightfully deserve.

Please take a few minutes to complete your form online securely through weblink myschoolapps. If you prefer to fill out a paper form, hard copies are available in the main office and can be sent home with your child. For any questions, assistance, or to request a physical form, please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Romano, at ARomano16@schools.nyc.gov.

https://www.myschoolapps.com/

For more information about the importance of this form and school funding please review

The Family Income Inquiry Form and Title One

NYC Kids RISE

Focus: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

The NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program provides NYC families, schools, and communities with a way to work together to invest in our children's future education. It is a scholarship and savings program designed to make college and career training more affordable and achievable for all NYC public school students. Please reach out to our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Romano, at ARomano16@schools.nyc.gov

For more information: Kids RISE Informational
For video information: Kids Rise - Save for College – Video Grades K - 5

Be on the Same Page as Your Child with NYC Reads

NYC Reads invites families to "be on the same page" about what your child is learning in reading this year, and how you can support that learning at home.

NYCPS Family Guidance on NYC Reads

NYC Reads is a citywide effort working toward one shared goal: every NYC student becoming a thriving reader and writer. Families are an essential part of getting there. When schools, libraries, community organizations, and families work together, your child has stronger support wherever they are learning.

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Use the NYC Reads Curriculum Finder to see what your child is learning in literacy throughout the year. Knowing what they are learning can help you start conversations, find books about the same topics, and connect what they are learning at school to everyday life.

https://curriculum-finder.vercel.app/