



GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

It's May!

Welcome to our 4th Marking Period! We would like to thank you for assisting us in ensuring that all of our students sat for the NYS ELA & NYS Math Exams. We believe that all of our students were committed to do their best and "Slam the Exam!" Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will run from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 16th. Remember, our teachers are always available Tuesday afternoons from 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm. Just contact us and we'll set up a time that is convenient to you.

Please remember that as the weather gets warmer, it is our expectation that our students dress appropriately for school. The following is a reminder, outlining our expectations for our 3 P's – *Polite, Prepared, and Punctual*.

Our first concern is our dress code:

Dress code

I.S. 131 seeks to **prepare** students for a future in the workforce and to "Dress for Success". Therefore, the dress code **requires all students to use:**

Tops: Royal Blue or Yellow Collared School Shirts

Bottoms: Pants in Khaki or Black

Gym Attire: Sneakers, Sweatpants, T-Shirt in Royal Blue or Black.

The following are NOT acceptable at any time:

- Jeans – especially ripped ones
- T-shirts with photographs, emblems or inappropriate words.
- Sleeveless shirts (Tank tops, tube tops, halters, spaghetti straps, etc.)
- Pants worn below the waist which show underwear or shorts underneath
- Skirts or shorts with hems higher than 4 inches above the knee.
- Do-Rags/Scarves [unless for medical or religious reasons]
- Hats
- Hoodies

We are still expecting our students to adhere to our dress code and not dress in attire suitable to weekend or beach attire. We will contact you if we believe that your child is not ***Dressed for Success*** for school.

Our second concern is **Punctuality**:

School begins at 8:10 am. Class instruction begins at 8:15 am. Students are expected to be in their class **prepared** to work at that time. Students are given three minutes to transition from class to class during the school day. The schedule was designed to accommodate the movement of five hundred students on the second floor. Each grade has a primary hallway and staircase to use to ease any possible congestion. Unfortunately, some students believe that they should “visit” sections of the building that they are not assigned. This causes a number of problems such as disrupting classes as well as being late to their own class. Students, who have been identified as being consistently late to class, without a pass, will be placed on a “No Pass” list to monitor their lateness. Letters will be sent home to the parents/guardians of students who still are having difficulties with following a schedule in May.

The letter will state:

Your child has been taking advantage of the Pass System here at IS 131 and has been placed on a list to monitor their time out of the classroom. Your child is either constantly late to class, leaves the classroom without permission, or when given a pass will socialize in the hallways, wander into other sections in the building, or remain out of the classroom for extended periods of time. In order to insure the safety of your child and to make sure that all academic needs are met, we are implementing the following procedures beginning Monday, May 20, 2019:

1. Each student is allowed to request one pass from a subject class per day.
2. An Administrator or Community Associate will be informed that the student has requested to leave the room.
3. The following information will be documented on the section sheet:
 - a. Pass issued
 - b. Time student left room and time student returned
4. If a student does not return within five (5) minutes, a follow-up call will be made and the student will serve lunch detention.
5. Parents will be contacted if there is no change in behavior.
6. If the student displays the proper responsibility regarding punctuality, they will earn back their privileges.

Remember, we are here to assist your child to achieve and grow educationally, emotionally, and socially. Our goal at IS 131 is for all of our students to be College and Career ready and when we work together this goal can be achieved.

Other News:

At IS 131, we are building a community of readers! Your child is required to read 30 minutes each night. The only way that we can increase the readability level of anyone is by reading every day.

Remember, our staff is always available through our Pupilpath.com communication system or if you would like to set up an appointment to meet and discuss your child. Just contact me at emorosu@schools.nyc.gov to set up a date and time.

Dates to Remember!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 16, 2019	Thursday	Honor Roll Assembly - 9 am
May 16, 2019	Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
May 22nd & 23rd	Wednesday & Thursday	Beauty & the Beast Jr. 6 pm - \$5 admission

May 27, 2019	Monday	Memorial Day – No School
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Feel free to contact me anytime at emorosu@schools.nyc.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support!