

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

Academic Rigor | Student Voice | Collaboration | Self-Direction | Empathy

Upcoming Events

Monday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School

Tuesday

- No School - Election Day
- PTA Bake Sale

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School

Thursday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School

Friday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Last Day of 1st Marking Period
- M.Y. After-School



Congratulations, Ms. Byrne!

We would like to congratulate Ms. Byrne, who on December 1st will be presenting at the 98th National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Chicago. The NCSS is an organization dedicated to “providing leadership, service, and support for all social studies educators.” With classmates from Teachers College, Ms. Byrne will discuss the importance of incorporating scaffolded primary sources into inquiry-based social studies lessons with the goal for students to develop their analysis skills and personal theories to answer essential historical questions.

PTA Announcements

Tuesday, 11/6, Election Day Bake Sale. (Weather Permitting)
Please bring in individually wrapped baked goods/snacks and volunteer to sell! Bring your student and they will learn about the election process and receive volunteer hours! Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a49aca922a5f49-election>



Wednesday, November 28th @ 8:45 AM - General PTA Meeting. The Executive Board Member at Large position is still available. This position is for any NEW family to the school, whether you are a sixth, seventh, or eighth grade family! Join the Executive Board and help our school!

As always, if you would like to become involved in the PTA or volunteer some of your time or talents, please contact us at pta@ms177.org.

Weekly Reminders

Picture Day: Mark your calendars! Picture Day is on Friday, November 16th.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Independent Reading

Daily independent reading is extremely important for middle school students. In today's noisy, screen-filled world, it is essential to learn to work and read in a silent environment. Doing so benefits your child in the following ways:

- Blood flow to the brain is increased.
- An environmental cue is sent to the brain allowing a person to disengage from the world and fully focus one's attention to deeper, more philosophical thinking.
- Even more than listening to classical music, silent reading aids in significantly relaxing the brain.
- Brain growth is stimulated when one is in silence. A 2013 study showed being in silence for a minimum of two hours a day can aid in new brain cell creation linked to recall and learning.

Source: "Prime Time Parenting" by Heather Miller

Class Corner

Students at Yorkville East accomplished a lot this week! Over dinner or while walking to the subway, be sure to ask your child about what they are learning in school!

6th Grade:

ELA: This week in ELA we revised and edited our personal narratives for publication. We celebrate our work on Monday!

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students studied the evolution of early humans and examined different aspects of life during the Neolithic Revolution.

Math: 6th grade has completed a fraction unit and is preparing to explore decimals.



Science: This week in Science, we explored heat.

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students are finishing up the ball tossing activity where they had to toss a ball into the hoop and provide written feedback for their partner.

Art: 6th grade artists are continuing to work on drawing their self portraits.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students began a realistic fiction writing unit. They wrote about everyday moments in their lives, and stories they wish existed in the world.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students had a debate about what they believe caused the colonists at Roanoke to disappear. Then, we began our study of Jamestown by watching a video and completing a map activity.

Math: 7th Graders learned order of operations and properties. We competed to see who could create the best expressions. We finished Unit 1!

Science: 7th grade is working on using their knowledge of the Layers of the Earth, Volcanoes, and Earthquakes to determine the pros and cons of using Yuca Mountain as a storage site.

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students are finishing up the ball tossing activity where they had to toss a ball into the hoop and provide written feedback for their partner.

Art: 7th grade artists are finishing their pen and ink exquisite corpse drawings.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, we began our Dystopian Fiction Unit. We began learning to read dystopian texts critically and set up our book clubs.

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students began their study of the Reconstruction Era, specifically focusing on the Reconstruction Amendments and Jim Crow laws.



Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students learned about the connection between exponential functions, compound interest rates, and geometric sequences.

Science: This week in Science, we explored and learned about the digestive system.

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students have begun to work on an activity called four corners where they use communication, collaboration, and strategy to win the game.

Art: 8th grade artists are mixing tints, shades, and muted colors to express a chosen feeling.

Health: Students recently completed health test part 1 and 2 which discussed the dimensions of health. For next unit, they will be learning about drugs and alcohol.

