

# YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monday**

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Report Card Distribution
- M.Y. After-School

### **Tuesday**

- SLCs @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School

### **Wednesday**

- Open Gym @ 8am

### **Thursday**

- No School - Thanksgiving Break

### **Friday**

- No School - Thanksgiving Break



## YEMS Takes on Philly!

Our 8th graders are off to Philadelphia today! On this trip, students are visiting the University of Pennsylvania, learning about money at The Mint, and taking a walking tour of the historic district of Philadelphia. Thank you to our 8th grade teachers for organizing such a great day!

### ***PTA Announcements***

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at the November PTA meeting and attended the Parenting and Technology workshop. Dr. Michael Fraser was wonderful. The end of the school year is quickly approaching and auction preparation is starting to take place. If you would like to be a part of our auction committee please email us: [PTA@ms177.org](mailto:PTA@ms177.org)



**Wednesday, November 27th - Apparel Sale!!!!** NEW School Spirit Wear has arrived. We have hoodies with our new school logo just in time for the Holidays. Apparel sale will take place in the large cafeteria from **8:40am-9:00am**. We will be able to accept credit cards as well as cash. Sweatshirt hoodies are \$40.

**Friday, December 13th - Bake Sale** – in the morning from 8:35-9:00 am and then again at lunch time. Please bring your individually wrapped NUT-FREE home baked goods and/or NUT-FREE packaged goods the morning of the bake sale at 8:35 am.

**Wednesday, December 18th from 6:30-7:00pm - General PTA Meeting** We hope to see you there!

## *Getting to Know Your Adolescent*

### **Kids and Technology - Parenting Responsibilities**

On Wednesday, November 20th, Dr. Michael Fraser led a highly informational parent seminar on kids and technology. Following are some important points to keep in mind when overseeing your child's cell phone usage.

**Establish time limits.** The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests pre-teens only be exposed to screens for two hours each day.

**If you are paying the bill, you are in charge.** This includes granting permission to download apps and having full access to all of your child's accounts.

**Monitor content.** Parents/Guardians may not be aware of a child's possibly harmful or offensive actions in group chats or on social media. Content and information not being properly monitored may eventually lead to cyberbullying.

**Have conversations.** Periodically have a discussion with your child regarding acceptable cell phone behavior and the possible dangers and consequences of inappropriate actions.

**Source: [kidslox.com/blog](http://kidslox.com/blog)**

## *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 concluded our nonfiction book clubs and embarked on our information writing unit. Students are researching one of these four topics: equality in girls' education, bullying, animal abandonment, or environmental issues.



**Social Studies:** In 6th grade Social Studies, students planned and wrote argument pieces about whether Hammurabi's Code was just.

**Math:** Mr. Levin is continuing to hone in on his study of poetry! Read his update below:

We finished our fraction unit  
And while we're sad to say goodbye  
We get to start on decimals  
So there's no need to cry

Decimals are so exact  
Which is why we estimate  
To get an idea of our solution  
Before we calculate

Multiplication isn't so bad  
The decimal point we kind of ignore  
We multiply the whole numbers and place the point back in  
That's what your estimate was for

Division rules are similar  
And models help us out  
So we can tackle complex problems  
With a smile, not a pout

This unit ends on Wednesday  
The day before our break  
But fear not my students  
There's much more great math to make

**Science:** This week in 6th grade Science we are investigating how we can improve paper airplane design.

**Spanish:** This week, students worked on their listening skills in order to identify key terms, pronouns and infinitive verbs in Spanish.

**Physical Education:** Students are preparing to begin the health and fitness unit. 6th grade will focus on three exercises with two self-selected exercises.

**Art:** 6th grade artists are creating still life drawings from observation.

### **7th Grade:**

**ELA:** This week in 7th grade ELA, students analyzed how different story elements interact and connect, and met with their book club groups to discuss their findings.

**Social Studies:** In 7th grade Social Studies, students completed an assessment about the thirteen colonies and examined the causes and effects of the French & Indian War.



**Math:** Students in 7th Grade are solving problems with ratios, proportions, and percents.

**Science:** 7th graders are evaluating evidence to defend the theory of continental drift.

**Spanish:** This week, students worked on their listening skills in order to identify key terms, pronouns and infinitive verbs in Spanish.

**Physical Education:** Students are preparing to begin the health and fitness unit. 7th grade will focus on four exercises with one self-selected exercise.

**Art:** 7th grade artists are creating surreal collages using found images from magazines.

### **8th Grade:**

**ELA:** In ELA, 8th Graders continued their work in dystopian fiction, examining theme by looking for connections to the real world.

**Social Studies:** In 8th grade Social Studies, students began their study of the Industrial Revolution by examining urbanization and the population increase in American cities in the early 1900s.

**Math:** In Algebra I this week, students took an assessment on Exponential and Linear Functions. We also kicked off the new unit, where students will become experts at solving equations and inequalities.

**Science:** 8th graders have begun their body system unit and are learning about diseases that affect the body systems.

**Spanish:** This week, students worked on their listening skills in order to identify key terms, pronouns and infinitive verbs in Spanish.

**Physical Education:** Students are preparing to begin the health and fitness unit. 8th grade will focus on all components of the fitness gram as they prepare to take it after winter break.

**Art:** 8th grade artists are creating zines with drawings and text on a topic of their choice.

**Health:** Last week, students learned about different forms of sexual harassment. Next week, students will learn about e-cigarettes and their effects.

