

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

- No School - Winter Recess

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish everyone in the Yorkville East community a happy holiday! As we wrap up 2018, we would like to give a shout-out to class 701, who won this year's Spirit Week by consistently dressing up and showing their school spirit! We hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break, and we'll see you all in 2019!

PTA Announcements

Happy Holidays from the PTA! We thank all the generous parents who have volunteered for and/or donated to the PTA so far this year and we look forward to seeing you in the new year! Please save the date for the January General PTA meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm.

We are currently seeking an event space for our upcoming Winter



Social and annual School Auction. If you have access to a free or very low cost venue, please email the PTA at pta@msi77.org.

MSI77 YEMS Annual Fund - Please keep YEMS in mind this holiday season and contribute to the Annual Fund to help reach the PTA goal of 100% family participation. Every contribution counts and will go toward further teacher professional development, critical educational materials (i.e. books) and parent engagement events. Spread the word!

As always, please go to the school website to donate at www.msi77.org/giving and to learn more about the PTA at www.msi77.org/pta.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Tips for Winter Recess

With winter recess beginning on Monday, December 24th, following are a few tips to keep your family on track for the break:

Keep to a schedule - while you may want to allow your child to stay up later than normal and sleep in the next morning, it is best to maintain a school day sleeping schedule. Doing so will make the transition of returning back to school on January 2nd much easier.

Limit screen time - As a family, determine the rules and regulations about the amount of time allowed on electronic devices. Parents can be a great example by modeling the agreed upon behavior.

Make plans - While activities do not need to be elaborate, making a plan for each day will help your child stay focused and feel more grounded. Sharing the plans with your child in advance will help them plan on how to best utilize free time.

Create together time - Plan to spend at least 10 minutes with your child each day sharing in the activity of their choice. Follow their lead and strive to make this a positive, bonding experience for everyone.

Practice self preservation - Not only will your child's daily routine be different during the break, chances are yours will be as well. Make sure to take time for your own physical and emotional well-being and ask for support when needed.

Source: Child Mind Institute

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: In ELA, we conducted a read aloud and analyzed two movie clips to more closely examine the relationship between characters and setting.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed a group project on a world religion and presented it to the class.

Math: 6th grade is applying their knowledge of percentages and the number system to enter the Shark Tank! These entrepreneurs will endure grueling challenges as they face adversity in the business world!

Science: This week in Science, we identified different materials by calculating their density.

Spanish: In Spanish, students are learning to describe clothing and conjugate verbs.

Physical Education: Students worked on activities that involved cardiovascular endurance. They continued working on their fitness circuit as they reflect on the first couple of weeks and set new goals.

Art: 6th grade artists are finishing their abstract artworks that use color, shape, and line to express an emotion.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students continued to study their nonfiction research topics, and learned helpful strategies to assist in their research.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students examined primary and secondary sources to determine whether the American Revolution was indeed a revolution for the American people.

Math: 7th graders are learning about markups, markdowns, and commissions. They are learning how to shop smart!

Science: 7th grade is looking at different perspectives regarding space travel.

Spanish: In Spanish, students are learning to describe clothing and conjugate verbs.

Physical Education: Students worked on activities that involved cardiovascular endurance. They continued working on their fitness circuit as they reflect on the first couple of weeks and set new goals.

Art: 7th grade artists are creating monochromatic landscapes paintings that use atmospheric perspective to show depth.

8th Grade:



ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students began planning and drafting their New York Times-style book review. They spent the end of the week doing some focused revision of their writing style and content.

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students researched and analyzed primary and secondary sources to further their understanding of the Progressive Era.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students completed Unit 3 this week with an assessment. This was our study of solving equations and inequalities that have only one variable. After a much deserved break, we will introduce the idea of two variable equations and inequalities, also known as systems of equations.

Science: We discussed the use of CRISPR technology.

Spanish: In Spanish, students are learning to describe clothing and conjugate verbs.

Physical Education: Students worked on activities that involved cardiovascular endurance. They continued working on their fitness circuit as they reflect on the first couple of weeks and set new goals.

Art: 8th grade artists are drawing their spirit animals inspired by Alebrijes folk art.

Health: We finished discussing marijuana and discussed what responsibilities we have for ourselves to be successful.

