

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

- M.Y. After-School

Wednesday

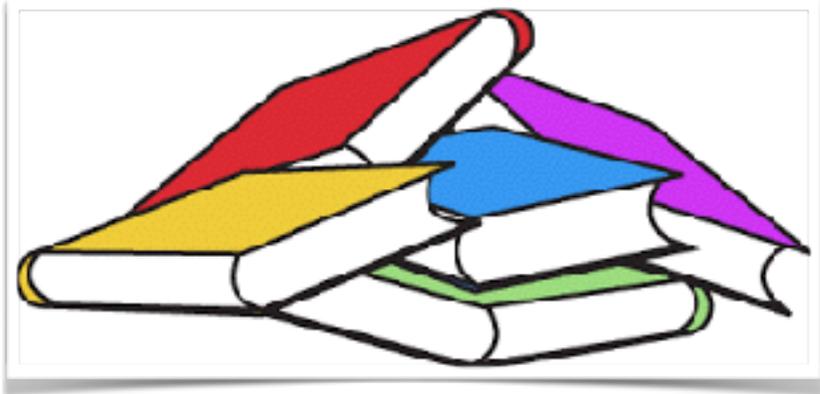
- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School
- PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

Thursday

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

Friday

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



Alumni Afternoon

We were happy to welcome students back to school this week after the long weekend! Today, we were excited to have alumni visit our 8th grade to talk about their experiences in high school. Thank you to Ms. Zaiantz for organizing such a great afternoon!

PTA Announcements

Greetings from your PTA

Thank you to all who donated homemade and packaged goods for our bake sale today. It is greatly appreciated. The kids love the bake sale! We are looking forward to getting to know many of you at our Parent/Teacher Winter Social!!! Visit our ticket sale page on Eventbrite for information.

- Ask your friends and family to support our students at MS177
- Post a message on social media or send friends and family a brief



Remember, we are collecting items for our annual auction in May. Consider donating handbags, jackets, and items in your closets that have never been worn. What better way to make room in your closet? Visit a restaurant, spa, nail salon, or any business frequently? Consider soliciting a donation of a gift card towards our auction. Have skills, networking contacts, or links to businesses that can help us take our auction to another level?? Contact The PTA. We need all hands-on deck for what will be a great evening.

POST HOLIDAY RE-GIFTING:

Have any unwanted gift cards? Gifts that you do not know what to do with? Consider donating any post-holiday gifts or gift cards towards our annual auction in May!!!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 29th (Wednesday): PTA Meeting at 6:30pm Auditorium. We invite you to listen to Ms. Riggio's "State of the School" report. We will be discussing auction and creating a graduation committee.

February 5th (Wednesday) Winter Parent/Teacher Social at Session 73. Back by popular demand!!! Tickets on sale now at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-pta-winter-social-tickets-90262638983>

Password: YorkvilleStrong!

School Spirit Wear

Stay warm this winter with the new Supreme Style Yorkville East sweatshirt. Sweatshirts are \$40 and can be paid by cash or a check made payable to: MS 177 PTA. Apparel can be purchased at our morning or lunch bake sales and our PTA meeting on 1/29.

Annual Fund Thank You!!

Thank you to all the families who have contributed towards our children's education. With your help we achieved our annual goal of \$20,000!!! If you have not donated to the fund, no worries, We will continue taking donations to the fund until the end of the year. Remember the annual fund helps us further enhance our children's education experience at Yorkville East!!!

Please consider donating to the MS177 Annual Fund - your donations pay for the integral fund supplementation to the DOE's ever-decreasing budgets. Every amount counts. No amount is too small.

You can make your donation:

- By Credit Card: Click the "Giving" tab at www.ms177.org
- By Check: Make Payable to "MS177 PTA" and mail to: MS 177 PTA; 1458 York Avenue; New York, NY; 10075



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Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Spread Kindness, Not Hate

In last week's Parent Tip, we addressed the importance of speaking with your child about hateful messages to which they are exposed on a global level. How can you guide your child regarding harmful words or actions spoken and possibly spread by peers or acquaintances?

- Teach your child to be kind in person and on social media. While a post may only be 'live' for a short amount of time, it can have long lasting effects on the recipient.
- Advise your child not to post anything he/she/they wouldn't want a highly respected adult to read. Would your Grandparent approve of the message sent to a classmate?
- Check social media accounts regularly to review posts by your child as well as those viewed. If something catches your attention, address your child immediately to get further information about the situation.
- Encourage your child to speak-up if he/she/they witness any hurtful actions or posts against others. Discuss how your child can have a positive influence as an upstander.
- If you discover your child is the perpetrator in a cyberbullying incident, always be clear this behavior is **never** acceptable. Discuss how this hurtful act may have affected the other person and how they would feel if someone did the same to them. Help to devise a solid plan to move forward in a more caring, empathetic manner.

Source: kidshealth.org, stopbullying.gov, stompoutbullying.org

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, students continued to work in their social issues book clubs and they wrote literary essays about character.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed their study of Ancient Egypt.

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



This week we studied ratios
By mixing lots of juice
Koolaid, orange, and lemonade
We really let loose!

And did a lot of learning
Part to part and part to whole
With models, pictures and tables
Helping us reach our goal

Next week we study unit rate
When part of your ratio is one
It's helpful to compare or find a specific value
Also, it's tons of fun!

Science: In 6th grade Science we are writing a thermal energy argument essay.

Spanish: This week, students worked together to create and present posters about La Escuela.

Physical Education: Students are completing the fitness gram.

Art: 6th grade students are creating abstract paintings inspired by music.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week students began their argumentative writing unit and wrote an essay on the topic "Are competitive sports good for kids?" They also continued their work in their nonfiction book clubs.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students drafted and revised their American Revolution Walking Tour News Articles.

Math: 7th Graders are learning about algebraic expressions, equations and inequalities.

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

Spanish: This week, students worked together to create and present posters about La Escuela.

Physical Education: Students are completing the fitness gram.

Art: 7th grade students are creating activist artworks to inspire change on a topic of their choice.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th grade ELA, students began work on researching racial inequity in schools to prepare to write a speech to the CEC.

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students continued their study of the Progressive Era by analyzing historically significant events like the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

Math: In Algebra I, students have been working hard all week on graphing inequalities like $y \leq -2x + 9$ and solving systems of equations using substitution and elimination methods.



Science: 8th graders are learning about why organisms have different traits according to their genetics and what determines those traits at the cellular level.

Spanish: This week, students worked together to create and present posters about La Escuela.

Physical Education: Students are completing the fitness gram.

Art: 8th grade students are creating collages that combine unexpected elements.

Health: Students are learning about various drugs and substances and how they affect the body.

