

# YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monday**

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## Students Speak to CEC!

Congratulations and thank you to Ashlee S., Maria A., and Margaret M. for delivering your speeches on school integration to the District 2 Community Education Council! Community members were impressed by our students' ability to voice their opinions on issues that matter. Good work!

### *PTA Announcements*

#### **Greetings Parents/Guardians!**

**Our Valentine's Day bake sale was a success!!! Thank you to all the parents who donated homemade and packaged treats. Your donations go a long way!!**

#### **Upcoming Events:**



**February 25th (Tuesday): PTA Meeting at 8:45am small cafeteria:** We invite you to listen to Ms. Riggio's principal report. We will be discussing our most important fundraiser of the year, the annual auction, as well as creating an 8th grade graduation committee.

**March 6th (Friday): Parents Breakfast Chat.** Stop by and enjoy some light breakfast goodies while we discuss our school auction event and graduation ideas.

### **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 2/25.

### **Annual Fund Thank You!!**

Thank you to all the families who have contributed towards our children's education. To date, we have met our yearly Annual Fund fundraising goal of \$20,000. As always, you can continue to donate as all funds continue to enhance our children's education and enrichment.

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. Give a Gift that counts!

You can make your donation:

- By Credit Card: Click the "Giving" tab at [www.ms177.org](http://www.ms177.org)
- By Check: Make Payable to "MS177 PTA" and mail to: MS 177 PTA; 1458 York Avenue; New York, NY; 10075
- Ask your friends and family to support our students at MS177
- Post a message on social media or send friends and family a brief email

Wishing everyone a great winter break and safe travels to all the families that take to the friendly skies or the friendly roads!!!!

## ***Getting to Know Your Adolescent***

### **Staying on Track Over the Break**

In preparation for the NYS ELA test, it is important to do your best to stay on track during the mid-winter recess. Here are a few tips to help your children remain focused, while enjoying their time off from school.

**Maintain a sleeping schedule** - While it is tempting for children to stay up later than usual and sleep as long as possible in the morning, it is best to adhere to a normal weekday schedule. Doing so will make



the transition of returning back to school on February 24th much easier.

**Keep reading!** - If your child does not have a reading routine, this is a great opportunity to create one! Set aside at least 45 minutes each day to delve into a novel or piece of non-fiction. Choose a time that tends to be quieter each day, and try using it to create a routine around reading.

**Create a “Books on Deck” reading stack** - Children love to choose books and texts that they are looking forward to reading. Have the physical stack visible and let their anticipation for the next text drive their reading. Books in a series are particularly tempting!

**Visit your local library** - As a family, visit your local library to choose books for your stack. Try to encourage your child to browse in a new section of the library, try a new genre of fiction, or grab a poetry book.

**Read the book-watch the movie** - Choose a book that has been made into a movie. Read the book first and then schedule a movie night. See if the themes and ideas from the book carry over into the movie, or if the movie represents a different perspective. This activity is a great opportunity to read the book alongside your child and have a book/movie talk together. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Harry Potter*, or *Lord of the Rings* are great examples of books you might try this with.

## *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 wrote compare-and-contrast essays. Students chose two of the short stories we've read throughout the school year, and they wrote about how the two stories reveal the same theme, but in different ways.

**Social Studies:** In 6th grade Social Studies, students crafted argument writing pieces about whether Ancient Athens was truly a democracy.

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

This week we did geometry  
And it was lots of fun  
Area and perimeter  
And we are far from done

Area for rectangles and parallelograms  
We do base times height, its true



Similar for triangles  
But with those we divide by 2

And for perimeter there's no formula  
But we have a strategy  
We add up all the sides  
For its the outside of the shape you see

We started trapezoids  
The first compound shape we've had  
It's made of simpler ones  
So it's really not that bad

And coordinate geometry  
Lest we do forget  
Ordered pairs, x before y  
Like in the alphabet

Across the x- and y-axes  
We studied reflections  
We trace the point to the mirror  
And keep the same distance and direction

After break we will continue  
And learn about shapes in 3d  
Hope you rest up and relax  
And practice IXL, yippee!

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

**Spanish:** Students worked on creating mini paragraphs about their favorite meals.

**Physical Education:** Students are completing the fitness gram.

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

### 7th Grade:

**ELA:** In 7th grade ELA, we began historical fiction book clubs.

**Social Studies:** In 7th grade Social Studies, students examined the Supreme Court and the Bill of Rights.

**Math:** 7th graders just wrapped up our topics on Expressions and Equations. And we will be entering the crazy world of Inequalities!

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

**Spanish:** Students worked on creating mini paragraphs about their favorite meals.



**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 research on an issue where they want to see a policy change. After break, they will be writing to policymakers to exercise their rights as citizens.

**Social Studies:** In 8th grade Social Studies, students celebrated Black History Month with a field trip to the landmark Apollo Theater to see the musical performance "The Queen of Happiness: Florence Mills."

**Math:** In Algebra I this week, students continued looking at parabolas, which are created by quadratic functions. They have learned how to identify the vertex, line of symmetry, and intercepts. We also used this week to review important concepts learned so far this year.

**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:** Students worked on creating mini paragraphs about their favorite meals.

**Physical Education:** Students are completing the fitness gram.

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

**Health:** Students are finishing up their unit on drugs and alcohol.

