

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

- SLCs from 8am-9am
- M.Y. After-School

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Student Dismissal @ 12:20pm
- SLCs from 1pm-3pm, 5pm-8pm

Thursday

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

Friday

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



SLCs Next Week

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing break! As we gear up for the next few weeks of school, we want to remind everyone that SLCs will be taking place on March 5th, 6th, 12th, and 19th. If you still need to schedule your SLC, please email our Parent Coordinator, Julie Williams, at jwilliams@ms177.org.

PTA Announcements

We are very close to our fundraising goal towards our Annual Fund, we are short \$500! Please consider donating at <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=2G3AvpZ6mlE2ykfeeEVkwYTjLVlvZxPYJnrwStEOD-eroof3HrZix5tISJHWotdwaG3IJG&country.x=US&locale.x=US>.



Thursday, 3/7 @ 8:45 AM Coffee and Chat in the PTA Office. Discussions may include: possible changes to the Specialized High School admittance process, Auction and other fun events happening at school.

Friday, 3/15 Bake Sale. Please donate individually wrapped home baked treats, we ask that you keep them nut-free please! If you would like to volunteer to help at the bake sale (the kids really love seeing their parents at school), we have two shifts available 8:15-9:00 AM and 12:45-2:00 PM. Please send an email to Alison at pta@ms177.org

You can learn more about the PTA at www.ms177.org/pta.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Preparing for the State ELA Test

As we mentioned in Tip #20, the next few weeks we will focus on how to help your child prepare for the State ELA test April 2nd and 3rd. This week, encourage your child to read as many short articles as possible. Choose various topics to keep your child engaged while improving comprehension skills.

After reading the articles, ask your child a few questions, such as:

- What was the main point of the article?
- Why do you think the author chose to write about this subject?
- What information did you take away from this article?

Following are a few sources for age appropriate articles:

readworks.org

NewsELA.com

timeforkids.com

Looking for more of a challenge?

nytimes.com

washingtonpost.com

sciencedaily.com

scientificamerican.com

nationalgeographic.com

history.com



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 have been writing a compare-and-contrast essay on how the short stories "Raymond's Run" and "Popularity" share a similar theme, but develop that theme differently.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students analyzed primary and secondary sources to prepare for a debate on Athenian democracy.

Math: 6th has been studying area and perimeter of rectangles, triangles, and other compound shapes. We are preparing to look at some pretty complex shapes before moving into 3D!

Science: This week in Science, we finished writing our owl essays, and we started discussing and exploring limiting factors!

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

Physical Education: Students are playing invasion games where they are learning how to perform a lead pass within a small sided game.

Art: 6th grade artists are drawing objects from observation using contour lines.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students wrote a compare/contrast essay on a theme that is developed in two texts. They also completed revision work, and learned more reading strategies to use to enhance their analysis.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students analyzed primary and secondary sources to complete a Socratic seminar about whether the presidency of John Adams was successful.

Math: 7th grade students have been solving multi step equations. They also learned to write equations to represent situations.

Science: 7th grade has researched and taught their peers about different types of Electromagnetic Waves (i.e. Radio, Micro, Infrared, UV, X-ray, & Gamma).

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



Physical Education: Students are playing invasion games where they are learning how to perform a lead pass within a small sided game.

Art: 7th grade artists are learning that one point perspective is a technique to show space and depth.

8th Grade:

ELA: This week 8th Graders began reading literary nonfiction to exercise both their narrative and nonfiction reading skills at the same time. This will really help to begin to prepare them for the ELA test.

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, we read and analyzed a variety of sources related to dissent and World War I to participate in a Socratic seminar about the degree to which a democratic government should tolerate dissent during times of war and other crises.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students finished up their Unit 4 assessment, about Systems of Equations. Grades for this semester should be posted over the weekend. If a student would like a retake opportunity, they should make corrections and return corrections to me by Thursday next week. At the end of this week, we began Unit 5, which is our first deep study of Quadratic Functions. Please have your student let me know if they own a TI-84 Calculator at home!

Science: We debated whether humans are a product of nature (genetics) or nurture (the environment).

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

Physical Education: Students are playing invasion games where they are learning how to perform a lead pass and manipulate space in order to get open within a small sided game.

Art: 8th grade artists are finishing their Spirit Animal project, focusing on the principles of emphasis and contrast.

Health: Students finished their violence and injury prevention unit and will begin their next unit next week.

