

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
- Sotheby's Art Show from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Early Dismissal @ 12:20pm
- SLCs from 1:15pm-3:15pm; 5pm-7:30pm

Thursday

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

Friday

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



BioBus Comes to YEMS!

YEMS students got back into the swing of school on Monday as they explored the BioBus! Students were able to observe Daphnia, a transparent crustacean just a few millimeters long, as well as euglenas and bacteria through powerful compound microscopes. Thank you to Mr. Hussain and Ms. Gaucher for organizing such a fun day for our students!

PTA Announcements

3/6 @ 8:30am: Auction Planning Meeting. Please join us in the PTA Office to plan for our largest fundraiser of the year. Donations can also be dropped off at this time.





Manhattan Youth

I hope everyone had a great break! A couple of quick announcements:

- Our Basketball season officially came to an end as our Eagle Girls and Boys lost hard fought playoff games on Tuesday. I want to thank our players, parents, and coaches for a great season and look forward to even more success during our Spring sports season. Although competitive play has ended, we will be having a few friendly scrimmages against schools in the coming weeks.
- Our Fencing Team had a great tournament against Baruch Middle School. We had strong showings from both Daniel Y. and Alex B., who both secured match wins. We hope for continued success at the individual fencing tournament this weekend.
- Our Diversity Day Talent Show was a great success. Both students and staff did

3/23 @ 7pm: Come out and have fun at the annual YEMS Auction at Mercantile Annex 38, 518 West 38th Street. There will be great items to bid on! Round trip Jet Blue, Disney Theme Park, and Seth Meyers tickets - plus restaurant certificates, Soul Cycle passes, signed sports memorabilia and much more! It's your chance to relax with other parents and hang out with the YEMS faculty and staff. **Purchase your tickets today via the following link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lightcameraauction-tickets-43116095402?aff=es2>. We are still collecting donations and welcome underwriting to cover auction costs! For more information contact auction@ms177.org.

3/28 @ 6:30pm - General Meeting. Details to follow.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

As little as a few weeks ago, your child may have happily engaged in conversation. Now when you ask a simple question, your child grunts, rolls his/her eyes or answers with a rude comment. Why is your child so annoyed with your questions and what can you do to be heard?

One step in getting your child to listen is to avoid asking questions at an inconvenient time. This includes times such as when your child is diligently focusing on a task, physically leaving your presence or resting. Teens admit to resisting answering a parent's question if it appears the parent isn't truly invested in hearing and understanding the answer, but is just trying to connect at a surface level. One tip to getting a proper response is to ask a specific questions such as "I know you were having a hard time with _____. How did that go today?" instead of the more general "How was school?".

Remember - honest questions yield honest answers. Carefully listen to what your teen is saying and follow up with appropriate questions, but be careful not to pry too much. Adolescents can sense this, causing them to shut down communication even further.

Regardless of the question asked, emphasize the importance of



an amazing job with their performances/stage tech work, and everyone had a great time seeing our beautiful community on display. Thank you to all parents who were in attendance and/or provided food for our potluck. Hope to see you all at future events!

- Congratulations to our January Manhattan Youth After School Students of the Month: **Brad L., Jada M., and Alexandra L.**! Keep up the great work!
- Mark your calendars! Manhattan Youth Spring Break and Summer Camp registrations will be starting soon. Please reach out for details.
- There will be no after school programming on Wednesday, 3/7 due to parent teacher conferences.
- Spring Trimester will begin on 3/12. Online Registration will open next week.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

your child providing a polite answer. Discuss consequences if your teen is continuously rude or ignores you as this type of behavior is not rewarded.

Source: *Untangled* by Lisa Damour, Ph.D.

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: Sixth grade book clubs are in full swing! Most clubs are starting their second books this weekend, and discussions about power imbalances in character relationships have been debated all week.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed their African Kingdoms project and presented the history and accomplishments of these historic empires to their classmates.

Math: 6th grade has completed studying percentages and will be reviewing all concepts related to ratios and proportions next week.

Science: This week in Science, students finished talking about human impact with a focus on air, light and water pollution.

Mandarin: Students finished Chinese New Year project presentations, and learned about Chinese Lantern Festival. Students kept working on online storyboarding in Theater class.

Physical Education: Students have finished their soccer peer assessment for passing and are moving on to their soccer passing test.

Art: 6th grade artists printed their personal symbol designs inspired by the artwork of Yayoi Kusama.



7th Grade:

ELA: In 7th grade ELA, students wrote literary essays on their book club books. They learned strategies to write clear claims, and to find the best evidence in support of a claim.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students learned about the legislative process by researching bills on which Congress is currently working.

Math: 7th grade Math has concluded our topic of creating and solving equations and they took an assessment at the end of the week.

Science: This week in Science we are discussing possible space missions to explore. We are also discussing the advantages and disadvantages of piloted vs unpiloted space missions.

Mandarin: Students created posters and did presentations in groups, introducing various aspects of Chinese New Year. Students kept working on online storyboarding in Theater class.

Physical Education: Students have finished their soccer peer assessment for passing and are moving on to their soccer passing test.

Art: 7th grade artists mixed colors and painted papers for their narrative collage project inspired by the artwork of Jacob Lawrence.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students finished revising and editing their policy letters this week. Today, they sent them to policy makers all over the country to take a stand for something they care about!

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students finished their Black History Month Projects and celebrated by completing a gallery walk of each other's papers and timelines.

Math: In 8th grade Math, students have continued their work in Geometry. They are now experts at sliding (translations), turning (rotations), flipping (reflecting), and scaling (dilations).

In Algebra I, students took a quiz on compound interest equations, and other times exponential functions are used. We also defined what a function is, and the terminology and notation that comes with the study of Algebraic functions.

Science: This week in Science we explored pedigree analysis.

Mandarin: Students created posters and did presentations in groups, introducing various aspects of Chinese New Year.



Physical Education: Students have finished their soccer peer assessment for passing and are moving on to their soccer passing test.

Health: Students have recently completed the drugs and alcohol unit and will be moving on to the Sexual Education Unit next week.

Art: 8th grade artists began their animation unit by creating mini flip-books.

