

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- NYS ELA Exam
- M.Y. After-School

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- NYS ELA Exam
- M.Y. After-School

Thursday

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

Friday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Last Day of 3rd Marking Period
- M.Y. After-School



NYS ELA Test Prep

We want to take a moment to recognize all of the effort our students have been putting in to their ELA test prep. There has been a lot of work these past few weeks, and students have been doing a really good job of managing everything that's been thrown at them. Keep up the great work, everyone!

PTA Announcements

PTA Executive Board Nominating Committee - We are seeking 2 additional parents for the PTA Executive Board Nominating Committee. In this role, the nominating committee members solicit potential 2019-2020 Executive Board candidates and preside over the nominations in May and elections in June. Please note: Nominating Committee members cannot also run for an Executive Board position. The PTA Executive Board



positions include PTA President/Co-President, Vice President/Co-VP, Treasurer/Co-Treasurer, and Secretary/Co-Secretary, and Members-at-Large. Please email us at msi77@pta.org if you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee.

PTA General Meeting - Wednesday, April 17th @ 6:30 PM. Please join us as we welcome back Rhetta Baron who will be conducting a Restorative Justice Circle for parents. Restorative practices are being applied at our school and by our own students on a regular basis, come learn more about it!

Spring Auction - Friday, May 3rd @ 7:00 PM. Our third annual Auction will be at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Donations are being accepted now! Please go to: <http://www.msi77.org/auction.html> for volunteer, underwriting opportunities and extra donation forms. All donations are accepted, nothing is too big or small and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Annual Fund - There is still time to participate in the Annual Fund. So far we have 15% of family participation and need you to meet our goal of 100% participation! Donations of all amounts are gladly accepted. Please go to the following link to donate now: <http://www.msi77.org/annual.html>

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Tips and Reminders for taking the State Tests

With the NYS ELA test next Tuesday and Wednesday, here are a few tips to help your child navigate the process:

- Eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test to provide proper energy and alertness
- Get plenty of sleep several nights leading up to the test
- Stick to a routine as much as possible. Putting too much emphasis on the test may create additional anxiety
- Avoid caffeine and energy drinks prior to the test
- Exercise to help reduce stress
- If stress and anxiety occur during the test, take a few deep breaths then return to the work

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 we continued ELA test preparation, focusing on short response questions and



informational passages.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students began their unit of study of the Roman Empire by exploring the geography of the empire and technological innovations.

Math: 6th graders have 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: We designed and carried out an evaporation investigation.

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

Physical Education: Students are working on making lead passes and 'give and goes' within gameplay.

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

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students prepared for the NYS ELA test and learned strategies for the short and extended response questions.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students wrote compare and contrast essays in preparation for the ELA state test about the feud between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson.

Math: 7th graders are learning to calculate probabilities of single and compound events. Students learned the difference between experimental and theoretical probabilities too.

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 working on lead passes and pump faking to create a passing lane during gameplay.

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

8th Grade:

ELA: Next week is the New York State ELA Exam, so we spent this week focused on writing short and extended responses. Students are ready, but should continue to focus on reading regularly at night to keep



their minds sharp. Be sure to get lots of rest and eat a good breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday for the test!

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students studied the Stock Market Crash of 1929, the impacts of the Great Depression in the United States, and the 1932 presidential election.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students finished up their Unit 4 assessment, about Systems of Equations. Grades for this assessment should be posted over the weekend. 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 explored fossils!

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

Physical Education: Students are working on lead passes, pump faking and creating screens to get open during gameplay.

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

Health: Students had their first lesson in sexual education where they did a pre-assessment of what they know about sexual education.

