

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- PTA Bake Sale
- M.Y. After-School



Student-Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences were a big success this week! Our students produced great work and did an amazing job reflecting on their strengths and weaknesses in each class. You all did wonderfully, and we can't wait to see how much you grow over the next few months!

PTA Announcements

Don't miss out on the New York International Children's Film Festival (NYICFF) which concludes on March 17th. Go to <https://nyicff.org/> for more information. When ordering tickets, please select 'MS 177' in the 'School Partner' drop down menu. Our PTA will receive \$3 for every ticket purchased!

Friday, May 3rd 7:00 PM-10:00 PM Auction. Come celebrate our 3rd Annual Auction, at Madison Ave Presbyterian Church Community Hall (74th/Madison)! Please email pta@ms177.org with donation ideas. More information coming



soon!

Friday, March 15th Bake Sale. All items \$1! Individually wrapped, nut-free baked good donations are greatly appreciated!

Wednesday, March 27th @ 8:45 AM General PTA Meeting.

Thank you for donating to our annual fund-we are very close to reaching our goal! We are currently looking for ten families to donate \$50.

You can learn more about the PTA at www.msi77.org/pta.

Weekly Highlights

This weekend, the YEMS Debate Team participated at the Westchester Classic at Lakeland High School. Our teams debated the following, Resolved: The United States should end its arms sales to Saudi Arabia. We are proud to announce that Vivian Y. and Timmy J. championed the tournament as the top middle school public forum debate team, and Cameron C. and Sadie W. made it to the octofinals. We would also like to congratulate the debaters for their individual performances. Vivian came in as the 1st place speaker out of more than 120 debaters! Cameron earned 4th place, Timmy earned 6th place, and Sadie earned 13th place. This was an especially exciting tournament, so please join us in congratulating our phenomenally talented debaters for their hard work!

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

State ELA Test Prep - Visit a Museum!

When preparing for a standardized test, we often think only about ensuring children are reading as much as possible. Reading is incredibly important, but so are experiences! The passages on the ELA will range a variety of topics, from literature to history to science, and background knowledge on a particular topic helps increase comprehension of these passages. Trips to museums are an opportunity to learn about different cultures, time periods, and scientific developments, and can help build context so that your child can more successfully tackle tough passages. While at the museum, read the information provided on the plaque next to paintings to gain some historical understanding as well as glean some insight into the artist's life and perspective. Speak to your child about some questions they might have, ask them what they think different objects in the piece represent, and why they think the artist or scientist may have included that detail. What do they think the curator is trying to say through their exhibit? Why do they the curator named the exhibit in the way they did and how does the individual piece fit into that larger theme?



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 published the compare-and-contrast essays and we started ELA test preparation.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed argument essays about Athenian Democracy and analyzed the differences between Ancient Athens and Sparta.

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 started discussing and exploring limiting factors!

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 began our test prep unit. We learned strategies to read and analyze fiction passages.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students examined the election of 1800 and the key achievements of Thomas Jefferson's presidency.

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 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: This week, the 8th graders completed their policy letters and mailed them to policy makers. Congratulate your 8th grader on exercising their right as a citizen to free speech and their participation in democracy!

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students continued their study of World War I by examining the impact of trench warfare and key military battles, as well as how WWI ended.

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 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 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.

