

# YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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

## Upcoming Events

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

- NYS Math Exam
- M.Y. After-School

### Wednesday

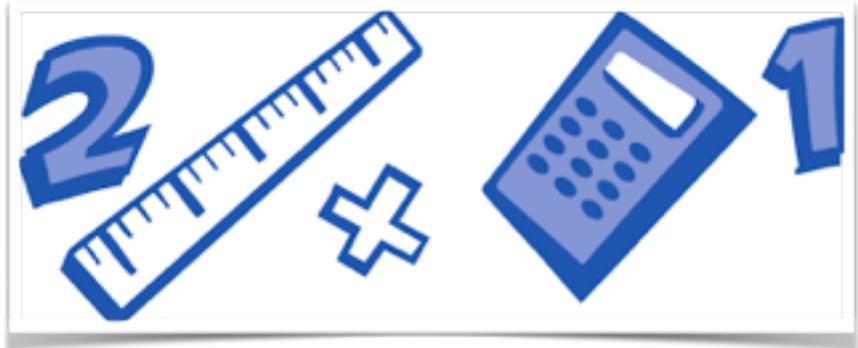
- Open Gym @ 8am
- NYS Math Exam
- M.Y. After-School

### Thursday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- 6th Grade Field Trip to Whitney Museum
- M.Y. After-School

### Friday

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



## NYS Math Test Reminders

The NYS Math Exam will take place May 1st and May 2nd. Here are some tips that will help your child be successful on testing days:

- **Stay positive and help your child relax** — encourage your child with positive words and phrases, not just about the test. Help them to relax and feel confident about their academic success so far this year!
- **Bedtime** — as you know we all perform at our best when we feel well rested, so we recommend a good night's sleep for everyone!
- **Breakfast** — breakfast is the fuel that gives us STAMINA. So, we recommend eating a healthful breakfast.
- **Arrive on time** — it is very important to get to school by 9am. Testing begins promptly at 9:15am. We want children to feel at



ease, not rushed, prior to the test.

- **Water bottles** — your child can have a water bottle by their chair during the test.
- **Independent Reading Books** — your child can bring an Independent Reading Book in case they finish early. It must be kept under the chair during the test and taken out only once the test has been handed in.

**\*\*\*Students are not allowed to have cellphones on their person during the exam. If a student is found with a cell phone, we are mandated by the state to invalidate the exam.**

Your children have worked hard to prepare for this year's test, and we are very proud of their hard work!

### ***PTA Announcements***

**PTA Executive Board 2018-2019 Nominations are now open!** To help ensure that next year's Executive Board positions are filled, we are seeking parents to join for the upcoming school year. Please visit [http://www.msi77.org/uploads/4/2/7/5/42750557/pta\\_executive\\_board\\_nomination\\_form\\_1.pdf](http://www.msi77.org/uploads/4/2/7/5/42750557/pta_executive_board_nomination_form_1.pdf) for more information and the nomination form. Contact [pta@msi77.org](mailto:pta@msi77.org) with any questions.

### ***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:** 6th graders worked hard this week! Remember to keep reading!

**Social Studies:** In 6th grade Social Studies, students studied the differences between ancient Athens and Sparta and began to prepare for a debate about the strengths of each city-state.

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

**Science:** Students chose a country for the unit/expo project and started their research.

**Mandarin:** Students kept working on creating their animal project, and presented their work in class.

**Physical Education:** Students recently completed their basketball dribbling test and have moved on to the chest pass in basketball.

**Art:** 6th grade artists are creating creatures that combine elements from 2 or more different animals.



### 7th Grade:

**ELA:** This week in 7th grade ELA, students studied sensory language in poetry.

**Social Studies:** In 7th grade Social Studies, students explored the presidency of James Monroe. They wrapped up their study of the early republic by taking a quiz.

**Math:** 7th graders have been working on test prep this week.

**Science:** 7th grade is beginning their Atomic model expo project.

**Mandarin:** Students learned the zoo animals, and talked about their preferences for animals in Mandarin.

**Physical Education:** Students recently completed their basketball dribbling test and have moved on to the chest pass in basketball.

**Art:** 7th grade artists are continuing to work on their Pop Art reduction prints.

### 8th Grade:

**ELA:** In ELA, 8th graders finished drafting, revised, and refined their Dystopian Fiction Stories, which they shared in class on Friday!

**Social Studies:** In 8th grade Social Studies, students examined the causes and effects of the Great Depression. They also analyzed the culture of the 1930s and compared it to that of the 1920s.

**Math:** In 8th grade Math students have been reviewing the skills from this year that are likely to be on next week's New York State assessments. These concepts include exponents, linear equations, slope, volume, systems of equations, and geometric transformations.

In Algebra I, students learned how to graph quadratic equations and have begun to learn the strategy of completing the square, which will help them solve more complex quadratic equations, and to see the equation in vertex form.

**Science:** 8th grade is completing their unit of study on evolution.

**Mandarin:** Students worked on creating their animal project presentation, introducing their favorite animals, or creating their own zoo, aquarium, etc.

**Physical Education:** Students recently completed their basketball dribbling test and have moved on to the chest pass in basketball.

**Health:** Students have been learning about pregnancy and reproduction.

**Art:** 8th grade artists are creating characters and backgrounds for stop motion animation.

