

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Science Breakfast @ 8am
- Twin Day
- M.Y. After-School

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Heritage Day
- M.Y. After-School
- 7th Grade H.S. Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- Crazy Sock Day
- 6th Grade Trip to Museum of Natural History
- M.Y. After-School

Friday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- 80s Day
- Day of Service/Fun Run
- M.Y. After-School
- M.Y. Spring Dance from 6pm-8pm



Field Day

Students spent the afternoon at Asphalt Green on Tuesday for Field Day! They had a great time playing sports and participating in relay races. Thank you, Mr. Hoffman, for organizing such a great day!

PTA Announcements

Thank you to those of you who contributed to and attended The Beach Ball annual auction last Friday! We raised critical funds for the school while having a wonderful time together! Please be on the look-out for a separate email with information on how you can still contribute to the YEMS music program initiative for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you still need to pick up an item, please email us at



pta@ms177.org. To make a payment, please go to the school website at ms177.org and access PayPal under the Giving tab by clicking on Donate. You can also pay directly from your own PayPal account (search for “MS177”).

Friday, May 17th A Day of Service - Sign up for the Fun Run and bring in travel-size toiletries for our Ronald McDonald House service project! Registration is quick and easy! Parents/Guardians can go to funrun.com to create an individual account for their child. They will then be given a personalized donation link to share with family and friends. Travel size toiletries will be donated to guests at the Ronald McDonald House (this includes shampoo, lotion, shaving cream, toothpaste, and soap). Each Advisory will have a box designated for donations. Any and all items you are able to contribute are greatly appreciated! Students will be bundling various items into individual pouches on May 17th. Thank you in advance!

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6:30 PM - Please join us at our next PTA General Meeting. We will be presenting the proposed budget and taking PTA Executive Board Member nominations for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Plus, we have an important guest speaker, Dr. Michael D. Fraser, who will speak about technology, smart phones and how middle school kids are affected by excess technology usage.

Urban Advantage Vouchers

As an Urban Advantage School, Yorkville East students are invited to visit one of several iconic parks and museums **free of charge!** Vouchers for free admission for a student plus three guests are available in the main office on a first come, first served basis. Please note, there may be an additional fee for certain exhibits. Your family can explore one of the following:

American Museum of Natural History

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Bronx Zoo

New York Aquarium

Bronx Botanical Garden

New York Hall of Science

Queens Botanical Garden

Staten Island Zoo

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Benefits of Giving

Yorkville East will engage in our first “Day of Service” on Friday, May 17th. As part of this special event, we will be bundling and donating travel-size toiletries to the families at our neighborhood Ronald McDonald House. Students will also participate in a “Fun Run” to raise necessary funds for our school.



Numerous studies show there are many benefits to being charitable and giving. Following are just a few of the ways being generous can add to your life.

Giving makes you happier. The National Institute of Health found giving to others physically activates parts of the brain which spark trust and pleasure.

Giving helps to improve health. Giving of one's time and/or resources often decreases stress levels and blood pressure which greatly benefits one's overall health.

Being charitable promotes social connections. By giving to others, one feels closer and more connected to those individuals and the world as a whole.

Giving can be contagious! One person's generosity can inspire others to be charitable as well. While it may seem like you have only performed one act of kindness, the ripple effect may touch hundreds of people!

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, students wrote a "flash draft" of their fantasy short stories. They then began to revise their work using various power moves. Some students made sure to develop characters who are complicated. Others made sure to reveal both external and internal struggles.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed their study of Ancient Rome and began their Expo Night projects.

Math: 6th graders have been studying area and perimeter of rectangles, triangles, and other compound shapes.

Science: We started our expo projects! 6th grade's project is on climate change.

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

Physical Education: Students are working with a variety of objects and learning how to shoot within various types of practice settings.

Art: 6th grade artists have been designing personal symbols for printmaking.



7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students continued their historical fiction book clubs. They are almost done with their second book. Students wrote reading entries on themes in their books.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students explored what it was like to travel on the Oregon Trail and began a practice document-based question essay about westward expansion.

Math: 7th graders learned about angles and triangles this week.

Science: Students created atom models of different elements and researched important facts relevant to their element.

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

Physical Education: Students are working with a variety of objects and learning how to shoot within various types within a modified game.

Art: 7th grade artists are drawing their graffiti tag designs.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students are working on becoming journalists. They've written newscasts on events inside the school and outside, and even spent a day being "on the beat" at John Jay Park!

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students continued their study of World War II by looking at military turning points and how the war ended.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students have been prepping for the Regents exam.

Science: We started our expo projects! 8th grade's project is on a scientific discovery.

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

Physical Education: Students are working with a variety of objects and learning how to shoot within various types within gameplay.

Art: 8th grade artists are completing their hero portraits inspired by Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald.

Health: Beginning next week, students will begin to learn the anatomy of human beings and how they relate to sexual education.

