

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- 601 & 602 Field Trip to Met
- M.Y. After-School

Tuesday

- M.Y. After-School
- 803 Field Trip to Museum of Moving Image

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- 702 MoMA and Central Park Field Trip
- M.Y. After-School
- Maurice Frumkin 7th Grade Meeting @ 6pm

Thursday

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

Friday

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



YEMS Field Trips

Our students had a great week as they took their learning outside of the classroom! 6th graders explored the Whitney Museum and Central Park, 7th graders studied art at the MoMA, and 8th graders watched an engaging film at the Museum of Natural History. We hope you've had a fun and educational week!

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 for more



information and the nomination form. Contact pta@ms177.org with any questions.

5/23 @ 6:30pm - PTA General Meeting. Hope to see you there!

5/30 @ 6:30pm - Mom's Night Out. Two Door Tavern (1576 Third Ave). This is a great opportunity to meet fellow YEMS parents and have a great time!

Weekly Reminders

8th Grade Science - Starting **May 23rd** we will be administering the 8th grade state performance test. This is the first of a two part test. The second part will be administered on **June 4th**. The NYS written Science Test (Grade 8) includes both multiple choice and short answer.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

It is natural for adolescents to occasionally contend with adult authority, but there are some situations which may cause concern.

One red flag is if your teen is constantly contending with all adults, not just parents. Be careful not to focus on the stereotype of teenagers always being difficult and troublesome as this might create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Children in this situation may eventually alienate themselves and be at risk for substance abuse, depression and early sexual behavior.

While it might seem pleasant if your teen never causes friction, it is not healthy. Boys tend to perform acts which annoy adults, while girls may suffer silently leading to eating disorders, anxiety and depression. In the latter case, it is best to seek professional advice.

It is very important for parents to be in agreement on how to raise your child. Problems arise when teenagers take advantage and play their parents against each other. If the parents do not have an amicable relationship, it may be necessary to seek help from a neutral third party. Together you can make a set of rules to which everyone in the family must comply.

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

Social Studies: In sixth grade Social Studies, students prepared for and engaged in a debate about whether Ancient Athens or Sparta had a superior infrastructure as a city-state.



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

Science: Students continued working on their climate change project.

Mandarin: Students talked about their favorite breakfast foods and drinks in Mandarin.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on the chest pass and recently completed a peer assessment. Students will now work on the bounce pass. They will be taking their test on the bounce and chest pass shortly.

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

7th Grade:

ELA: In 7th grade ELA, students continued their poetry unit. They learned to determine the tone in writing, and how to use tone to bring out a message in poetry. They are working to create their own poetry collections.

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 started our angles unit. They also finished up their statistics and probability projects.

Science: The 7th grade worked on their atomic model project this week.

Mandarin: Students learned about northern and southern Chinese staple foods, which are represented by dumplings and rice cakes.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on the chest pass and recently completed a peer assessment. Students will now work on the bounce pass. They will be taking their test on the bounce and chest pass shortly.

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

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students are becoming journalists, practicing writing newscasts of the newsworthy events they observe around them. We've also begun to study the work of investigative journalist podcaster's to mentor our writing of our own podcasts.

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 mathematics, students this week began their study of the Pythagorean Theorem.



They have been finding the areas of some challenging squares, and will be using these to discover why the famous $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ works.

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: The 8th graders selected and are researching a scientific topic of interest for their Expo projects.

Mandarin: Students talked about their favorite breakfast food and drinks in Mandarin.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on the chest pass and recently completed a peer assessment. Students will now work on the bounce pass. They will be taking their test on the bounce and chest pass shortly.

Health: Students learned about STI's, the different types of STI's and how it could affect your body. Next week, they will have their test on sexual education and will move on to HIV/AIDS for the next unit.

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

