

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- NYS Science Test (8th Grade)
- M.Y. After-School

Tuesday

- M.Y. After-School
- Sports Banquet @ 6pm

Wednesday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School (First Session Only)
- Expo Night @ 5:30pm

Thursday

- No School - Chancellor's Day

Friday

- Open Gym @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School
- 8th Grade Dance @ 6pm



YEMS Field Day!

Our students had a great time on Wednesday as they headed to Asphalt Green for Field Day! Students participated in sports games and relay races, which made for a fun day! Thank you to Mr. Hoffman for organizing such a great event!

PTA Announcements

June 20th at 8:45am - Special PTA meeting - The final General PTA Meeting will include PTA Executive Board nominations, as well as two Member-at-Large and four School Leadership Team (SLT) positions for the 2018-2019 school year.

Immediately following, we will have a special session for



elections. If you are interested in joining or nominating someone for a position, please contact the nominating committee at: pta@ms177.org. Nominations may also be made at this meeting.

We are seeking 6th and 7th grade parent volunteers for two student events in June:

Thursday, June 21st at 5:00pm - 8th Grade Graduation reception at Wagner. Come help us set up and decorate for the reception so the 8th grade parents can fully enjoy the evening!

Friday, June 22nd at 8:00am Chess Breakfast - Come help with the check-out/in of our newly purchased board games (supported by PTA funds) and help serve breakfast at our last Chess Breakfast of the school year!

If you are interested in volunteering please email us at: pta@ms177.org.

Weekly Reminders

8th Grade Science - The second part of the 8th grade state science test will be administered on **June 4th**. The NYS written Science Test (Grade 8) includes both multiple choice and short answer.

Sports Banquet - We will be having our annual Sports Banquet on June 5th from 6pm-8pm.

8th Grade Dance - The 8th Grade dance will be taking place on Friday, June 8th at 6pm. Party attire recommended.

Getting to Know Your Adolescent

Statistics show a person takes risks more in their teenage years than any other time in life. Adolescents often make hasty, possibly dangerous decisions based on the desire to be popular with friends. They usually don't completely ignore the rules, but focus on how not to get caught breaking them.

Teenagers will all take risks, but as a parent you need to help them take the right ones. Encourage them to think about the real danger and not just worry about you finding out about the situation. It is best not to threaten your child with severe consequences, as this might backfire causing decisions to be made solely based on short term results. Focusing on the possibility of real danger, rather than the punishment, may help your child make more responsible choices.

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: Sixth grade started their whole class read "Words in the Dust", about a girl growing up in a small town in Afghanistan.

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: Sixth grade students have started a unit on statistics including examining the range and shape of data.

Science: We finished our climate change projects!

Mandarin: Students learned about typical Chinese foods, represented by dim sum and hot pot.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on their basketball lay-ups and are preparing for their lay-up test.

Art: 6th grade artists are finishing their invented creatures drawings that combine elements from 2 or more animals.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, we started our historical fiction unit, met with our book clubs, and learned important new strategies to approaching historical fiction texts.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students created and presented drama skits depicting what it was like to travel on the Oregon Trail. They also explored how Texas became part of the United States.

Math: Students solved equations to find angle measures in 7th grade Math. They also constructed triangles by hand. They are studying for a quiz on Monday.

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

Mandarin: Students learned about typical Chinese foods, represented by dim sum and hot pot.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on their basketball lay-ups and are preparing for their lay-up test.

Art: 7th grade artists are starting their celebrity Pop Art portraits.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students spent the week investigating. They conducted interviews, internet research, surveys, and pre-writing for their podcasts.



Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students grappled with the United States' experiences during World War II, including Pearl Harbor, Japanese Internment, and the decision to drop the atomic bomb.

Math: In 8th grade Math, students finished their work on the Pythagorean Theorem. Next, we will preview an Algebra I topic, polynomial operations.

In Algebra I, students finished up their final unit test, and will begin test prep for the Regents Exam, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 12:15pm.

Science: We have been preparing for next week's state science test.

Mandarin: Students learned about Chinese dim sum.

Physical Education: Students are currently working on their basketball lay-ups and are preparing for their lay-up test. They will get into tournament play soon.

Health: Students are currently learning about Myplate. Myplate is an easy to use application where students can input their food and drinks and see how much they should be consuming and if it is healthy.

Art: 8th grade artists are continuing to work on their stop motion animations after visiting the Museum of the Moving Image.

