

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday

- 7th Grade Field Trip to Central Park
- 8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ 6pm

Tuesday

- Report Card Distribution for 6th & 7th Grades

Wednesday

- Last Day of School
- Dismissal @ 12:20pm

Thursday

- No School - Summer Break!

Friday

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Have a Good Summer!

The 2018-2019 school year is just about over now! We have seen our students grow tremendously over the past year, and we couldn't be prouder of all the hard work they have done! We hope everyone in the Yorkville East Community has a wonderful summer. We can't wait to see you all in the Fall!

PTA Announcements

Monday, June 24th @ 6:00 PM - The 8th grade graduation committee is seeking 6th and 7th grade parents to help with preparations, set-up/clean-up and hosting tables at the reception. Be part of the tradition to support our students and



families that are moving on. If you are interested, please email PTA Treasurer, Eileen Wachter at ptatreasurer@ms177.org

The departing PTA Executive Board wants to thank everyone for an amazing year of coming together and supporting our school community! To all of you that were able to volunteer, contribute to our fundraising efforts, and simply show up to community building activities - you have made a difference and we are grateful. With your support, the PTA has been able to provide educational resources, materials and activities that enhance our students' experience at Yorkville. We wish all the best to the dedicated staff, the incoming Executive Board, and the wonderful families we have met along the way. Have a wonderful summer!

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

Preventing the 'Summer Slide'

It can be tempting for students to want to 'turn off their brain' during the summer months, and a certain amount of this can be beneficial. However, doing so may result in a 'summer slide' in both Math and ELA. Upon returning to school in the fall, it may take a child up to two months to catch-up with academics. Studies show simply reading 2-3 hours per week, or 18-25 minutes per day, can help to prevent summer learning loss.

Upcoming 7th and 8th graders have received their summer assignment packets. In addition, here are a few ideas to help your child avoid 'brain drain'.

- Look for a camp or summer course which interests your child. Such offerings might include STEM, digital design, film or coding.



- Introduce a new hobby such as camping or cooking. Be creative with ways to incorporate Math, Science, and ELA practices while having fun!
- Schedule family reading time. Going to the beach or on a picnic? Have each family member bring a book and set aside 30 minutes during which everyone enjoys quiet reading time.
- Recommend a popular series of books such as ‘Harry Potter’ or ‘The Lord of the Rings’. A reader tends to become more invested in characters and eagerly anticipates delving into the next book.

Source: idtech.com

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 watched *Remember the Titans* while taking note of possible themes. Student then planned theme-based literary essays, and they will write the essays next week.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students completed mini-research projects about the ways in which different emperors shaped Ancient China and studied the history of the Great Wall of China.

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

Science: In Science, students designed an investigation for class 1 levers.

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

Physical Education: Students are learning various skills including shooting, passing and faking in different gameplay styles.

Art: 6th grade students are creating imaginary creatures who help them to solve a specific challenge inspired by artists Joo Young Choi and Jon Burgerman.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students continued to work on their companion books.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students examined the causes and effects of the Gold Rush on San Francisco by analyzing images and primary source documents.



Math: In 7th grade, we mastered the wondrous world of laws of exponents.

Science: In Science, we reflected on our expo projects.

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

Physical Education: Students are learning various skills including shooting, passing and faking in different modified gameplay situations.

Art: 7th grade artists are creating symbolic designs inspired by a book using printmaking.

8th Grade:

ELA: 8th graders finished their podcasts in ELA this week!

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students continued to study the role of activism in United States history and focused on the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Rights Movement.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students took the Regents exam.

Science: In Science, students wrote a review on the documentary "Chasing Coral".

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

Physical Education: Students are learning various skills including shooting, passing and combination skills in different games.

Art: 8th grade artists are creating stop motion animations of a scene from their dystopian story.

Health: Students are learning about the male and female reproductive organs.

