

YORKVILLE EAST NEWS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Math Breakfast @ 8am
- M.Y. After-School

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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



PTA Potluck

Last Friday the PTA hosted a potluck for families, and the turnout was great! We were so happy to get to know new families and reconnect with returning families. Thank you so much to the PTA for organizing such a wonderful night!

PTA Announcements

School Directory - Please take a few minutes to provide your contact information online for the YEMS School Directory by completing a short survey at: <https://goo.gl/forms/jOmH5evohZHbZY5k2> by October 8th. Information you elect to provide will be published in the directory and provided to other YEMS families.

Tuesday, 10/16 at 8:30am - Coffee & Chat. Join us for the first Coffee and Chat of the year in the PTA Office. We welcome parents/guardians from all grades and would love to chat about any topics of interest! We are planning to discuss the high school search process since that is a hot topic right now!



Wednesday, 10/24 at 6pm PTA General Meeting. Please join us to hear the Principal's Report and updates on upcoming events/volunteer opportunities. We will also be conducting an expedited election for one 6th grade family Member-at-Large that will be a voting member on the current PTA Executive Board, as well as, one member of the School Leadership Team (SLT) for a 1-year term. SLT monthly meetings are typically held the last Thursday of each month from 8:00 – 9:00am. The SLT mission is to provide all MSI77 students access to well-rounded learning experiences that promotes critical thinking and academic excellence.

As always, if you would like to become involved in the PTA or volunteer some of your time or talents, please contact us at pta@msi77.org.

Weekly Reminders

No School: There will be no school on Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day.

Storytelling Event: Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, 10/10 at 6pm the PTA will be hosting a storytelling event with Arif Choudhary. We hope to see you there!

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 continued to generate writing ideas, this time using personal timelines to focus on important life events. We also revisited some of our "write longs" to make them stronger. We learned that we can become better writers through analyzing mentor texts and through implementing peer feedback.

Social Studies: In 6th grade Social Studies, students examined the connection among geography, development, climate, and extreme weather. Students also continued to develop their non-fiction reading and note-taking skills.

Math: 6th grade has been working on determining the greatest common factor, least common multiple, and absolute value through a variety of problems.

Science: This week in Science, we practiced identifying independent and dependent variables, constants, and writing research questions and hypothesis!

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students have recently completed their PE quiz for rules and routines and have



moved on to cooperative games and activities.

Art: 6th grade artists are learning about composition by creating collages with organic and geometric shapes.

7th Grade:

ELA: This week in 7th grade ELA, students learned helpful reading strategies to analyze character in their books. We also discussed common trends in various genres.

Social Studies: In 7th grade Social Studies, students explored the motivations for European exploration of the Americas.

Math: In 7th grade Math we solved a problem to discover what happened to Nemo's mom. Students reviewed change and distance between rational numbers.

Science: 7th grade is working on using their knowledge of the Layers of the Earth, Volcanoes, and Earthquakes to determine the pros and cons of using Yuca Mountain as a storage site.

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students are finishing up the human knot as they learned to communicate and collaborate with different students.

Art: 7th grade artists are drawing the human figure, exploring both gesture and proportions.

8th Grade:

ELA: In 8th Grade ELA, students began reading their book club books for our memoir unit. They had their first two book club meetings and even began applying some of what they're learning about memoir to writing some seeds of stories of their own.

Social Studies: In 8th grade Social Studies, students continued to learn about the history of slavery in the United States, specifically about Bleeding Kansas and *Dred Scott v. Sanford* court case.

Math: In 8th grade Algebra I, students have been hard at work studying how graphs can connect to and model real life situations. We then finished the week by defining functions and relations, and started to understand the important characteristics of each.



Science: 8th grade is working on their Cell infographics in order to demonstrate their understanding of how the Organelles help the who cell function.

Spanish: Students practiced decoding paragraphs using language learning strategies. They introduced themselves in complete Spanish sentences and are beginning to use Spanish greetings.

Physical Education: Students are finishing up the human knot as they learned to communicate and collaborate through strategy and feedback to figure out the knot via different student combinations.

Art: 8th grade artists are creating blueprints for their Mandala designs.

Health: Students are learning about the different dimensions of health and how are they related and can effect each other.

