



## **Every Fox Needs a Den** **Welcome to Yours!**



A message from your Principal, Mrs. Hafenrichter

Hello YGS families,

What a busy week! On Monday staff and students recovered from the exciting finish to the Superbowl Sunday night with some of our students recounting their favorite play, commercial or how many times T. Swift was shown on camera. Tuesday brought us the chance to celebrate the 100 days we have spent at YGS during the 23-24 school year. Students celebrated with activities in the classroom, PE, and found the 100 foxes hidden around YGS. Mrs. Walter created a fun video highlighting our first 100 days at YGS. The link is provided below. Wednesday we celebrated Valentine's Day with our parties that took place throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and helped make the day successful.

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday. I hope you take the time to rest, recover and relax. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and supporting our school. Have a great weekend.

[100 Days at YGS Video](#)

Best,  
Melinda Hafenrichter  
YGS Principal

**"The time is always right to do what is right" ~ Martin Luther King Jr.**



## 5 Essentials Parent Survey

As a parent, you have an opportunity to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. The 15-minute survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains.

The Parent Survey Supplement is now open and will close on March 29, 2024. Each school needs at least 20% of parents to participate, so please complete the survey today!

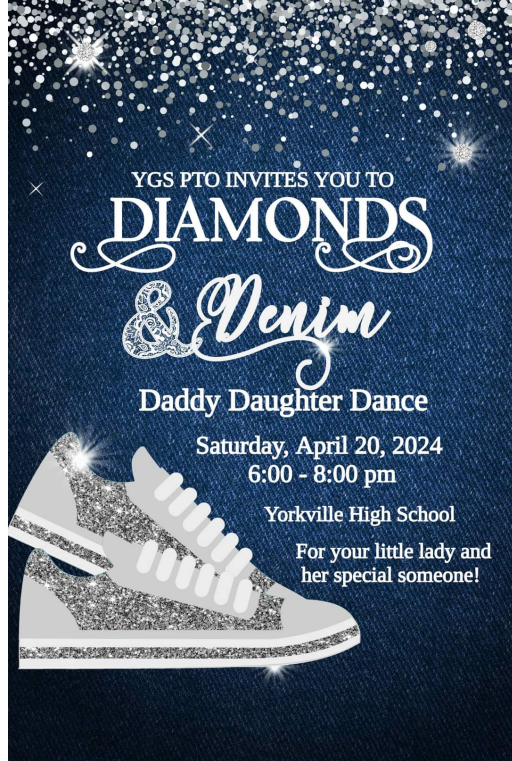
**YGS is at 12% response rate. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.**

To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the parent survey to begin. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Brent Edwards at [jbedwards@y115.org](mailto:jbedwards@y115.org). Thank you for your participation and helping to provide key insights for improvement at your child's school. Please find more information at [Yorkville 5Essentials Parent Survey](#)

## Daddy Daughter Dance Tickets

The Daddy Daughter dance tickets will go on sale next Friday! You can purchase by visiting [THIS](#) link.

PTO is still looking for volunteers so please reach out if you are interested in helping prepare for the event or volunteer at the event.



## Local Election Polling Place

The Kendall County Board and the Regional Office of Education (ROE) have announced that Yorkville Grade School will be used as a polling place for the Tuesday, March 19, 2024 local elections.

Yorkville Grade School will use the gymnasium as the polling location and will have specific directions, accompanied by signage, to usher the voters in from a single entrance. The safety of our students and staff is always top priority, and as such, voting areas will be isolated from the rest of the school. A member of the D115 Security Team will also be posted nearby.

Yorkville Grade School will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 for voting purposes. Thank you in advance for your continued support, patience, and partnership during this time, so our families and community members are able to perform their civic duties. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [mhafenrichter@y115.org](mailto:mhafenrichter@y115.org)

## 24-25 Registration Information



Yorkville Community School District 115 is proud to introduce a new student information system (SIS) called Synergy Edupoint. Families will be able to experience Synergy later this month with the opening of student registration.

On **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** families will receive an email from Synergy containing a link with instructions to activate a ParentVUE account which is required to complete student registration for school year 2024-2025.

For more information please visit the [Registration Services](#) page under the **Parent** tab at [y115.org](http://y115.org).





# Calling all 2024-25 Kindergartners

Families, please save the date for **March 14th** to ensure your incoming kindergarten student is registered and ready to start the school year!

Registration will take place online or at your child's home school from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on March 14, 2024. (see [www.y115.org/boundary](http://www.y115.org/boundary))

Yorkville CUSD 115 offers a full-day kindergarten program. To enroll in kindergarten, the child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1 of the school year. An original birth certificate and three (3) proofs of residency (e.g., current tax bill/lease, recent utility bill, driver's license) are required for registration.

**Autumn Creek Elementary**  
2377 Autumn Creek Blvd.

**Bristol Bay Elementary**  
427 Bristol Bay Drive

**Bristol Grade School**  
23 Hunt Street

**Circle Center Grade School**  
901 Mill Street

**Grande Reserve Elementary**  
3142 Grande Trail

**Yorkville Grade School**  
201 W. Somonauk Street

  
District 115  
**YORKVILLE**  
Community Unit School District  
630-553-4382  
[www.y115.org/2024registration](http://www.y115.org/2024registration)

## Family and Community Engagement - Parent Workshop

This is the F.A.C.E. Workshop you don't want to miss!

**Open to all families**, Parent Workshop #3 will include presentations on the Physical Aspects of Mental Health, Healthy Eating by Whitsons Culinary Group, and an introduction to the new Central Registration Program and Synergy Student Information System (SIS).

D115 F.A.C.E. Parent Workshop #3 will be held on Tuesday, February 27th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Yorkville High School Library. (Please enter through door #27 or #28)

Mark your calendars and RSVP today!

Please RSVP at the following links:

English - <https://tinyurl.com/ynexaybp>

Spanish - <https://tinyurl.com/3dpdx95b>

For more information please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/mu4pee73>

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### Mark Your Calendars

- **February 19th** - No School (Presidents' Day)
- **February 23rd** - Kindergarten Outdoor Ed field trip
- **March 7th** - YGS Art Show & Book Fair (5 - 7 pm)
- **March 14th** - Kindergarten Registration for 24-25 school year
- **March 25th** - April 1st - Spring Break
- **April 23rd** - K/1 Music Concert at YIS
- **April 25th** - 1st Grade Outdoor Ed field trip

## MINDFUL MOMENTOS WITH MRS. R.



Hello YGS Families,

As you might know from previous newsletters or your students, we have started some of our standardized testing. While I don't want to take away from the great tips Mrs. Hafenrichter has shared before, I want to focus on one big one, getting good sleep.

Getting some good sleep is crucial to boosting a positive mood and creating a mind that is ready to learn. I have always loved using this resource when it comes to talking about common sleep problems, promoting some healthy sleep hygiene, and overall great tips for parents. As this [Sleep Hygiene Tips and Parent Info](#) resource also highlights, "Early childhood is a critical time period for brain development in children. Getting enough sleep helps to promote a child's future health and development, and has been linked to improved memory performance, motor skill development, and language acquisition." And let's be honest, our child's sleep patterns can also impact our own well-being too.

So here's to some good sleep for you and your kiddos!

Sweet dreams and wishes,  
Mrs. R

## PTO UPDATES



PTO is planning for the 2024 Daddy Daughter Dance. This year, the dance will take place on April 20th and the theme is Diamonds and Denim. If you know anyone who is willing to make a donation, please have them reach out to the PTO by emailing [ygspto@gmail.com](mailto:ygspto@gmail.com)

Meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Yorkville Grade School Library.

- March 5th, 2024
- April 2nd, 2024
- May 7th, 2024

## FOX FOODIES



### Breakfast

A breakfast option is available for purchase (\$1.80). Any student interested in a grab-and-go option may stop at the serving station set up by the cafeteria

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
Closed	Soft Filled Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar 🍌 Sunshine Smoothie 🥤 WG Honey Graham Crackers 🍌 Sliced Oranges 100% Juice Fruit Punch	Cheerios Cereal 🍌 String Cheese Strawberry & Banana Yogurt Cup Organic Granola Blueberries 100% Apple Juice	Yogurt Parfait 🍌 🥤 Strawberry Nutri-Grain Bar 🍌 Light Mozzarella Cheese Stick Fresh Banana 100% Grape Juice	Banana Chocolate Breakfast Bar 🍌 Cocoa Puffs Cereal Bar Cinnamon Graham Crackers Apple Slices Orange 100% Juice

### Snack

Please send your child with a snack to school each day. Parents are encouraged to review which item should be eaten for snack and which items should be eaten for lunch.

## Lunch

Purchasing a school lunch (\$2.80) continues to be an option for students. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child about what their lunch choice will be each day. Will they bring a lunch from home or will they order at school?

Monday	19	Tuesday	20	Wednesday	21	Thursday	22	Friday	23
Closed		Incredibowls General	Turkey Hot Dog on Bun	Crispy Chicken	French Bread Pizza				
		Tso's Chicken	Cheese Steak Sandwich	Sandwich	Nachos Grande				
		Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Not-A-Nut Butter & Jelly	Veggie Burger on Bun	Turkey & Cheese				
		BBQ Chicken Wrap	Sandwich	Chicken Caesar Wrap	Sandwich				
		Fresh Garden Salad with Sliced Egg	Garden Salad with Cheese Entree	Simply Boxed Not-A-Nut-Butter Fuel Pack	Egg Salad Plate				
					Mild Salsa				

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



## Quarter 2 Specials Newsletter

**QUARTER 2: 2022-2024**  
**SPECIALS ALERT!**  
 Snapshots From your Specials Team at YGS

**MUSIC NOTES**  
**with Mrs. Pomaroy**  
 Kindergarten worked on ways to keep a steady beat in their rhythm unit. They learned holiday songs such as Pass the Pumpkin, Turkey Turkey, and a soft dance to The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy from The Nutcracker. They also explored high and low sounds in our pitch exploration unit through instrument stations and listening activities.  
**1st Grade** continued to practice reading and writing quarter note, quarter rest, and beamed eighth note rhythms. They explored these rhythms through music centers that featured different instruments working on fine and gross motor skills. They also explored musical elements in our Farm and Muddy units through holiday song games such as Pass the Pumpkin, Turkey Turkey, and Sleep Ride. They'll continue learning about Melody as we start the Pitch Hill unit.  
**2nd Grade** started strong with preparing for their fall concert. After their performance, they reflected on highlights of their performance in a concert reflection. They learned and listened to holiday songs like Sleep Ride to learn about ABA and introduce Rondo form. They learned the song Auld Lang Syne to review 4 beat rhythm patterns using quarter notes/rest, beamed eighth notes and learned about repeat signs and collages.  
**3rd Grade** started strong with preparing for their fall concert. After their performance, they reflected on highlights of their performance in a concert reflection. They learned and listened to holiday songs like Sleep Ride to learn about Rondo form through playing a card game and learned the song Auld Lang Syne to review 4 beat rhythm patterns using quarter notes/rest, beamed eighth notes, and half notes/rest and learn about the function of repeat signs and reviewed acrostics.

**BEYOND THE STACKS**  
**with Mrs. Martinez & Mrs. Schroeder**  
 We checked in on so much fun in the library and this quarter was no exception. We discovered books don't have to have words in order to make a story but they do need characters, setting, a problem & a solution. (Check out wordless picture books for a great read with your class!)  
 Student authors wrote and illustrated their own piece of work whenever the inspiration struck them and many were inspired by our penguin themed author visits in December from Picture creator Tanya McCutcheon & Penguin Kid Penguin creator Jan de Oliveira.  
 We also explored the more serious issue of copyright and fair use. We worked hard to create our own original ideas and give credit when we are inspired by others.

**TECH TIPS**  
**with Ms. J**  
 Each grade will be working on Coding this next quarter. Coding will be independent time to problem solve different tasks. The grades will be using Code.org during class time. There are other sites on their Clever page that they can use.  
 Specials Teacher competed in Penguin Games with the kiddos and had a blast before winter break!

**COACH'S CORNER**  
**with Ms. Campbell**  
 In the 2nd quarter students participated in mini golf, a health unit, many holiday games and so much more...
 

- Students used a variety of warm-ups to work on gross motor skills, coordination, balance, and rhythm each day.
- Students mastered a few songs doing the cardio drumming unit.
- Many students love the different holiday games we got to play before the long break.

**IMPORTANT DATES!**  
 Add these SPECIAL events to your calendar!

**ART DATES!**  
 BGS art show: March 7th 5-7pm  
 Fine Arts Fest: March 16th [link to website](#) to learn a workshop open to all!

**MUSIC DATES!**  
 Great performance from our 2nd and 3rd grade students! They Rock n' Rolled the house down with their amazing performance in November.  
**Save the Date!** YGS Kindergarten and 1st Grade Performance Tuesday April 23rd @ 6:30pm in the YIS Gymnasium

**LIBRARY DATES!**  
 February 22nd: PJ Author Zoom  
 March 4th-7th: Book Fair Week





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**HOW TO CONTACT YOUR SPECIALS STAFF!**  
We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Quarter 2 Report Cards

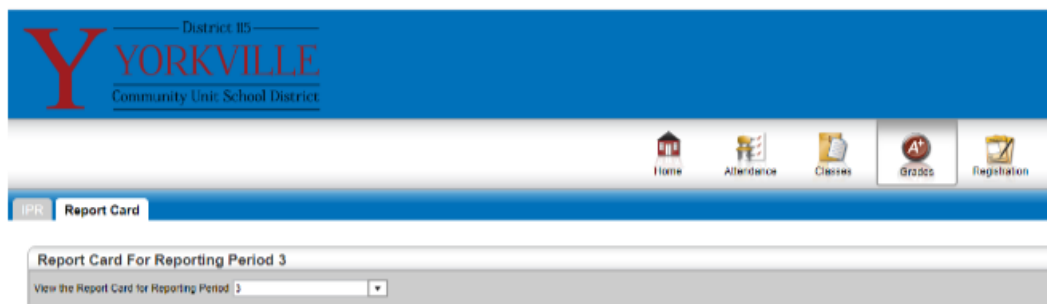
Quarter 2 report cards were released last week through Home Access Center. If you do not have access to this website for your student or have forgotten your password, please feel free to reach out to the main office.

Below is a graphic explaining how to pull the report cards. Please take a few moments to review your students progress and reach out to their teacher with questions.

### Report Card in Home Access Center

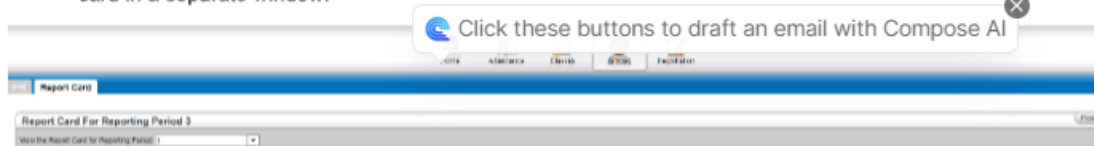
The Report Card page in [Home Access Center](#) displays your student's most recent report card.

To display the Report Card page, click **Grades** on the HAC menu, then click the **Report Card** tab.

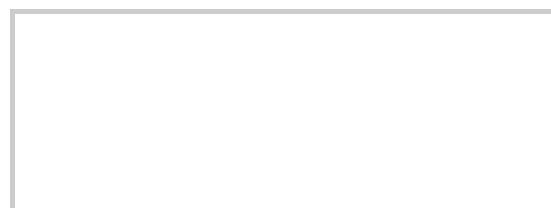
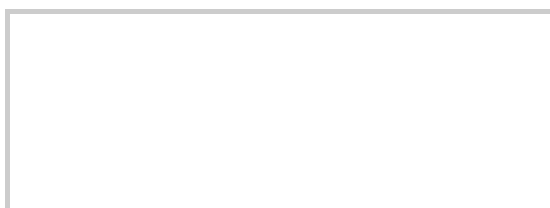


### Print report cards

- To print or save a copy of the student's report card, click **Print**. This will bring up a .PDF copy of the report card in a separate window.



## YHS Music Boosters Restaurant Night



Yorkville Music Boosters  
Presents



Wednesday, February 21st

4-9 PM

Enjoy great food while supporting  
your amazing 5th-12th grade  
musicians!

# Culver's Night

Wednesday, February 21st

4:00pm-9:00pm

1745 Marketview Drive, Yorkville  
630-882-6179

15% of all Flier Sales benefit the  
Yorkville Music Boosters!

**Bring this Flier**

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 - 2024 Yearbooks

Order your  
yearbook now and  
get a discount!  
Visit

### Yorkville Grade School Yearbook Cover Contest

All 1st thru 3rd grade students are invited to enter  
their art in our yearbook cover contest.

The winner's artwork will be displayed on the  
front cover of the yearbook. Even if your entry is not used on the cover,  
it may be used in other places throughout the book.



**Submit Art on:**

8 1/2 x 11 blank sheet of paper  
Vertical orientation

**All Entries Must Include:**

Our school name  
A drawing of a fox  
The school year **2023-2024**  
Use the words **Small School, Big  
Love** on the cover

Entries Due By: **March 1st**

**Tips for a Good Entry:**

Use lots of color, including the background. Don't leave uncolored white space.  
Mix up your medium, use crayons, watercolors, markers, pastels, etc.  
Do not add text too close to the edge of the page. Leave 1 inch of space around the  
edges, (no text) just color. This will avoid print issues when the art is applied to the  
cover.

Return to the office or Mrs. Walter when finished!

**TreeRing**

[www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate) and enter the YGS code of 1016328586504766

## Community Flyers

Are you looking for events happening in the Yorkville area? Check out the  
Community Flyer page on the Yorkville Website for up-to-date information  
about local events.



## DROP OFF & PICK UP



**Please review the reminders below to ensure that all students and parents are safe during pick up and drop off.**

- If you would like to walk your child to the door, please park and use the cross walk located between the green and red cars in the picture below.
- If you plan to pick up your child outside of your car, please wait in the area near the handicap parking spots.
- When in the drop off line, you **MUST** stay in your car. A staff member can help you if you need a door to be opened. Please make sure your child is ready exit when you are in the drop off zone.
- Please make sure to call the office before 2:30 if there is a change in transportation for the end of the day.
- Click [HERE](#) to view the map.

My primary communication to families will be through weekly newsletters on Friday which is an email/e-newsletter. Please make sure your contact information is kept up-to-date with the school so that you receive these important messages.



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