



## Every Fox Needs a Den Welcome to Yours!



A message from your Principal, Mrs. Hafenrichter

Hello YGS families,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I find myself reflecting on all of the people in my life that I am grateful for. Last year I asked that you share how you are grateful for our YGS staff. Your words of encouragement and thanks were really appreciated and it really lifted spirits. This year, I thought I would share with you how the YGS staff is grateful for our parent community. Below are the top 10 things we are grateful for from our families.

#10 - You take the time to read teacher and school newsletters in order to stay up to date with the happenings at YGS.

#9 - You turn your forms in on time allowing us to plan wonderful experiences for our students. *(198 students went bowling on Wednesday!)*

#8 - You support our PTO fundraising efforts selling over \$4,000 from our Chocolate Shoppe fundraiser.

#7 - You attend our shows, concerts, and/or special events.

#6 - You keep your children home when they are sick and communicate this with our office in a timely manner.

#5 - You are responsive to your teacher's classroom needs.

#4 - You follow up at home when provided a suggestion or

recommendation from a YGS staff member.

#3 - You are quick to volunteer in the classroom and at special events.

#2 - You get your child to school on time & ready to learn.

#1 - You support your children to be the best they can be.

This newsletter will serve as your update for this upcoming week as well as the week following Thanksgiving break. I hope that you enjoy the holiday and time with friends and family.

Thank you for entrusting us with your students and supporting our school. Have a great weekend.

Best,  
Melinda Hafenrichter  
YGS Principal

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." - JFK

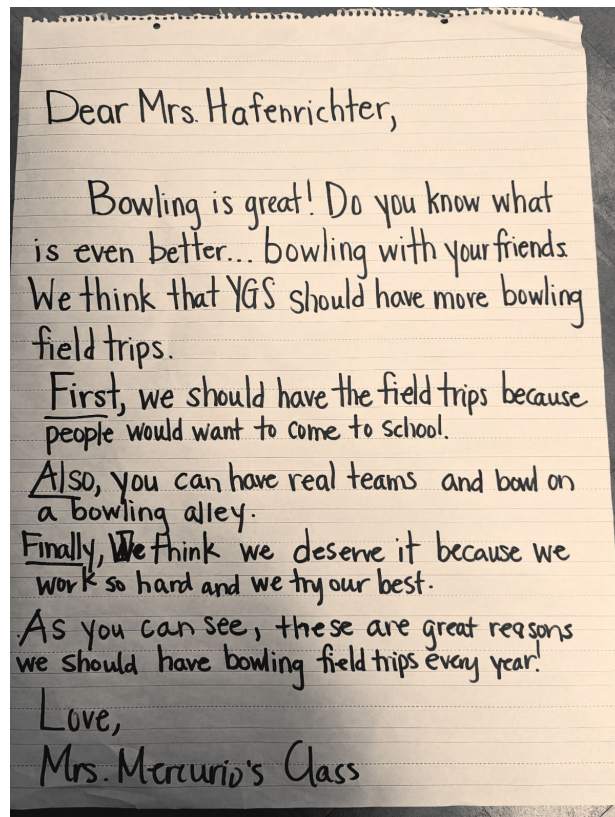
## NEWS TO NOTE



### Bowling Fun!

Thank you to everyone who organized, funded, and chaperoned our YGS Bowling field trip. Check out our photos by visiting [THIS](#) link.

Mrs. Mercurio's class even wrote a persuasive paragraph on why we should have this field trip every year.



### YGS Holiday Giving Tree

Help spread some holiday cheer for some of our wonderful Yorkville Grade School students/families by providing gifts through our [Virtual Giving Tree](#) this holiday season! Select as many slots as you wish to support our kiddos no later than 12/6/23 so that gifts can be purchased and dropped off to the Yorkville Grade School main office by 12/18/23. Please include a tag or note with the family

code number (listed on your slot, e.i. A1, B2, etc.) with your unwrapped gift(s). We will be adding more slots throughout next week so please check back if all of the slots are filled.

For any question please contact Mrs. Resendiz, School Social Worker, at [aresendiz@y115.org](mailto:aresendiz@y115.org) or call (630) 553-4390 ex 4167.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for your kindness and support! YGS wishes you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season!



Yorkville Music Boosters is hosting a Rock 'n Roll Fundraising Gala on April 20, 2024 at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, but we need your help! In order to make this event a success, we need to have amazing silent auction items!

Please consider donating items related to the theme indicated below:

- 5th grade: Staycation
- 6th grade: Camping
- 7th grade: Sports
- 8th grade: Fun and Games
- YHS Band: Outdoor Adventures
- YHS Orchestra: Photography and Art
- YHS Choir: Family Activities

Use your imagination! No item is too big or too small! Bring all items to your director by Friday, January 12.

You can find out more about the gala here:

<https://www.yorkvillemusic.org/gala>

Tickets go on sale January 31!

**Quarter 1  
Specials**

# Newsletter

Our specials teachers have put together an update on all the great things that happened during the 1st quarter. Check out the newsletter in the pictures below or by clicking [HERE](#).



## MINDFUL MOMENTOS WITH MRS. R.



Hello there YGS Families!

I hope you are all doing well!

This week I wanted to share some information about our district wide Parent Workshop series that will take place throughout the 2023/24 school year. These workshops are open to all families and will discuss a variety of topics like the Individualized Education Program, student nutrition, social and emotional health, family fun, and more. The next Family & Community Engagement Parent Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Yorkville High School Library. (Please enter through door #27 or #28) This Parent Workshop will include a presentation on the Five W's of Stress and Part 2 of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.



Family and Community Engagement - Parent Workshop

Mark your calendars and RSVP using the following links:

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

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

Thank you!

Mrs. Resendiz

YGS Social Worker

# DATES TO REMEMBER



## Mark Your Calendars

- **November 21st** - 2:25 Dismissal (1 hour early)
- **November 22nd, 23rd, 24th** - No School Thanksgiving Break
- **November 28th** - 2nd & 3rd grade musical at 6:30 (YIS Gym)
- **December 5th** - YGS PTO Meeting at 5:30 pm at YGS
- **December 21st** - 2:35 Dismissal
- **December 22nd** - January 5th - Winter Break

## PTO UPDATES



Thank you to everyone for showing up on Friday to pick up your fundraiser items. If you missed the pick up, your items will be send home with your student on Monday, November 20th.

PTO recently surveyed staff at YGS to learn about their favorite things. If you are wanting to get your teacher a gift for the holidays, we hope this provides you with some easy to find ideas. Check out the list [HERE](#).

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

- December 5th, 2023
- January 9th, 2024
- February 6th, 2024
- March 5th, 2024
- April 2nd, 2024
- May 7th, 2024

## FOX FOODIES



If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunch fees, please visit [THIS](#) website. This application needs to be completed on a yearly basis to qualify. This means that if you received free or reduced fees last year you will need to apply again this year. If you have never applied and need to set up an account the website contains an easy to follow tutorial for setting up your account in order to apply.

## 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

Mon	20	Tue	21	Wed	22	Thu	23	Fri	24
Maple Mini Waffles 🍷 Apple Cinnamon Cheerios Cereal 🍷 Graham Crackers Fresh Pear 100% Apple Juice		Egg and Cheese Sandwich 🍷 WG Cherry Muffin 🍷 Sliced Oranges 100% Juice Fruit Punch		Closed		Closed		Closed	
Mon	27	Tue	28	Wed	29	Thu	30	No Menu Available	
Mini Blueberry Bash Waffles 🍷 Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal 🍷 Light Mozzarella Cheese Stick Fresh Pear 100% Apple Juice		Fluffy Whole Grain Pancakes 🍷 Sunshine Smoothie 🍷 Turkey Sausage Patty Graham Crackers Sliced Oranges 100% Juice Fruit Punch Syrup		Sausage and Egg Sandwich Raspberry & Peach Yogurt Cup Organic Granola Fresh Grapes 100% Apple Juice		Homemade Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal 🍷 🍷 Apple Cinnamon Breakfast Bar 🍷 Fresh Banana 100% Grape 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?

Mon	20	Tue	21	Wed	22	Thu	23	Fri	24
Chicken Sandwich Veggie Burger on Bun 🍷 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Pizza Salad 🍷		Incredibowls General Tso's Chicken 🍷 Grilled Cheese Sandwich BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍷 Fresh Garden Salad with Sliced Egg 🍷 🍷		Closed		Closed		Closed	
Mon	27	Tue	28	Wed	29	Thu	30	No Menu Available	
Cheeseburger French Bread Pizza 🍷 Not-A-Nut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 🍷 🍷 Simply Boxed Vegan Hummus Pack 🍷 🍷		Homemade Mac & Cheese 🍷 Meatball Hero 🍷 🍷 BLT Wrap 🍷 🍷 Garden Salad with Cheese Entree 🍷 🍷		Chicken Bowl with Gravy Grilled Cheese Sandwich 🍷 Buffalo Chicken Wrap 🍷 Simply Boxed Not-A-Nut-Butter Fuel Pack 🍷 🍷 Whole Wheat Dinner Roll		Crispy Chicken Sandwich Cheese Steak Sandwich 🍷 Chicken Caesar Wrap 🍷 Garden Salad Entree 🍷 🍷			

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



## Don't Forget to Pack a Snack

We have recently had a significant increase in the amount of K-3 students not bringing a snack to school. A full belly contributes to a positive learning environment, promoting overall well-being and supporting the academic success of individuals by laying the foundation for sustained attention, memory retention, and effective problem-solving.

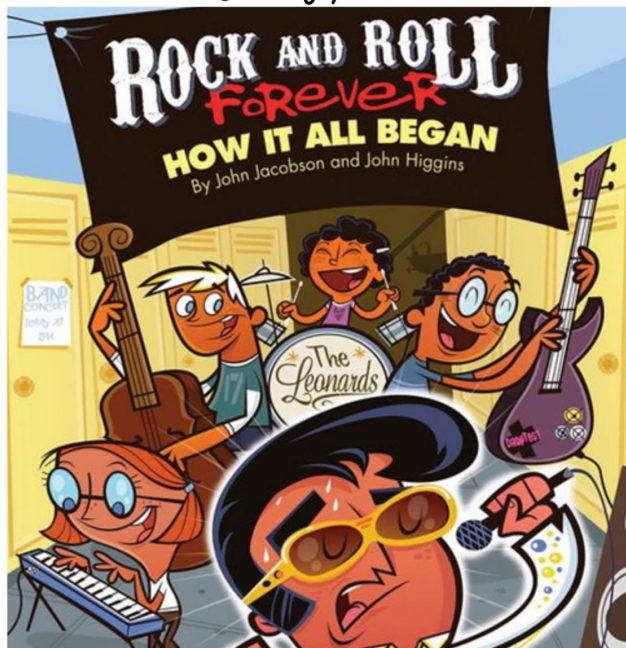
Please take some time this weekend to talk to your child about the snack that they might have in their lunch box or create a plan for your child packing their own snack. If you are in need of support for snacks, please reach out to Mrs. Resendiz.

## Cold Weather Gear

As the weather heads toward winter, bringing cold weather gear for recess is essential to ensure that students can fully enjoy their outdoor break while

staying warm and comfortable. If the temperature/wind chill at recess time is above 15 degrees we will be headed outside for recess. Packed with warm layers, insulated jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves, cold weather gear helps protect against the brisk temperatures.

*Yorkville Grade School*  
*Proudly presents*



*featuring the 2nd & 3rd Grade*

**When: Tuesday November 28th @ 6:30pm**

**Where: Yis Gymnasium**

## Save the Date!

Come one, Come all! Check out our YGS 2nd and 3rd grade classes performing in Rock and Roll Forever: How It All Began. You'll hear greatest hits by Elvis Presly, The Beatles, Little Richard, and the Beach Boys.

Coming to a stage near you!

When: Tuesday November 28th @ 6:30pm (students arrive at 6pm)

Where: YIS Gymnasium

## 2023 - 2024 Yearbooks

Order your yearbook now and get a discount! Visit [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.

### **Community Flyer Page**

## 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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