



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



A message from your Principal, Mrs. Hafenrichter

Hello YGS families,

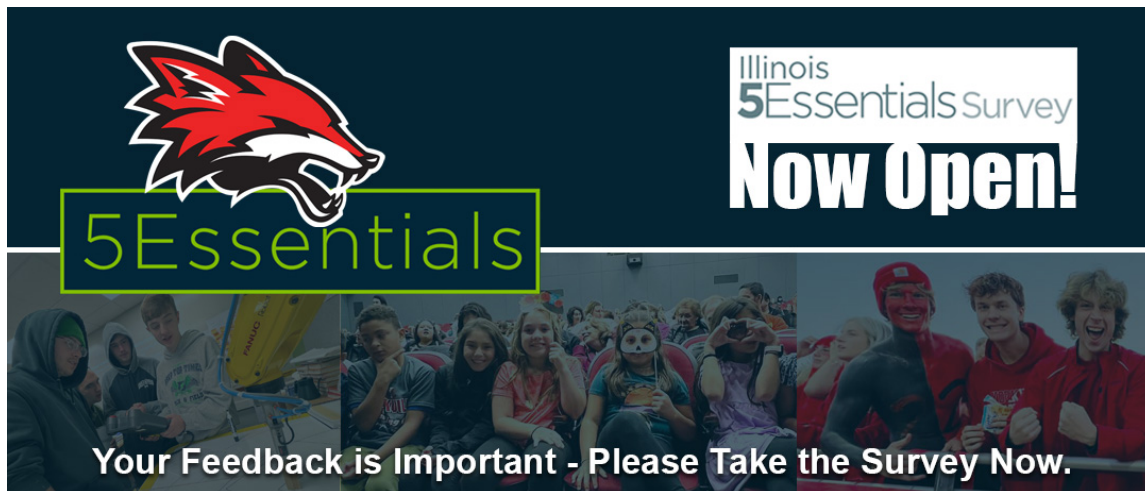
You should be very proud of your YGS student this week! We continued our MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing and in looking preliminarily through the results it was evident that they tried their best and showed how much they have learned this school year. Students take this test three times a year and it can produce a lot of different emotions in the students. The test is adaptive so students are given problems that are easy and others that are hard in an effort to determine the type of question that is the "best fit" for the student. If you have the chance this weekend, ask your student how many points they grew!

Next week is a busy week for YGS. We have our 100th day of school on Tuesday and Valentine's Day on Wednesday. Please note the information below about the option to dress up for the 100th day and consider signing up to volunteer for our Valentine's Day parties.

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

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!

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. 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](#)

Fostering our Future Awards

Each year, Yorkville Educational Foundation honors Yorkville CUSD 115 educators, staff, volunteers, and community members who go above and beyond to support Y115. The Foundation's 6th annual Fostering Our Future recognition program allows us to share the stories of these extraordinary heroes and honor them at a formal awards ceremony in the spring. Learn more and submit a nomination here: yef115.org/fostering-our-future Nominations close on Sunday, February 11.



We have the most amazing staff at YGS! Please consider nominating someone.

Spring Fox Clubs

YGS is excited to be offering Fox Clubs this spring after school for all students to participate. We have two clubs that students can participate in at no cost to parents.

The first club is Fox New Things Club. The brand new “New Things Club” is run by Ms. Campbell and Ms. O! With this new club, your student will experience new games and activities that they may have never heard of or tried before. Some activities may include Zumba, older board and video games, and even dodgeball! Come for a fun time!

The second club is Fox Foodies during which students will learn how to make simple, healthy, no cook/bake snack recipes that they can make at home with family. Each week students will learn a new recipe and at the end of the session the students will have a recipe book to take home. The recipes will be different than last session so students are encouraged to sign up again. This club will be limited to 20 students for each day.

Kindergarten and 1st grade clubs will take place on Tuesdays and clubs for 2nd and 3rd grade will take place on Thursdays. A schedule of the dates is below. If your student qualifies for transportation during the school day then they have the option for transportation home from Fox Club.

If you are interested in signing up, please complete [THIS](#) survey by **Friday, February 9th**. Please complete a form for each child you would like to participate. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hafenrichter.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Students	2nd Grade & 3rd Grade Students
Weekly on Tuesdays	Weekly on Thursdays
March 5th, 2024	No club on 3/7 due to the YGS Art Show
March 12th, 2024	March 14th, 2024
No Club on 3/19 due to Election Night	March 21st, 2024
No clubs the week of March 25th - Spring Break	
April 2nd, 2024	April 4th, 2024
April 9th, 2024	April 11th, 2024
April 16th, 2024	April 18th, 2024
April 23rd, 2024	April 25th, 2024
April 30th, 2024	May 2nd, 2024
May 7th, 2024	May 9th, 2024

Quarter 2 Specials Newsletter

SPECIALS ALERT!

Snapshots From your Specials Team at YGS!

MUSIC NOTES

with Mrs. Pomeroy

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 Melody units through holiday song games such as Pass the Pumpkin, Turkey Turkey, and Steady Ride. They're continue learning about Melody as we start the third 1st sets.

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 Steady Ride to learn about ABA and introduce Rondo form. They learned the song Auld Lang Syne to review 4 beat rhythm patterns using quarter note/rest, beamed eighth notes, and half note/rest and learn about the function of repeat signs, and reviewed octaves.

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 Steady Ride to learn about ABA and introduce Rondo form. They learned the song Auld Lang Syne to review 4 beat rhythm patterns using quarter note/rest, beamed eighth notes, and half note/rest and learn about the function of repeat signs, and reviewed octaves.

BEYOND THE STACKS

with Mrs. Martinez & Mrs. Schroeder

We always have 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 child!)

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 Pinner creator Taina McCannery & Ranger Kid Penguin creator Jan de Clerck.

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 use 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!

A SPLASH OF COLOR

with Ms. O'Rourke

Everyone's been keeping busy in art this quarter with more to come. Make sure to mark your calendars for our annual art show on March 7th so you can see all the students' hard work!

What we've been up to:

Kindergarten has learned about how lines and shapes are used to create artwork and are now talking about abstract art.

1st grade finished up the quarter by creating their own self portraits with a winter theme.

2nd grade has talked a lot about symmetry to create intricate snowflakes and unique beetles.

3rd grade created oil pastel landscapes and just finished up their falling deer self portraits.

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 during the cardio drumming unit.
- Many students love the different holiday games we go 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 (you'll be there to catch 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



Fun in SPECIALS!

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Mark Your Calendars

- February 13th - 100th day of school
- February 14th - Valentine's Day Celebrations
- February 19th - No School (Presidents' Day)
- February 23rd - Kindergarten Outdoor Ed field trip
- 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

MINIFUL MOMENTOS WITH MRS. R.



Hola YGS Families!

With Valentine's Day looming in the air, I wanted to share these super cute ideas from Confessions of Parenting. These heartwarming and fun activities are bound to sprinkle some love in the air to make this day truly memorable for you and your loved ones.

Start the Day with Love: Begin your Valentine's morning with a sweet surprise -**Valentine's Day Pancakes**. These delightful and easy-to-make pancakes are perfect for a love-filled breakfast.

Bake with Love: Involve the kids in the kitchen and bake some delicious **Strawberry Cake Mix Cookies**. This simple recipe is a great way to bond and create sweet memories.

Laugh and Learn: Enjoy some family and keep your kiddo(s)'s mind engaged with these **Valentine's Day Riddles**.

Romance with Words: Don't forget about your own special someone on this day of love! A little humor can go a long way so send them a smile with these **Valentine's Day Pick-Up Lines**.

This Valentine's Day, let's not just celebrate love, but create lasting memories with our families. Each of these activities is designed to bring you closer and add a dash of joy to your day.

Wishing you and your family a day filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

With Love,
Mrs. R

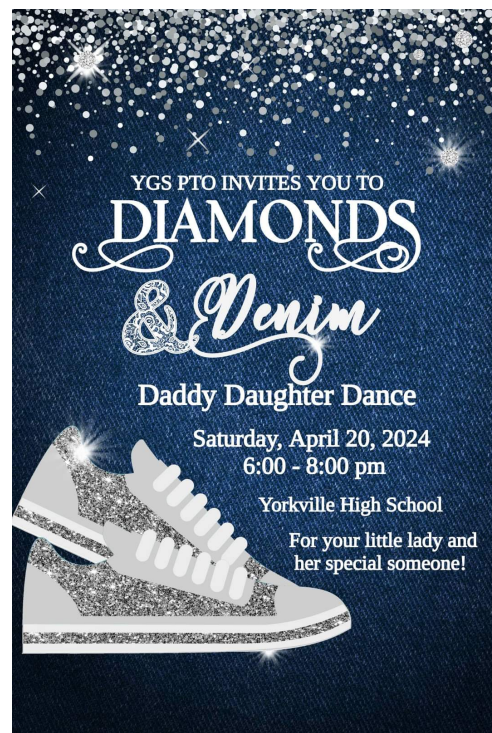
PTO UPDATES



PTO has begun planning for the 2024 Daddy Daughter Dance. This year, the dance will take place on April 20th and the theme is Diamonds and Denim.

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

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





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

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
Red. Sugar Froot Loops Cereal 🍏 Light Mozzarella Cheese Stick Raspberry & Peach Yogurt Cup Organic Granola Fresh Pear 100% Apple Juice	Apple Cinnamon Breakfast Bar 🍏 WG Cherry Muffin 🍏 Sliced Oranges 100% Juice Fruit Punch	Mini Cinnamon Pull Apart Roll 🍏 Strawberry & Banana Yogurt Cup Organic Granola Blueberries 100% Apple Juice	Whole Grain Bagel Spring Breeze Smoothie 🍏🍏 Creamy Sunbutter Cinnamon Graham Crackers Fresh Banana 100% Grape Juice	Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal 🍏 Blueberry Muffin 🍏 Light Mozzarella Cheese Stick Apple Slices 100% Orange Tangerine

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 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
Wing Shack Honey BBQ Chicken Wings Nachos Grande BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍏 Simply Boxed Vegan Hummus Pack 🍏🍏	Homemade Pasta & Meatballs 🍏🍏 Ham & Cheese Bagel Melt 🍏 Not-A-Nut Butter & Jelly Sandwich 🍏🍏 Garden Salad Entree 🍏 🍏	Chicken Nuggets Grilled Cheese Sandwich BLT Wrap 🍏🍏 Simply Boxed Egg Protein Pack 🍏 Whole Wheat Dinner Roll WG Sugar Cookie	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich 🍏 Two Cheese Quesadilla Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Crispy Chicken Garden Salad 🍏 Green Beans	Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Parmesan Sandwich 🍏🍏 Vegetarian Hummus Wrap 🍏🍏 Crispy Chicken Garden Salad 🍏

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Quarter 2 Report Cards


Quarter 2 report cards were released this 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.

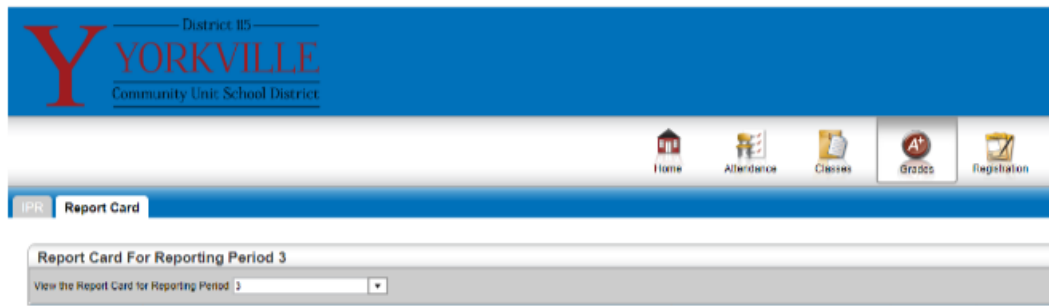
Below is a graphic explaining how to pull the report cards. Please take a few moments to review your students progress and reach out to their teacher with

questions.

Report Card in Home Access Center

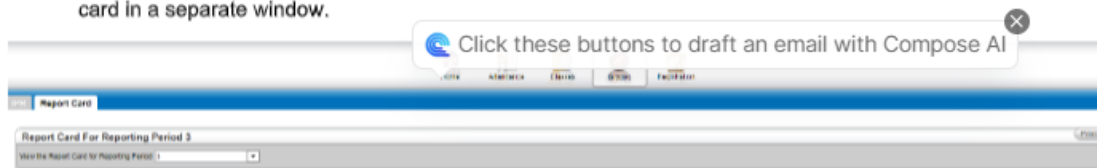
The Report Card page in [Home Access Center](#) displays your student's most recent report card.

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.



100 Days of School

February 13th will be our 100th day of school! We have some activities taking place throughout the day in and out of the classroom. Students are encouraged to wear 100 of something or dress like they are 100 years old.

Valentine's Day Parties

Valentine's Day parties at YGS will be spread out throughout the day similar to what we did at Halloween. Classroom teachers will be asking for volunteers for grade level times listed below. As a reminder, Valentines may be sent in with your child to give to all students in the classroom but cannot contain food.

Kindergarten 9:15 - 10:15

1st Grade 1:30 - 2:30

2nd Grade 2:30 - 3:25

3rd Grade 10:15 - 11:15

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 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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