



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

This week was filled with moments that truly capture the spirit of our district innovation, creativity, pride, and what we proudly call Yonkers Magic.

I had the opportunity to visit several incredible events across our schools, including a vibrant Math Carnival, the inspiring School 5 Art Show, and the Mayor's School Spotlight at Gorton High School.



Superintendent Soler Pitches In at the Hostos Food Pantry

Each of these experiences reminded me of the extraordinary talent within our students and the dedication of our educators who make these opportunities possible. From hands-on learning in mathematics to the creativity expressed in student artwork, our schools continue to nurture the whole child and inspire a love of learning.

I was also honored to attend Mayor Mike Spano's State of the City address. The theme, "We Are Revolutionary," highlighted Yonkers' place in our nation's story as we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States. It was a powerful reminder that Yonkers has always been a city of progress, resilience, and transformation. That same spirit is alive in our schools today. The success of our students and the work happening in our classrooms are part of that ongoing story.

A special congratulations to Gorton High School, which was recognized this week as Mayor Spano's Spotlight School for its continued excellence. Under the leadership of Principal Morales, Gorton is truly shining, especially through the development of meaningful Career and Technical Education programs in the medical field.

These programs are opening doors for our students and preparing them for real-world success. I am incredibly proud of the staff and students at Gorton who continue to reach new heights. Go Wolves!!!

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

As we look ahead, I want to remind families that next week will include remote learning days as part of our emergency make-up schedule. Information has been shared directly from your child's school, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring a smooth transition for our students.

Finally, our advocacy efforts must continue. We are still awaiting a final state budget from Albany. As we move into April, we hope to gain clarity on the level of support our district will receive to address our structural deficit. Your voice matters—please continue to stand with us as we advocate for the resources our students deserve.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, partnership, and belief in Yonkers Public Schools. Together, we will continue to move forward stronger, united, and always focused on what matters most: our children.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



Superintendent Soler Celebrates the YMA Lady Eagles Basketball Team During their Celebratory Parade

DISTRICT Digest

From key moments with Superintendent Soler to exciting events across our schools, Yonkers Magic was on full display. Catch up on all the highlights and celebrations happening in YPS this week!

Rare Achievement Caps Athlete's High School Career



Roosevelt's All-Time Leading Scorer

Congratulations to Frank Mercedes, who closes out his high school career as Roosevelt High School's all-time leading scorer with 1,504 points. Reaching 1,500 points is a rare accomplishment in high school basketball. Frank surpassed this milestone.

2nd Annual Family Math Carnival Success



A Night of Family Fun and Learning

Students and their families + teachers added up to a great time at the 2nd Annual Family Math Carnival at William Boyce Thompson School this week!

Kids engaged enthusiastically in a range of activities, with the 24 Game card challenge, led by School 22 teacher Kiyoi Tolliver Van Wright, drawing particular interest. A new addition this year, "Jumping Julia," quickly became a favorite. The i-Ready Plory mascot, brought to life by one of our MBK students, was a hit with younger attendees, and the family photo booth offered a popular opportunity for families to capture the moment together.

YMA Girls Basketball Wins State Title for Yonkers



A Historic Achievement

Congratulations to the Yonkers Montessori Academy Girls Varsity Basketball Team for winning the New York State Class B Public High School Basketball Championship. The Eagles defeated Chenango Forks 65-60 in a thrilling overtime, capping a dominant run that includes multiple City titles and back-to-back Section I championships.

The win carries added significance: Chenango Forks was the team that ended YMA's postseason run in last year's regional round, making this year's result all the more meaningful.

With this victory, YMA becomes the fifth Yonkers team to earn a New York State title, joining an elite group of athletes:

- Yonkers High School Boys Basketball (1927, 1931, 1932)
- Roosevelt High School Football (1996)
- YMA Girls Basketball (2026), the **first Girls Basketball New York State Championship in Yonkers history.**

A glorious [Parade of Champions](#) welcomed the Lady Eagles home to YMA on Tuesday.

Yonkers Public Schools Students Recognized at Regeneron Westchester Engineering & Science Fair



Congratulations On a Job Well Done!

Students from Yonkers Public Schools were recognized for their research at the Regeneron Westchester Engineering & Science Fair, earning distinctions across multiple categories.

Yonkers Middle High School

Olivia Delikat: NASA Earth System Science Award
Ariella Ram: Ricoh Sustainable Development Award
Marlon Rodriguez: Excellence in Behavioral Science Award
Ashley Daniel: Teatown Young Environmentalist Award

Academy of Scientific Research at Lincoln High School

Christopher Canales: 4th Place, Best in Category; 4th Place, Behavioral Sciences
Daniela Gonzalez Placencia: Creative Approach to Research Award
Alexander Hall: Best in Category: 4th Place, Environmental Sciences
Anthony Peter: Best in Category: 3rd Place, Bioinformatics
Aanyaa Prakash: Creative Approach to Research Award

The District also acknowledges Ms. Sunitha Howard, Director of the Academy of Scientific Research, Ms. Jennifer Degl, Executive Director of Science and Instructional Technology, and the continued support of Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) and in advancing student research.

Gorton High School Earns Mayor's Spotlight Award



Recognizing Schoolwide Achievement

Mayor Mike Spano joined Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler Jr., Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio, and Trustees Sheila Greenwald, Rosemarie P. Linton and Lorraine Lopez to honor the Charles E. Gorton High School with the School Spotlight Award, highlighting its growth in future-ready learning and student leadership.

Under Principal Jamie Morales, students are earning college credits and industry credentials, and are leading impactful civic initiatives across Yonkers, setting a strong example of academic progress and community engagement.

Go Wolves!

Approaching Deadlines

The deadline to submit an Appeal of School Assignment or a Request for a School Transfer is **Monday, March 31, 2026**

Applications for 2026-27 school year transportation to non-public schools within the the City of Yonkers are due on April 1, 2026. Applications for Alternate School Bus Transportation for 2026-27 are also due on **April 1, 2025**.

Board of Education Adopts 2026-2027 Calendar



Plan Ahead for the Upcoming School Year

The First Day of School is Before Labor Day

Sept 1-2 Superintendent's Conference Days

Sept 3 First Full Day of School for Students K-12
Half-Day for PreK

Sept 4 Half-Day for PreK (Full Day K-12)

Sept 7 Labor Day: Schools & Central Office Closed

Sept 21 Yom Kippur: Schools & Central Office Closed

[Download the Full Calendar Here](#)

Food Pantry at Eugenio María de Hostos MicroSociety School



Supporting Families with Essentials

Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School hosted a food pantry that served over 60 families.

The pantry provides food to help maintain stable homes and ensure students have what they need to stay focused in school. This effort reflects the school's commitment to caring for the whole child and the surrounding community.

Superintendent's Budget Town Hall Virtual Meetings



2026/2027 SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET TOWN HALL

You are invited to the virtual
2026/2027 Superintendent's Budget
Town Hall English (Zoom webinar)

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

Public link to register in advance for this webinar:
<https://bit.ly/budget-041326>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the webinar



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SEMINARIO DEL PRESUPUESTO ESCOLAR DEL SUPERINTENDENTE 2026/2027

Están cordialmente invitados a unirse
al seminario virtual para conversar sobre
el presupuesto del nuevo año fiscal.

**lunes, 13 de abril del 2026
6:00 P.M.**

Enlace para registrarse con anticipación:
<https://bit.ly/budget-041326>

Después de registrarte, recibirás un correo electrónico de
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Addressing Budget Challenges

Join Superintendent Aníbal Soler, Jr. for a closer look at the budget challenges facing
Yonkers Public Schools. Both sessions will be held at 6:30 PM via Zoom:

Monday, April 13, 2026
Click [here](#) to register

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Click [here](#) to register

School Climate Survey

Calling all Yonkers Public Schools students and families!
Participate in the quick and anonymous Annual School Climate Survey.
This is your chance to be heard!

Student Link

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersny/login>

Family Link

surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersny/Spring2026Family/surveys



FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

SPEAK UP. SHAPE YOUR SCHOOL.
This is your chance to be heard!

STUDENTS

What's working at school? What can schools improve on?
Your voice helps shape your education, from class experiences to school culture.
Log in with your Student ID at:
<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersny/login> to complete your confidential survey



FAMILIES

Your opinion influences real change.
When families share their experiences, schools adjust accordingly.
Your feedback helps improve communication, student support, safety, and engagement.
Take the anonymous survey here:
surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersny/Spring2026Family/surveys



SURVEY AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 23 - APRIL 10

WHY IT MATTERS:

Because better schools start with honest conversations—and those start with you.



PARA ESTUDIANTES Y FAMILIAS

EXPRESA SU OPINIÓN. DALE FORMA A SU ESCUELA.
Esta es tu oportunidad de expresarte.

ESTUDIANTES

¿Qué está funcionando en la escuela? ¿Qué pueden mejorar las escuelas?
Tu voz ayuda a dar forma a tu educación, desde las experiencias en clase hasta la cultura escolar. Inicia sesión con tu número estudiantil.
Responda la encuesta anónima aquí:
<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/yonkersny/login> to complete your confidential survey



FAMILIAS

Sus opiniones tienen influencias para los cambios. Cuando las familias comparten sus experiencias, las escuelas se adaptan en resultado.
Sus comentarios ayudan a mejorar la comunicación, el apoyo, la seguridad y el aprendizaje para los estudiantes.
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DISPONIBLE DEL 23 DE FEBRERO AL 10 DE ABRIL

¿POR QUÉ LA ENCUESTA ES IMPORTANTE?

Porque las mejores escuelas comienzan con conversaciones honestas
— y las conversaciones comienzan con ustedes.



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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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- Learn to Speak English
- Start a New Career with Vocational Training

ENHANCING THE LIVES OF YONKERS RESIDENTS

To register, visit
<https://bit.ly/pathways-registration>
For more information for classes call 914-376-8600
or visit us at 75 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Email us at pathwaysinfo@yonkerspublicschools.org
www.yonkerspublicschools.org/vive

SIN COSTO
CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA ADULTOS

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS **YONKERS PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS**



- Obtenga su diploma de equivalencia de escuela secundaria
- Aprenda a hablar inglés
- Inicie una nueva carrera con entrenamiento vocacional

MEJORANDO LA VIDA DE LOS RESIDENTES DE YONKERS

Para registrarse ahora, visite
<https://bit.ly/pathways-registration>
Para más información llame al 914.376.8600
o visítenos en 75 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Envíenos un correo electrónico a
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www.yonkerspublicschools.org/vive



Educational Opportunities Await!

Start a new chapter today with FREE classes with the Yonkers Public Schools Adult Education Program, Pathways to Success.

Open to Yonkers residents 18 and over, this program offers a practical first step toward your goals. Choose from the new New York State GED preparation course, computer skills, culinary arts, retail sales, and medical billing and coding, with options designed to support a range of interests and career paths.

[Please register here](https://bit.ly/pathways-registration)

Upcoming YPS Events



The Association of Hispanic Professionals, Inc.
Cordially invites you to join us
in the celebration of the

40th Annual Scholarship Dinner

Thursday, May 21, 2026
5:30pm Cocktails
6:30pm Dinner and Program

The Westchester Manor
140 Saw Mill River Road
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

RSVP April 30, 2026

We Honor and Recognize
for their service and dedication to our students:

Lourdes Cruz

2026
Retired Principal
Yonkers Public Schools

Marlene Lara

2026
Monroe University
Director of Undergraduate Admissions



Scan QR Code to Purchase tickets online or send a check to:
The Association of Hispanic Professionals, Inc.
P.O. Box 411, Yonkers, N.Y. 10703

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
THE YONKERS COUNCIL OF PTA/PTSAs

Annual Fundraising Gala

Honoring
Brenda Cardoza
YCPTA President

And
Rose Anne Collins-Judon
Associate Superintendent, Yonkers Public Schools

THURSDAY 30 AT 5:30 PM
2026

Westchester Manor
140 Saw Mill River Road
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

\$100 Per Person • Includes Dinner & Entertainment.

Please RSVP by April 10, 2026
to Narisaleem@YCPTA.org

Office of Student Support Services
10th Annual Autism Art Gala
Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 5:30 PM
Yonkers Riverfront Library | One Larkin Center | Yonkers, NY 10701

This exhibit will showcase artwork created by
Yonkers Public Schools Students with Autism.

MBK
Charles E. Gorton High School

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

GHS FIELD
100 SHONNARD PL
12PM-3PM

Saturday, May 2nd
*Rain Date May 16th

PARTNERS INCLUDE:
YPD, YFD, DPW, COUNTY
POLICE, U.S. MARINES,
WE ART 1 FOOD TRUCKS,
SALSA DANCING, LIVE MUSIC,
GAMES, FACE PAINTING, AND
MORE.

Yonkers Students Represent at State of the City 2026



Leadership, Service, and Student Voice on Display

Yonkers Public Schools was proudly represented at the 2026 State of the City address, where students demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and community pride.

Several YPS students served as part of the event staff, while the YMA Lady Eagles girls basketball team, fresh off a statewide championship, was also in attendance, representing the district at a high level.

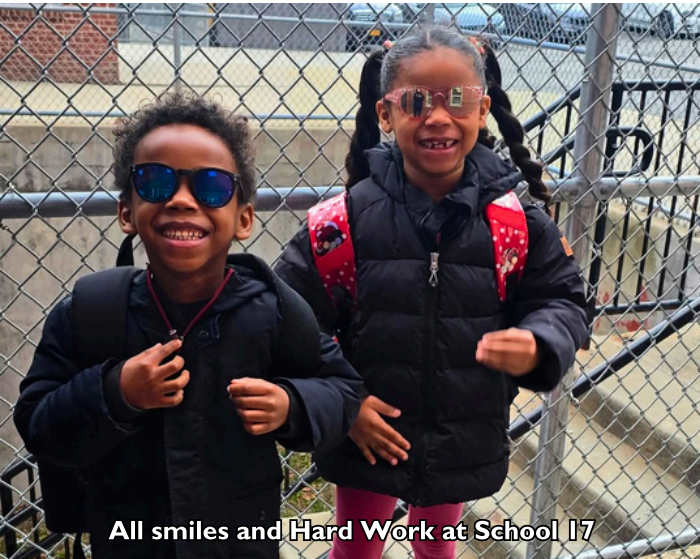
Among those highlighted was Cameron Williams, a YPS alumnus and My Brother's Keeper Alliance Ambassador, recognized for his leadership and impact in the Yonkers community.

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Follow us for the latest news, events,
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Be part of the #YonkersMagic!



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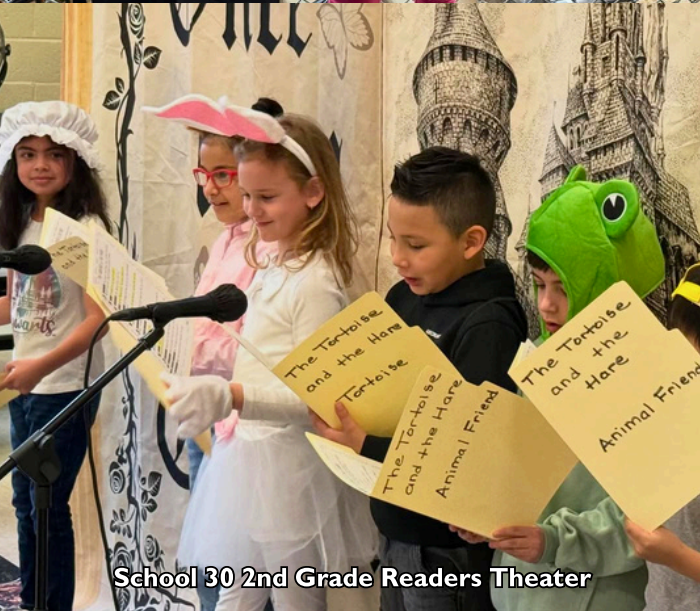
Photos from Across the District



All smiles and Hard Work at School I7



Yonkers Early Childhood Academy PAWS Trophy Winners for March



School 30 2nd Grade Readers Theater



Saunders High School Class of 2027 Paint Night

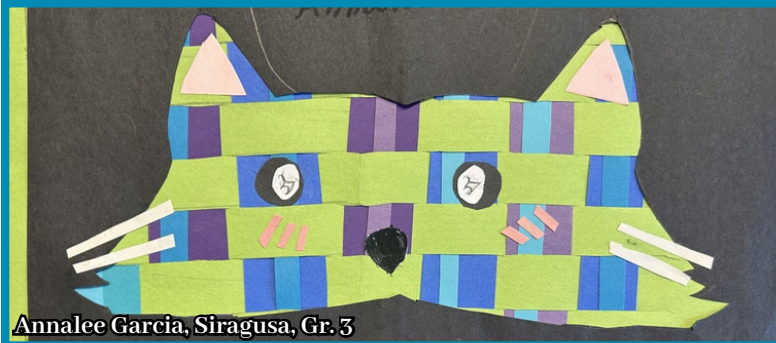


YMA Students Discovering ELA and Math Skills



Congratulations to Angel Donis of Roosevelt High School on Winning the Poster Contest for the Second Time!

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Annalee Garcia, Siragusa, Gr. 3



Kamora Smiley, MLKA, Gr. 1



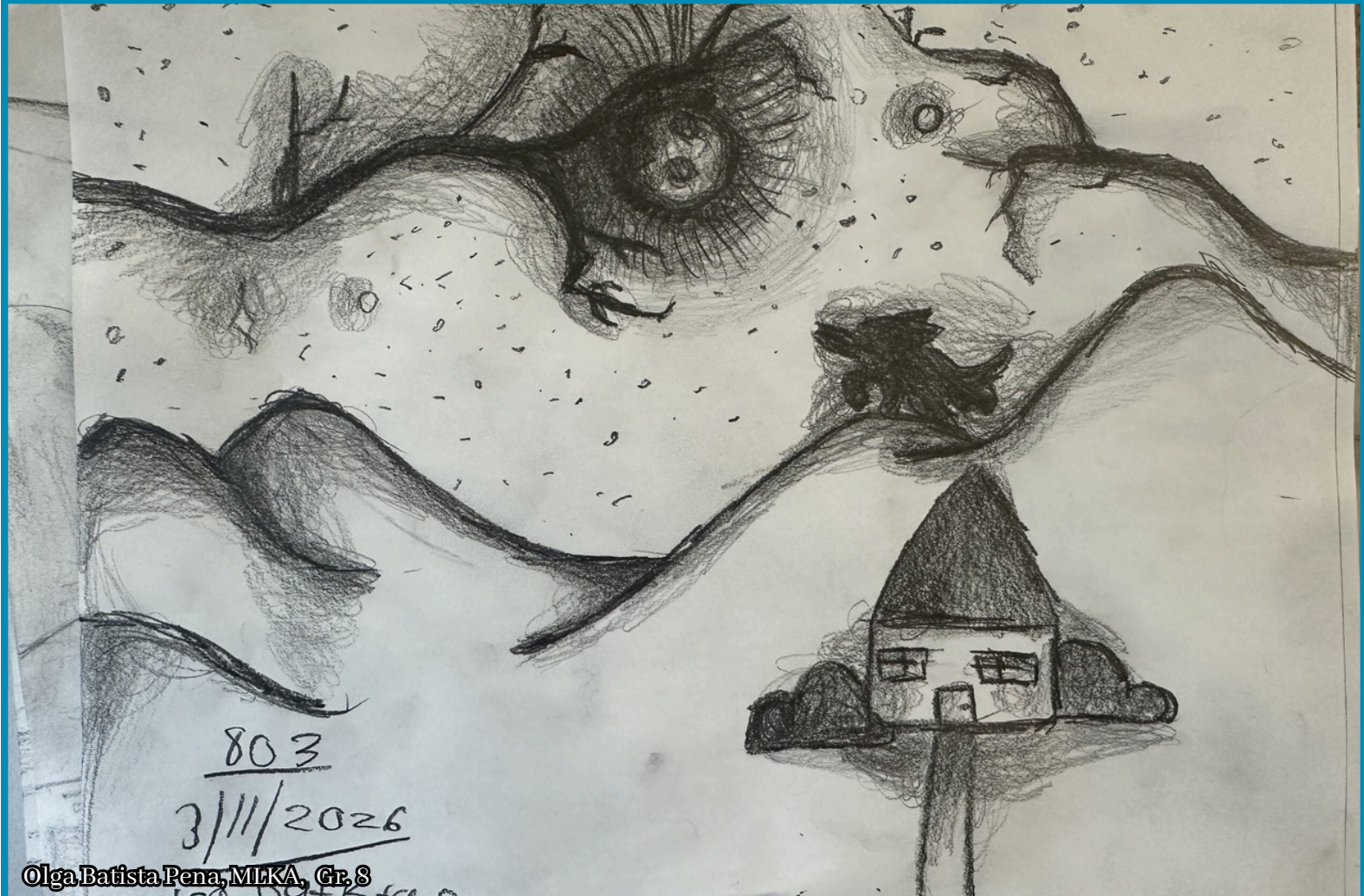
Mariah Lee Gomez, School 23, Gr. 8



Hancel Zuluaga, School 23, Gr. 7



Cynthia Guan, School 23, Gr. 8



Olga Batista Pena, MLKA, Gr. 8