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Superintendent's Week In Review
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Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

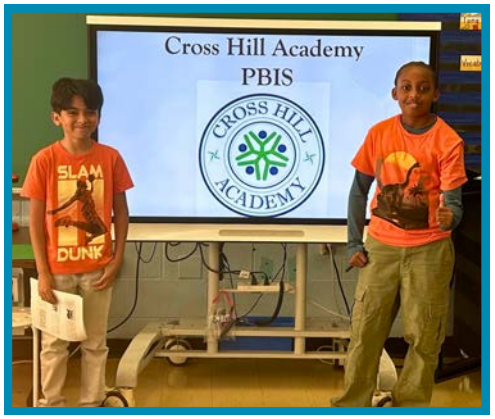
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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

Monday was a Superintendent's Conference Day. Schools were closed for students while we held professional development for nurses, clerical staff, teachers, principals, safety officers, and nearly every employee group. Learning continues. We remain committed to ongoing training that strengthens our teams and improves student outcomes.



Many Schools, Including Cross Hill Academy, Celebrated Unity Day This Week

We also hosted a PEARLS information session. It is the first in a series to inform families that the testing window for the academically talented program is open. Please join an upcoming session for details. See the flyer below or visit the ***Yonkers Public Schools website.***

Fire Prevention Month activities continued at Paideia School 24 and School 5. Students toured Engine 312/Ladder 75 firehouse and learned about the critical, life-saving work of the Yonkers Fire Department. They also experienced a fire safety "smoke truck" to practice safe responses during an emergency. Thank you to our firefighters for this hands-on learning.

Members of my cabinet met with the Yonkers NAACP Education Committee. We discussed collaborative steps to support student success, with a particular focus on students of color.

I also attended the New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention and Education Expo with Board President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio. The sessions and conversations will inform our work this year.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

A reminder for next week. We will culminate Hispanic Heritage Month on Wednesday October 29th at 5:00 PM at Lincoln High School. I hope you will join us as we celebrate Hispanic culture and our students who are performing and presenting.

Thank you for your partnership.

Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



Public Safety Officers Engaged in a Professional Development Session, Ensuring Our Schools Remain Safe for All

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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!

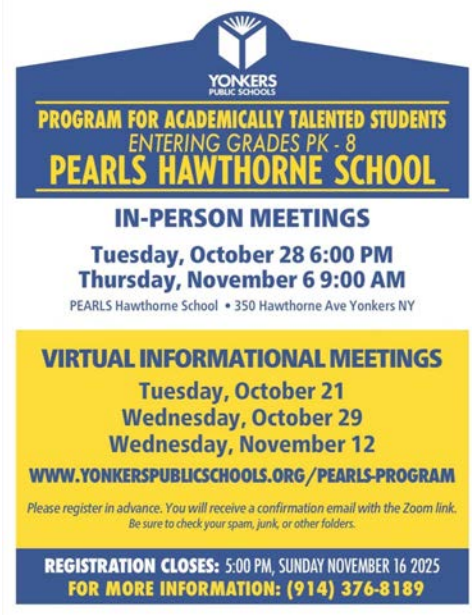
Professional Development Day



Training That Strengthens Schools

On Monday, staff across all roles took part in targeted professional learning. Sessions focused on student safety, instructional practice, health services, front-office service, and leadership. Continuous training builds consistent routines and supports better outcomes for students.

PEARLS Information Series



Testing Window Now Open

The district launched the first PEARLS information session to help families understand the academically talented program and the application process. More sessions are scheduled

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Unity Week at Rosemarie Ann Siragusa



Celebrating Kindness, Inclusion & School Spirit

On Tuesday, students and staff wore rainbows to color the school with kindness and on Wednesday everyone wore orange to show Unity for inclusion and acceptance. The day included meaningful activities such as completing a Unity Pledge, contributing to a Unity Wall, and participating in an affirmation balloon pop.

On Thursday, the theme was teaming up against bullying, with students showing their team spirit by wearing jerseys. The week concluded on Friday with all coming together as Cardinals, wearing black and red to demonstrate school pride.

Fire Prevention Month



Real-World Safety Learning

Padeia School 24 and School 5 partnered with the Yonkers Fire Department for a firehouse tour and a "smoke truck" simulation. Students practiced safe responses, learned how firefighters operate, and discussed prevention steps to use at home.

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Unity Day at Cross Hill Academy



CHA Stands Up Against Bullying

This week Cross Hill Academy came together as a school community to show up against bullying and unite for Unity Day! Student Council led classroom presentations about Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports values and the schools new soon to be installed Buddy Bench.

Hispanic Heritage Month Finale



Community celebration at Lincoln High School

Join us next Wednesday at 5 PM at Lincoln High School for the district's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Enjoy student performances, cultural displays, and community recognition events. All families are welcome.

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Meeting with the Yonkers NAACP



Focused Support for Student Success

Superintendent Soler and his Senior Executive Team met with the Yonkers NAACP Education Committee to coordinate efforts that advance achievement and belonging, with attention to the needs of students of color.

Important Dates This Month

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School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

Wed. October 29th - Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration | 5 P.M. @ Lincoln High School

Tues. November 4th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Election Day
(Schools Closed for Students)

Tues. November 11th - Veterans' Day
(Schools/Central Office Closed)

Save the Date!

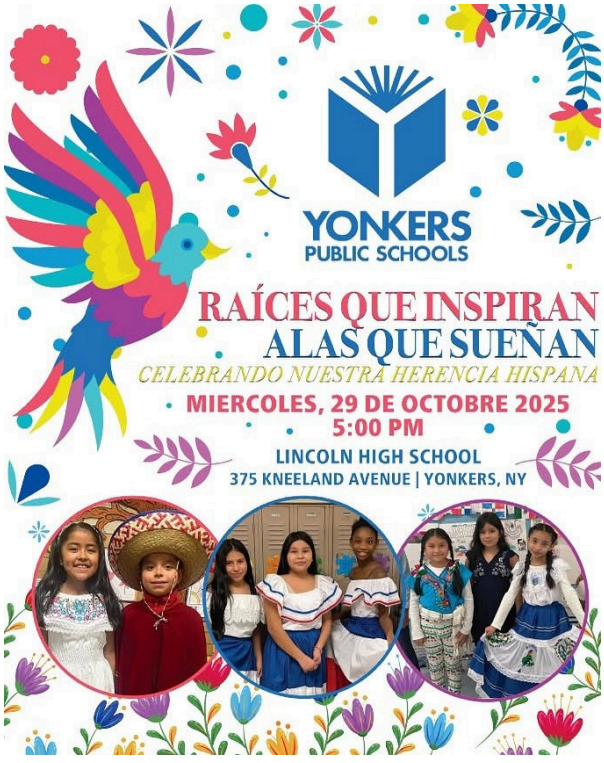




FAFSA Completion Events!

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Event	Sign-Up	Details
FAFSA @ Gorton High School		**Location:** Gorton High School Library **Date:** Wednesday, November 5th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Riverside High School		**Location:** Riverside High School Library **Date:** Thursday, November 6th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Yonkers High School		**Location:** Yonkers High School Library **Date:** Wednesday, November 12th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Lincoln High School		**Location:** Lincoln High School Library **Date:** Thursday, November 13th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Yonkers Montessori Academy		**Location:** Yonkers Montessori Academy High School Library **Date:** Wednesday, November 19th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Roosevelt High School		**Location:** Roosevelt High School Library **Date:** Thursday, November 20th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Obama High School		**Location:** Obama High School Library **Date:** Wednesday, December 3rd **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm
FAFSA @ Saunders High School		**Location:** Saunders High School Library **Date:** Thursday, December 4th **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:00pm



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The Code of Character, Conduct, and Support Adopted by the Board of Education



One Standard of Excellence for Every Student and School

*The **Code of Character, Conduct, and Support** is based upon education regulations, and Board of Education (BOE) policies. Its purpose is to set expectations that allow the Yonkers Public Schools to create and maintain a safe, civil, and caring environment in which teachers can provide high quality instruction and students can be fully engaged in learning.*

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Photos from Across the District



William Boyce Thompson School's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



Twin Day @ Saunders High School



Gorton High School Students Review the Code of Character, Conduct, and Support



Assistant Principals Hard at Work During Superintendent's Conference Day

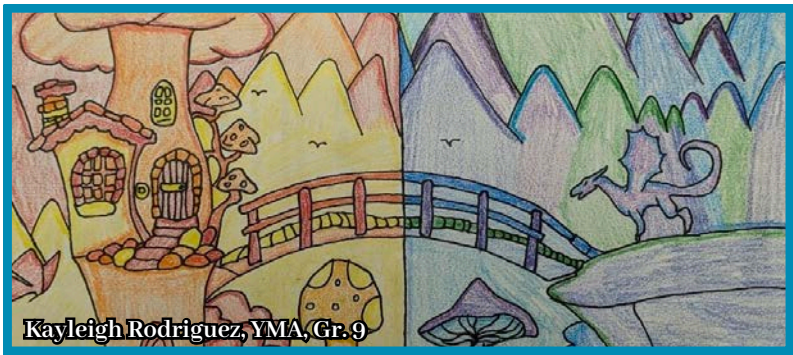


William Boyce Thompson School Wears Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness



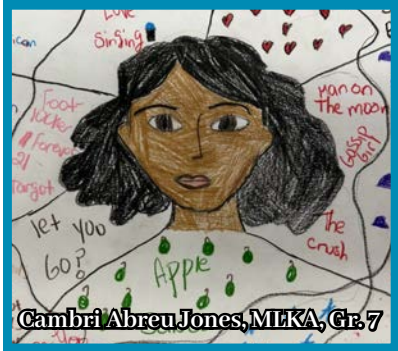
Yonkers Fire Department Visits School 16

YPS STUDENT ARTWORK


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