



Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families and Community,

This was our first week back and the first Yonkers Public Schools weekly newsletter of the new year. I know many of our students were ready to return, and I want you to know that our teachers and staff missed them just as much. It has been a busy and productive start as we prepare for the second half of the school year.



Superintendent Soler Supporting Families at the Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School Mobile Food Pantry

This week, I joined a Three Kings Day celebration hosted by the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board. I also participated in the mobile food pantry at Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School, where families received groceries to help maintain stable homes. Students can better focus on learning when their basic needs are met.

I closed out the week at the Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry Showcase, that highlighted our students powerful and inspiring original work. Their words reflected both pride and hope and reminded me how important it is to give students opportunities to express themselves.

At central office, we held a series of budget meetings with every department, as we take a careful look at how to maximize every dollar. We recognize that the upcoming budget period will be difficult and will require tough choices. We will make every effort to protect investments in our schools and in student outcomes.

Your voice is an important part of this work. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to complete the Yonkers Public Schools Community Feedback Survey and share what you believe is most important.

I'm happy to share that nominations for the 2026 Teacher of the Year are now open. For more information, and to nominate a teacher, please visit www.yonkersny.gov/teachers.

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

A reminder that on Monday, January 19, all schools and central office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Schools and central office will reopen on Tuesday, January 20.

The next scheduled closure will be mid-winter recess, with schools closed Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20. Central office will be closed February 16 and 17. The [full calendar](#) is available on our website.

As we close out the week, I ask that you join me in offering sympathy and respect to Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio and her family on the passing of her husband, Antonio Del Vecchio. Please keep Dr. Del Vecchio and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Anibal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



***Three Kings Day Celebration at
Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School***

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!

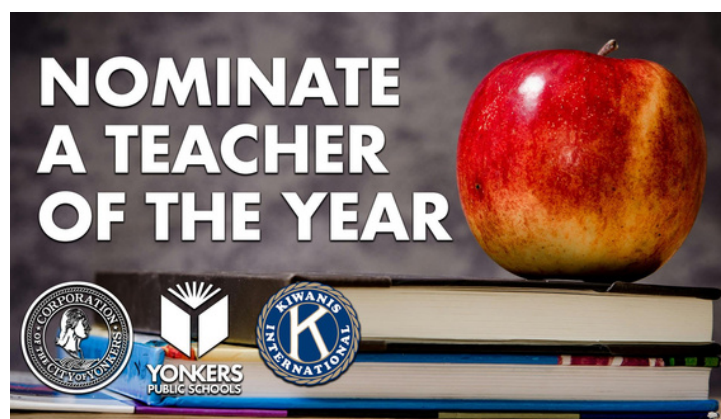
First Week Back at Yonkers Public Schools



Starting the New Year Focused on Students

The first week of the New Year marked the return of the Yonkers Public Schools weekly newsletter and a strong start to the second half of the school year. Students, teachers, and staff settled back into routines and reconnected in their classrooms. Everyone is excited for the second half of the school year!

2026 Teacher of the Year Nominations



Recognizing Excellence in Classrooms

Nominations for the 2026 Yonkers Public Schools Teacher of The Year are now open. Students, families, staff, and community members can recommend educators who demonstrate outstanding commitment, skill, and impact. More information is available [online](#), including nomination criteria and deadlines.

Appointment of Dr. Marvin Louis Robinson III



DR. MARVIN LOUIS ROBINSON III
MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper

Yonkers Public Schools announced the appointment of Dr. Marvin Louis Robinson III as Executive Director of the district's nationally recognized My Brother's Keeper program.

Dr. Robinson brings experience in school leadership, national program development, and public service, including a three-month White House Fellowship with the Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and work as Director of Black Male Engagement for the Center for Black Educator Development. The district welcomes him as he begins this important role.

Holiday Schedule Reminders



**YONKERS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Attention Yonkers Public Schools Families

SCHOOLS & CENTRAL OFFICE

CLOSED

January 19, 2026

IN OBSERVANCE OF

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Atención Familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Yonkers

ESCUELAS & OFICINA CENTRAL

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19 de enero de 2026

EN OBSERVANCIA DE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Mid-Winter Recess

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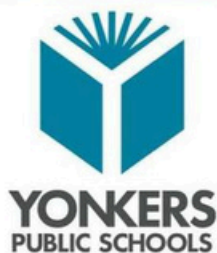
Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry Showcase



Students Lift Their Voices Through the Written Word

Yonkers Public Schools students took part in the Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry Showcase. Through original poems, students reflected on Dr. King's legacy, justice, and hope. Their performances showed the power of student voice and the importance of civic and cultural learning.

MetroCard Purchases for High School Students



In Person Sales at the Board Of Education

High school students can purchase student MetroCards in person at the Yonkers Board of Education front desk, located at 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701. MetroCards are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to plan ahead and bring any required documentation.

Three Kings Day Celebrations



Honoring Tradition with Students and Families

Associate Superintendent Lissette Colon Collins joined Principal Dr. Robert Vicuna for the second annual Three Kings Day Celebration at Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School. Students and families participated in a generous giveaway of toys, hats, gloves, scarves, and coats provided by the Forever Smiling: Jonathan Maldonado Foundation.

See More Photos [Here](#)

Mobile Food Pantry At Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School



Supporting Families with Essentials

Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School hosted a mobile food pantry for families. The pantry provided 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.

See More Photos [Here](#)

Obama Lightning Basketball Champions



Yonkers Hardwood Classic Title and MVP Honors

Congratulations to the Obama Lightning basketball team for winning the Yonkers Hardwood Classic Championship. Eli Mitchell led the way and earned MVP honors for his performance. Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies finished in second place, and Yonkers Montessori Academy secured third place.

YMA Lady Eagles Five Time Champions



Yonkers Hardwood Classic and City Dominance

The YMA Lady Eagles captured the Yonkers Hardwood Classic Championship and secured their fifth straight City Championship. Emilee Doherty earned MVP recognition for her standout play. Saunders Trades and Technical High School earned second place and Gorton High School finished third, rounding out a strong field of competitors.

Three Kings Day Toy Donation at School 23



Francey Bradys Helps Celebrate Student Success

A generous toy donation from Francey Bradys helped make Three Kings Day special at School 23. Students recognized for academic success, perfect attendance, and positive citizenship received toys such as LEGO, Barbie, Hot Wheels, and Pokémon. Yonkers Public Schools thanks Glenda Rooney Harrington and Francey Bradys for supporting students and celebrating their achievements.

Adult Education at VIVE School/Pathways to Success



NO CHARGE TO STUDENTS
ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES





Earn Your High School Equivalency Diploma
Learn to Speak English
Start a New Career with Vocational Training
In-Person

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
after January 5
Email us at pathwaysinfo@yonkerspublicschools.org
www.yonkerspublicschools.org/vive

Free Courses to Build New Skills

Adults in Yonkers have the opportunity to register for free classes at the VIVE School/Pathways to Success program. Courses include carpentry, culinary arts, medical billing and coding, and GED preparation. These courses support career growth and personal goals for adult learners across the city.

[Register TODAY](#)

District Digest

Photos from Across the District



Mayor's Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry Showcase



Enrico Fermi Fourth Grade Students are Starting the Year off with Hard Work



School 17 Students Working Diligently on iReady



Saunders High School's Culinary Students Showing Off their Skills



YMHS Madrigal Choir at the Hispanic Cultural Association's Three Kings' Day Celebration at the Yonkers Riverfront Library

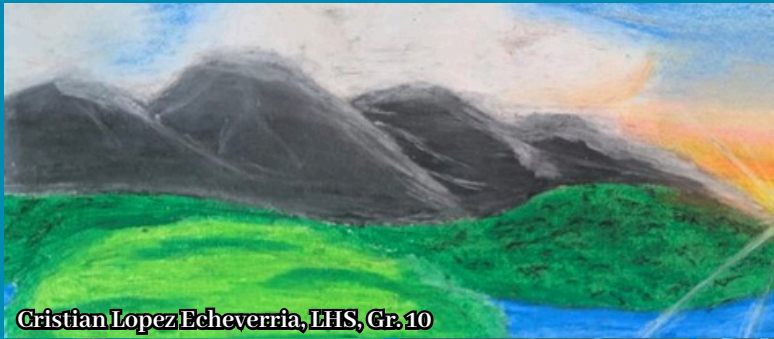
YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Lucia Garcia, Siragusa, Gr.4



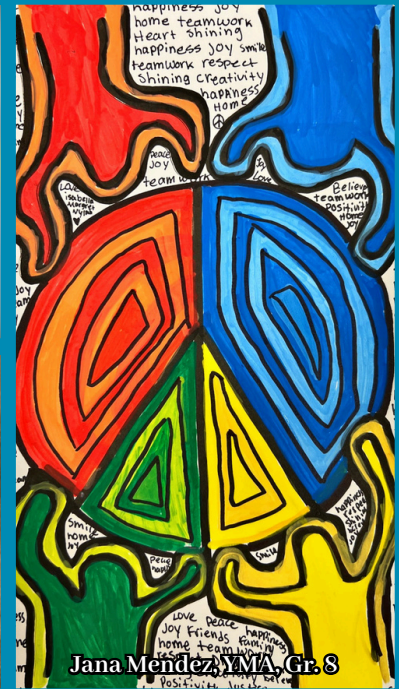
**Adriel Ruiz Hernandez, Siragusa,
Gr.K**



Cristian Lopez Echeverria, LHS, Gr. 10



Lovely Thomas, School 23, Gr. 8



Jana Mendez, YMA, Gr. 8



Nicole Aguilar, Dodson, Gr. 7