YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

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Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Families,

There was so much to celebrate this week across Yonkers Public Schools.



Superintendent Soler with Principal Melissa Rodriguez of Enrico Fermi School

We began by recognizing National Principals Month. Our principals are the anchors of our schools, leading with vision, dedication, and a constant focus on students and families. We also honored our custodial staff on School Custodian Appreciation Day, acknowledging the essential role they play in keeping our schools safe, clean, and welcoming every day.

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, we proudly spotlighted the work of Principal Melissa Rodriguez, who joined a Feeding Westchester panel to share how she launched La Bodeguita de Fermi. What began as an idea has grown into a thriving community hub that addresses food insecurity while uplifting students and families.

This week, Mayor Mike Spano reappointed Trustees Rosemarie Linton and Dr. John Castanaro to the Yonkers Board of Education. Their leadership and service will continue to strengthen our district as we move forward. We also paused to observe Yom Kippur. To all who celebrated, we extend our warmest wishes for peace and reflection during this sacred time.

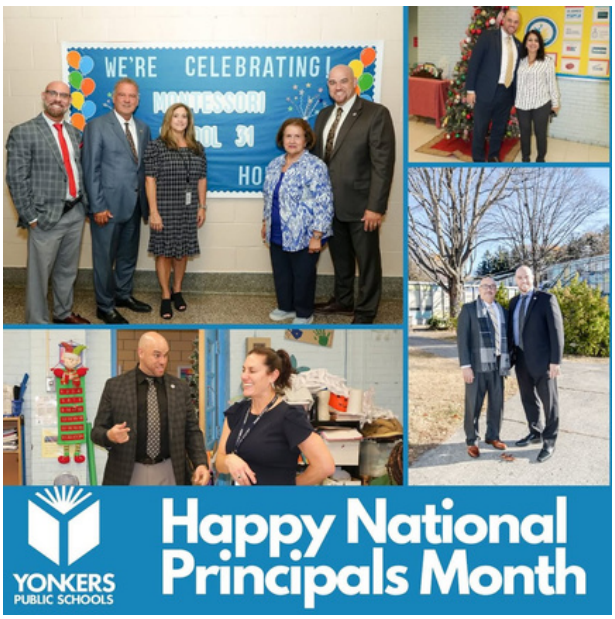
And to end the week on a high note, we congratulate the Yonkers Force for their 42–19 victory. Both teams showed tremendous heart and sportsmanship, reminding us of the pride and spirit in Yonkers athletics. Thank you for your continued support as we highlight achievement, service, and community across our district.

Aníbal Soler, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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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!

National Principals Month



Recognizing Those Who Lead Our Buildings

We celebrate our principals for their leadership, vision, and commitment to student success throughout the month of October.

Thank you!

Hispanic Heritage Month Spotlight

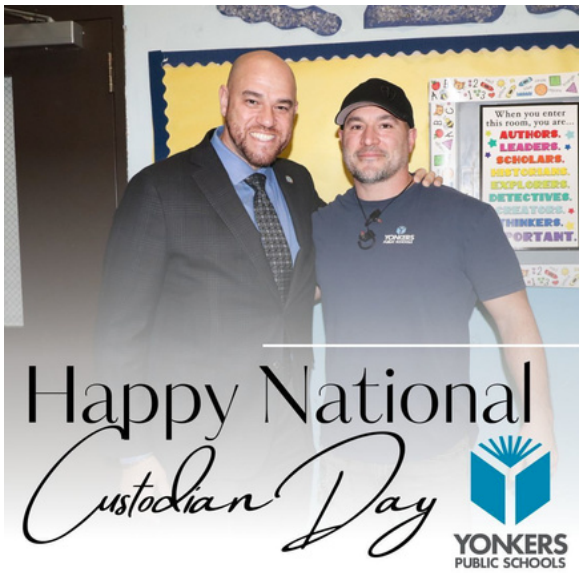


Principal Melissa Rodriguez Recognized

Principal Rodriguez was invited to a Feeding Westchester panel to share the success of La Bodeguita de Fermi, a program that has grown into a community hub addressing food insecurity and supporting families.

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School Custodian Appreciation Day



Recognizing Essential Staff

Custodians keep our schools clean, safe, and welcoming. We thank them for their vital contributions to our learning environments.

Yom Kippur Observance



Wishing Peace to All Who Celebrated

Schools and central office closed this week in observance of Yom Kippur. We extend warm wishes to all members of our community who celebrated the holiday.

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Board of Education Trustees Re-Appointed!



Trustees Reappointed

Congratulations to Rosemarie Linton and Dr. John Castanaro on their reappointment to the Board of Education. Their leadership will continue to guide the district forward.

Calling All Students!



Upcoming NASA Event This Weekend at the YMCA

*NASA is hosting a **free** event open to Yonkers students of all ages. Trust us, you don't want to miss out!*

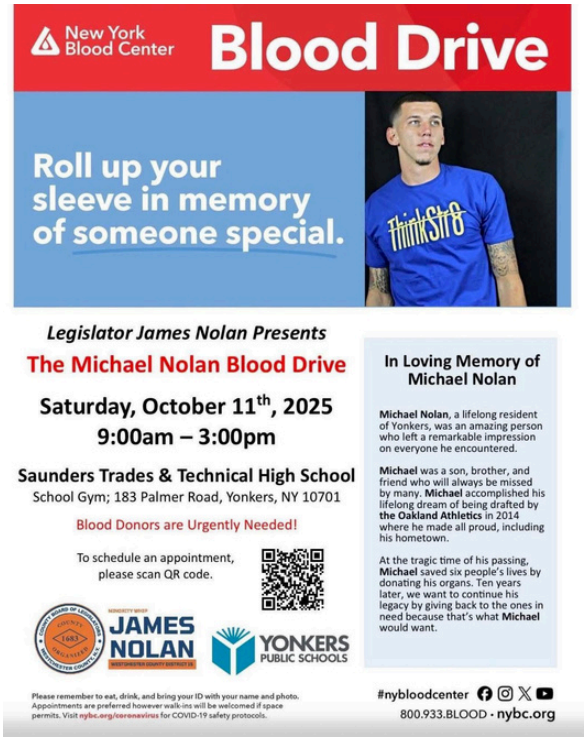
Students attending are encouraged to bring their laptops to remain engaged!

Visit spaceappsyonkers.org to register

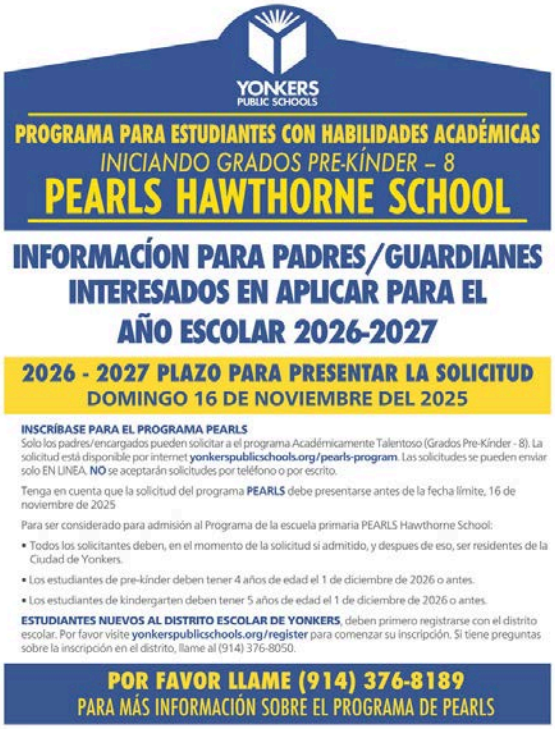
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Save the Date!









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Stay Connected with Let's Talk and Our Mobile App





Communication Made Easy

*Need support or have a question? Use **Let's Talk** to reach any central office department. It's fast, easy, and ensures timely responses. Also, be sure to download the Yonkers Public Schools mobile app to receive everything YPS in your pocket:*

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2025 Open House Schedule

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OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2025

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School	Date	Time
School 5	9/18/2025	5:00 PM
School 16	9/25/2025	5:00 PM
School 16 - Annex	10/9/2025	5:00 PM
School 17	9/30/2025	5:00 PM
School 21	10/8/2025	5:00 PM
School 22	9/11/2025	5:30 PM
School 23	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
School 30	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
Casimir Pulaski	9/17/2025	5:00 PM
Cesar E. Chavez School	9/18/2025	4:15 PM
Cross Hill Academy	10/8/2025	5:00 PM
Ella Fitzgerald Academy	9/30/2025	5:00 PM
Enrico Fermi	9/25/2025	6:00 PM
Enrico Fermi (Middle School)	10/9/2025	6:00 PM
Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School	9/11/2025	3:30 PM
Family School 32	10/9/2025	5:30 PM
Kahlil Gibran	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School	10/8/2025	3:30 PM
Martin Luther King, Jr.	10/8/2025	4:30 PM
Montessori School 27	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
Montessori School 31	9/18/2025	5:00 PM
Paideia School 15	9/8/2025	5:30 PM
Paideia School 24	9/17/2025	4:30 PM /6:00 PM
Patricia A. DiChiaro	9/25/2025	6:00 PM
PEARLS	9/16/2025	6:00 PM
PEARLS (Middle School)	9/30/2025	6:00 PM
Robert C. Dodson	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
Rosemarie Ann Siragusa Global Academy	9/18/2025	5:00 PM
Sonia Sotomayor Community School	9/17/2025	5:00 PM
Westchester Hills School 29	9/11/2025	5:30 PM
William Boyce Thompson	9/29/2025	5:00 PM
Yonkers Early Childhood Academy	9/18/2025	5:30 PM
Yonkers Montessori Academy - Elementary	9/10/2025	5:00 PM

Connect With Your Child's Teacher to Help Them Succeed

The Open House schedule is available for schools *here*. This is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet your child's teacher(s) and learn more about the upcoming school year. Be sure to confirm with your school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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2025–2026 School Calendar

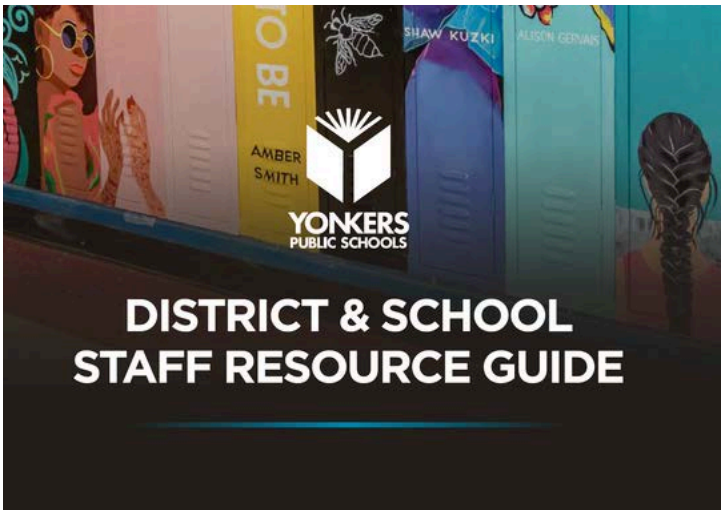


Plan Ahead with Key Dates for the Upcoming School Year

The 2025–2026 Yonkers Public Schools calendar is available for families to view online. This easy to follow, one-page view helps families stay organized and informed all year long.

View and download the calendar here:
2025–2026 Calendar at a Glance

District & School Staff Resource Guide



Clarity and Transparency At Your Fingertips

*The **YPS Staff Resource Guide** simplifies how our schools and central office departments are structured and resourced. This document is concise, to the point, and gives a high level overview to how schools are supported.*

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Important Dates This Month

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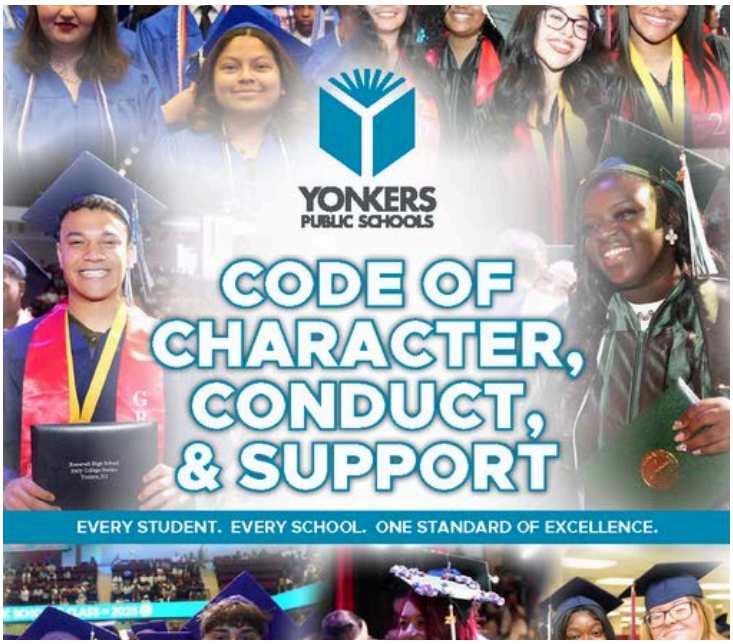
School Closings, Holidays, Meetings, and More

Mon. October 13th - Columbus Day (Schools/Central Office Closed)

Mon. October 20th - Superintendent's Conf. Day, Diwali (Schools Closed for Students)

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

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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Six-Day Letter Day Schedule



Ensuring Alignment Across the District

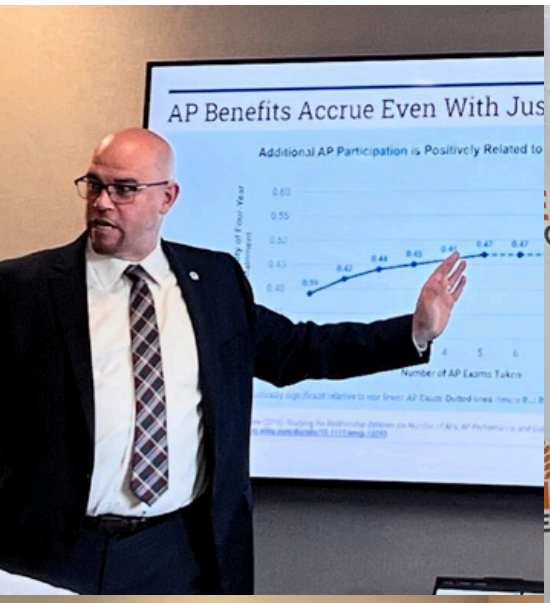
Yonkers Public Schools shares the 6-Day Letter Schedule! Students can expect to rotate classes on a 6-day letter cycle, corresponding to A-F days. This change provides students with an opportunity to receive equal instructional time across all subjects.

Want to know more? Visit our website for additional information.



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Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos







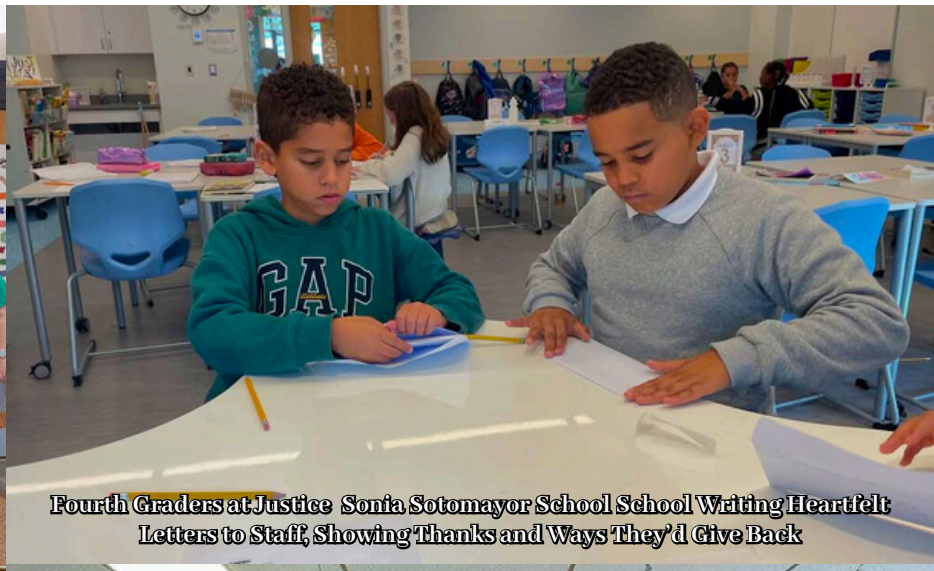


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Photos from Across the District



Crazy Hat Day at Gorton High School



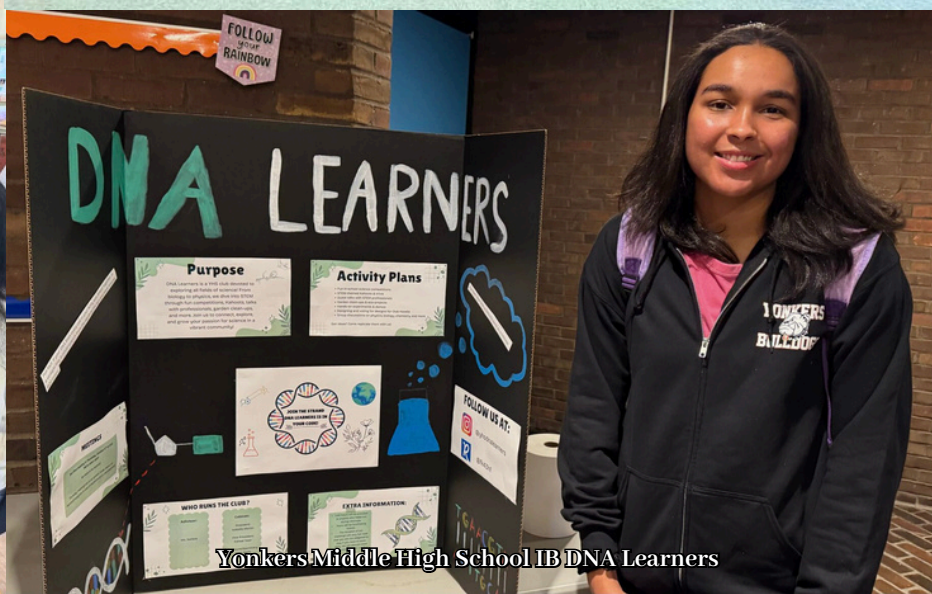
Fourth Graders at Justice Sonia Sotomayor School School Writing Heartfelt Letters to Staff, Showing Thanks and Ways They'd Give Back


PK Apple Tasting at Westchester Hills School 29


Yonkers Early Childhood Academy Students Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month



School 30 Staff Engage in Professional Development Activities

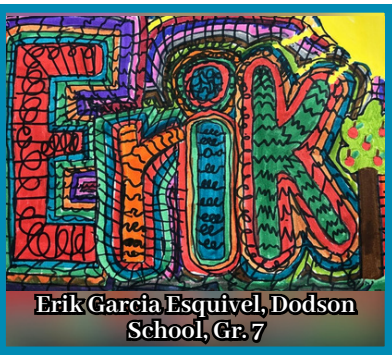


Yonkers Middle High School IB DNA Learners

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Meghan Walsh, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 6



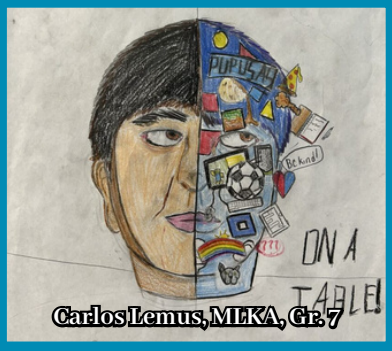
Erik Garcia Esquivel, Dodson School, Gr. 7



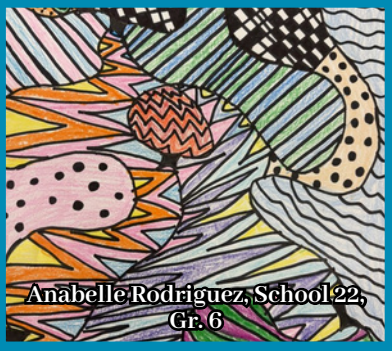
Lara Portillo, YMA, Gr. 12



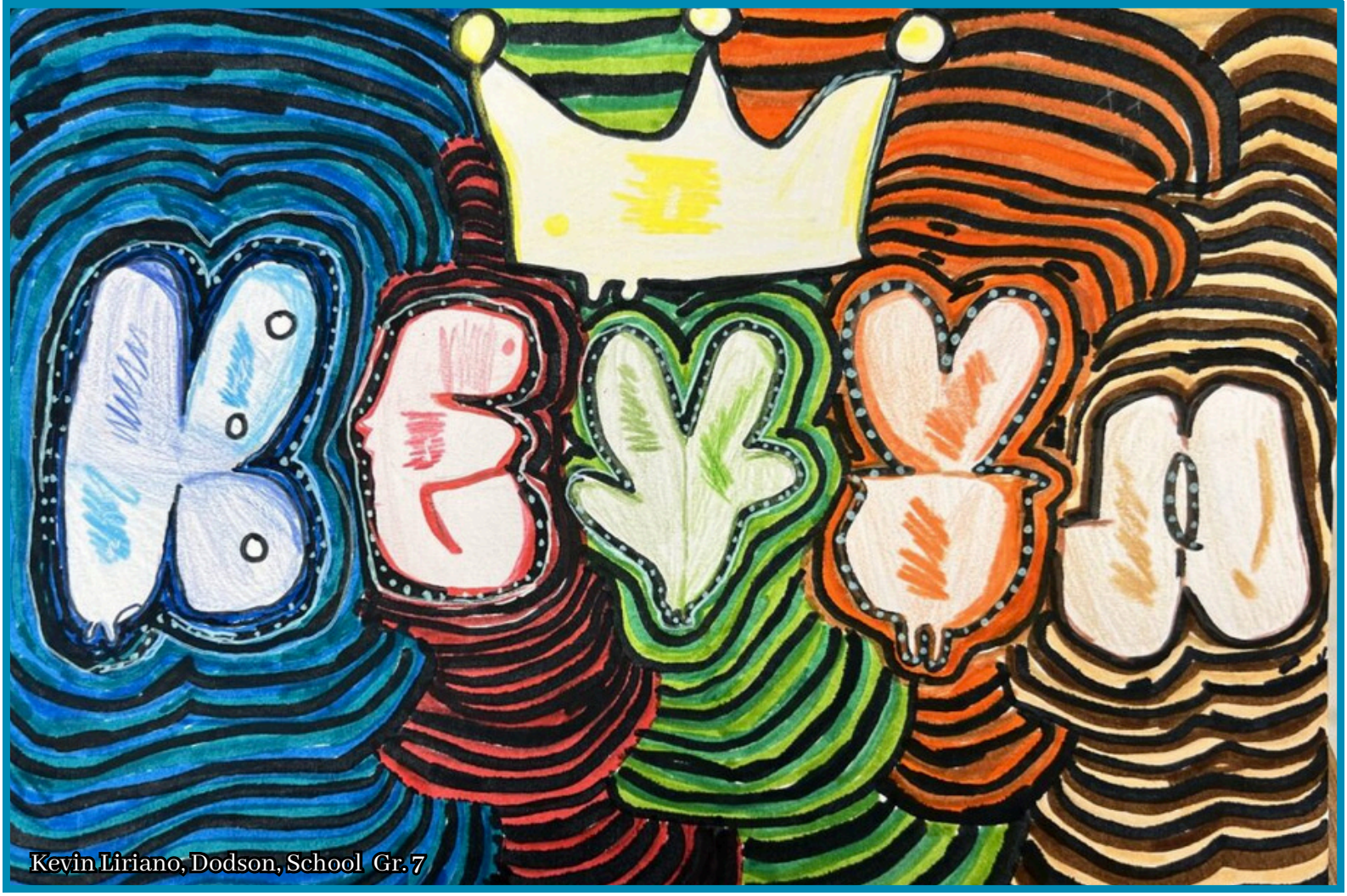
Eliyass Bah, MLKA, Gr. 5



Carlos Lemus, MLKA, Gr. 7



Anabelle Rodriguez, School 22, Gr. 6



Kevin Liriano, Dodson, School Gr. 7