



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

District Newsletter

Week of September 25th

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 27th 4-5:30pm
A.C.C.E. Open House

Saturday, September 30th 6pm
Youth Mural Unveiling

Wednesday, October 4th
Fall Count Day

Wednesday, October 4th
Ford ELC Mobile Dentist

Friday, October 6th 7pm
Homecoming Game

Thursay, October 12th 5:30-7pm
Estabrook Hispanic Heritage Month &
Multicultural Night Celebration

Friday, October 20th 7pm
Toyota YCS & LCS Game

*Click the links below for the calendar
and school website.*

2023-24 School Calendar

District Website



BELL SCHEDULE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	9:20 AM to 4:20 PM
YCMS YCHS WIMA/WIHI	Beatty Ford Perry	Erickson Estabrook Holmes YIES
No Transportation for YC2S 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM ACCE 8:00 AM to 2:55 PM		

District Leadership

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent

Dr. Carlos Lopez
Assistant Superintendent

Sue McCarty
Human Resources

Damien Butler
Director of Business & Finance

Dear Grizzly Families,

Happy fall! 🍂 I hope you're enjoying the changing of the weather and leaves too! We're excited to share that the Institute for Education Innovation will be visiting our district on October 9th as part of their Michigan Roadshow to learn more about our innovative practices and work. They will be meeting with our leadership team and visiting schools. We are excited to share our best practices with other schools across the nation.

Also, a friendly reminder that next **Wednesday, October 4th**, is [Fall Count](#). Your child's on-time attendance is appreciated each day, and especially on this day.

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent of Schools

MDE Grow Your Own (GYO): We are pleased to announce that the Michigan Department of Education has awarded the Ypsilanti Community Schools the Grow Your Own (GYO) grant. The "Grow Your Own Teacher Program" in Michigan is aimed at increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in high-need areas by providing financial assistance and support to individuals who are interested in becoming teachers. This award will support individuals who work with and for the Ypsilanti Community Schools with obtaining their teacher certification.

Youth Mural Unveiling: Join us on Saturday, September 30th at 6pm for the unveiling of a collaborative youth mural project that celebrates unity between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. This remarkable project was guided by the talented artist Gary Horton and funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), Creative Washtenaw, and Embracing Our Differences Michigan. The young artists involved in the project brainstormed their ideas for the mural, with the goal of bringing the two cities closer through art and fostering a diverse and inclusive community. The event will take place at 121 Washington Street, next to the Ypsilanti Transit Center downtown. Esteemed artist, Gary Horton, along with the young artists, their parents, dedicated volunteers, and elected officials will be present at the event.

Congratulations!!!

Nerrance Conner - Erickson | Art Teacher **Heidi Roberts**
Morgan Hayes - YC²S | Art Teacher **Jeff Trax**

My Future Fund: Over 1,200 YCS families have opened a My Future Fund account. Did you open your account yet? Through the My Future Fund program, eligible 1st-5th grade students will get **free money and support** to jump-start their savings for college and career training. The My Future Fund program is operated by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in collaboration with the Washtenaw County Government. Please visit www.myfuturefund.org for more information.

Reminder: To take full advantage of all My Future Fund benefits, a parent/guardian should complete the program's Release of Information form. This will also allow My Future Fund to check a student's existing records to see if they meet the criteria for the **additional \$475 deposit**, which is based on family income.

To access family permission forms and opt-out forms, [click here](#).

Note: Forms are also translated into Spanish, Arabic, French, Ukrainian, Pashto, Korean, Japanese, Dari, and Chinese.

Department Spotlight



YCS Resiliency Center: The Resiliency Center is a one-stop shopping experience for the students and families of YCS. Families can schedule an appointment to shop for clothing, shoes, toiletries, and non-perishable food items. If you know a student or family that attends YCS schools and they are in need of any services, please contact Cherisa Allen, Ypsilanti Programs Community Liaison - callen2@yocschools.us or 734-221-3948. For more information regarding the Resiliency Center, please visit www.yocschools.us.





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Thanks for sharing your 1st Day of School pictures with us!



The YCHS Podcast Lounge is open and ready to hear our students' voices!



Dr. Zachery-Ross, Dr. Lopez, and Ms. McCarty presented on **"Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Promote Student Voice, Choice, and Agency"** at the Michigan Association Superintendent Administrators (MASA).



YCMS is going to Washington, D.C.!!

Here's what's happening in the community

DERMATOLOGY COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 10 am - 1 pm
Ypsilanti Health Center
200 Arnet Street, Ypsilanti, MI

Learn about:
• Acne
• Hair Loss
• Keloids
• Hidradenitis Suppurativa
• Skin Cancer

Talk with Michigan Medicine dermatologists, and get a FREE skin check

Win skincare prizes!
Food and drinks provided!

Event is free, but registration is requested at:
<http://www.DermatologyCommunityDay.eventbrite.com>

Sponsored by Michigan Medicine's Department of Dermatology and OHEI's Phyllis M. Blackman Innovation Grant

MICHIGAN MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

..... CORNER HEALTH

YLC KICK OFF

Food, Games & Info!

Sept. 27th

6:30-8:00

47 N Huron St, Ypsilanti
@cornerhealthcenter
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THEATRE TROUPE

Every Wednesday
3:30-5 p.m.

FOOD, FUN & GAMES!

Join us for our Theatre Troupe Kick Off event!
Play acting games
Meet new people
Have fun!

Sign up here!

47 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
Any questions? reach out to rannear@cornerhealth.org