



# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## District Newsletter



### Upcoming Dates

**It's Winter Sports Season!**  
[Click here for the schedule.](#)

**Friday, February 16th**  
½ Day - Professional Development

**Monday, February 19th**  
No School - Mid-Winter Break

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

### 2023-24 School Calendar

### District Website

#### YCHS Food Pantry

Perishables  
Non-Perishables  
Toiletries



Open every school day  
**7:30am-2:30pm**

Available for Ypsilanti residents,  
students, or staff.

Temerson6@ycschool.us or (734) 221-1014  
with any questions or concerns.

### District Leadership

**Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross**  
Superintendent

**Dr. Carlos Lopez**  
Assistant Superintendent

**Sue McCarty**  
Human Resources

**Damien Butler**  
Director of Business & Finance

### Dear Grizzly Family,

Happy New Year!!

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."* We remain steadfast and moving forward as we work to provide high quality learning experiences for our students. January is synonymous with new beginnings. It's a new year, full of possibilities and potential. I look forward to building on the momentum we've developed throughout the school year. We remain dedicated to providing an exceptional education for all students and will continue to explore innovative programs and initiatives to enhance their learning experiences.

We are excited to share that we are the recipient of the "My Kids Back on Track" grant. This grant will provide \$500,000 to support tutoring, career pathways, and expanded learning time in our schools. It means more programming and opportunities for our students!

It's School Board Recognition Month!! I want to acknowledge the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education, without whom none of this would be possible. Our school board continues to work hard to bring only the best to our students. Join me in thanking them for their dedication and commitment to our students, our teachers, our staff, and our school community.

Keep in mind that COVID-19 is still present. If you or a family member is feeling ill, we encourage you/them to seek testing, isolate, and wear a multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross*  
Superintendent of Schools

### Stronger Together! Video Series - Episode 3

Join Superintendent Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross and experts from our language programs in this month's video series - **Stronger Together!**

Learn about our exceptional language programs from our leaders in this month's Stronger Together Episode. Research shows that bilingual and multilingual students achieve higher scores in Math, English, and on the SAT. At YCS, we offer many ways for students to learn new languages, from traditional courses to language immersion, in addition to Supporting a Seal of Biliteracy certification upon graduation. Hear more about our innovative language programs from our experts by [clicking here for the episode.](#)



**We Want to Hear Your Story!** We are proud of the community we have built here at Ypsilanti Community Schools for the last 10 years. Go to our Facebook page and share your YCS story in the comments! We would love to hear about the unity and community you have found at our district.  
**#StrongerTogether**

**SHARE YOUR  
YCS STORY!**





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## Thank You YCS Board Of Education





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## Hey Parents...

Would you love some Saturday morning free time to grocery shop, run errands, or have coffee with friends? We have the solution for you!!



### KidSport Winter Camps

9:00am - 12:00pm  
Estabrook Elementary School  
1555 West Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

#### Session Dates:

January 27 & February 3  
February 10 & February 17  
March 9 & March 16  
April 6 & April 13



Learn more and register @  
<https://www.kines.umich.edu/kidsport-winter-camps>



We're excited to continue our partnership with My Future Fund to provide 2nd-6th grade Washtenaw County students with free money and support from \$25-\$500 towards college and career training. Currently the My Future Fund program is focused on 2nd-6th grade students who were enrolled in a participating school as of the Fall 2022 Pupil Membership Count.

- All eligible students will start with a \$25 deposit to start their account, and some students may qualify for an extra \$475 based on their family income.
- **Action Needed:** To take full advantage of the program benefits, families should complete the [Release of Information form](#). This will allow My Future Fund staff to check student eligibility for the additional \$475 deposit, which is based on family income.

We are proud partner of the My Future Fund program, which is operated by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in collaboration with Washtenaw County Government. Please, visit [www.myfuturefund.org](http://www.myfuturefund.org) for more information.



Join us in congratulating Ypsilanti Community High School students, Virmary Kanzler, Corey Brown, Marrell Brown, Joseph Smith, and Victor Vega on being the first recipients enrolled in the D3C3 partnership with Washtenaw Community College. This program gives students access to educational opportunities to support boosting graduation rates and encouraging the college-to-career pipeline and further demonstrates that we are Stronger Together. Thanks to the incredible support we receive from our community partners. (Not pictured: Victor Vega)

