



# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## District Newsletter

### Week of October 2, 2023

#### Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, October 4th**  
Fall Count Day

**Wednesday, October 4th**  
Ford ELC Mobile Dentist

**Wednesday, October 4th**  
Erickson Title I Family Fun Night

**Friday, October 6th 7pm**  
Homecoming Game

**Monday, October 9th**  
IEI Michigan Roadshow

**Friday, October 20th**  
½ Day of School - Record's Day

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

**Wednesday, October 25th**  
Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, October 26th**  
Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

*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.

### Dear Grizzly Families,

At Ypsilanti Community Schools, we just can't get over the buzz of excitement throughout our buildings during this first month of school. As we enter October and have so much to look forward to, including the culmination of Hispanic Heritage Month, the recognition of our dynamic school leaders for Principal Appreciation Month, and Homecoming festivities taking place throughout next week - I hope you're able to join us in cheering on our team as they take on Tecumseh High School on Friday, October 6, 2023.

I would like to remind our families that Michigan's official Count Day is on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. As you likely know, Count Day is when all public schools in Michigan record the number of students attending their schools, which ultimately impacts the funding districts receive from the state. If your scholar is feeling well, please ensure they are in attendance on Wednesday, Oct. 4, so we can maximize the resources available to all of our scholars.

Throughout the 2023-24 school year, we will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the successful consolidation of Ypsilanti Public Schools and Willow Run Community Schools. I am honored to work alongside you and the incredibly talented professionals in our schools across the district to build on the hard work done throughout the last 10 years to ensure our scholars receive the high-quality academic and support services they need to grow so our community can thrive.

Inspiring and supporting academic growth is our first priority at Ypsilanti Community Schools. We know that the mental well-being of our scholars is a key factor for academic achievement and success. Thus, as we enter Mental Health Awareness Month (October), we take pride in the innovations and programs we have introduced in recent years to aid our students, families, and staff. There's no shortage of incredible resources available to our scholars throughout the district. If you would like information on mental health support services or other vital resources available to drive academic, social, and emotional growth, contact your building administrator.

By working together, we ARE Stronger Together.

*Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross*  
Superintendent of Schools



*Did you know that from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month? During this time, in our schools, we honor the incredible histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. It's such a special time to recognize the unique complexities and richness of each cultural identity. By understanding and appreciating these stories, we can gain a deeper understanding of the greater American narrative. So let's take this opportunity to come together and celebrate the vibrant Hispanic heritage that has helped shape our country.*

*Happy National Hispanic Heritage Month!*

### District Leadership

**Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross**  
Superintendent

**Dr. Carlos Lopez**  
Assistant Superintendent

**Sue McCarty**  
Human Resources

**Damien Butler**  
Director of Business & Finance

### Spanish Immersion Programs



Have you heard of our Dual Language Immersion program? It's an amazing program that helps students develop high proficiency in both English and Spanish. The program enrolls both fluent English and fluent Spanish speakers in the same classroom. This provides a unique opportunity for students to learn both languages and become bilingual and biliterate.

The Ford Early Learning Center and Estabrook are proud to offer this program. Students are immersed in the Spanish language for 90% of their instructional time, which helps them become fluent in no time. As they progress through the program, bilingual instruction increases, ensuring they are proficient in both languages.

This program is a great way for students to broaden their horizons and learn a new language. Native English speakers and native Spanish speakers are both welcomed, making it a diverse and inclusive environment. There are only a few of these programs available in Washtenaw County.







# IT'S *Principal* APPRECIATION MONTH



**BEATTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER**



**Erin Bradley**  
Director




Preschool

**FORD EARLY LEARNING CENTER**



**Daniel Young**  
Principal




Pre-kindergarten - 1st Grade

**PERRY EARLY LEARNING CENTER**



**Brian Dickerson**  
Principal




Pre-kindergarten - 1st Grades

**ERICKSON ELEMENTARY**




**Kelly Mickel**  
Principal






*Excellence at Erickson*  
2nd - 5th Grades

**ESTABROOK ELEMENTARY**




**Ryan Johnson**  
Principal






*Your Culture Sparks an Impact*  
2nd - 5th Grades

**HOLMES ELEMENTARY**



**Zachary Chutz**  
Principal





*Your Culture Sparks an Impact*  
2nd - 5th Grades





ACCE High School  
*Youth Creating Success*

**YIES ELEMENTARY**



**Dr. Cassandra Sheriff**  
Principal

*Young Confident Scholars*  
Kindergarten - 5th Grades

**YPSI CONNECTED**



**Kier Ingraham**  
Principal




*Youth Creating Success*  
Kindergarten - 8th Grades

**YCMS**



**Charles A. Davis Jr.**  
Principal




*Youth Choosing Success*  
6th - 8th Grades

Jeanina Harris Associate Principal  
Reginald Olds Assistant Principal  
Laveil Blanchard Associate Principal

**A.C.C.E.**

*Achieving College & Career Excellence*




**Leslie Davis**  
Principal






9th - 12th Grades

**YCHS**



**Dr. Chelsea Harris-Hugan**  
Principal

Home of AC Tech & STEM  
9th - 12th Grades

Raymond Alvarado Assistant Director  
Mike Cavanaugh Assistant Director

*Thank you so much for all that you do!*

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1ST - 7TH

# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SUNDAY 10/1	MONDAY 10/2	TUESDAY 10/3	WEDNESDAY 10/4	THURSDAY 10/5	FRIDAY 10/6	SATURDAY 10/7
NO EVENTS	BOYS JV & VARSITY SOCCER VS. JACKSON - 4 & 5:30PM MS VOLLEYBALL VS. CHELSEA - 5:30PM	GIRLS VARSITY SWIM @ ERIE IDA - 6PM	GIRLS (VARSITY ONLY) VOLLEYBALL @ MILAN - 4:30PM MS VOLLEYBALL @ MONROE 5:30PM MS XC - SEC JAMBREE 2 @ JACKSON - TBA*	BOYS JV & VARSITY SOCCER VS. WYANDOTTE "SENIOR NIGHT" GIRLS FRESHMEN, JV & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL @ TECUMSEH - 5:30 & 7PM - GIRLS VARSITY SWIM VS. PINCKNEY - 6PM	BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL VS. TECUMSEH - 7PM	JV FOOTBALL @ TECUMSEH - 11AM BOYS & GIRLS XC - OLIVERT PINK INVITE - @ COUNTRY MILL FARMS CIDER MILL - TBA* MS 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SEC JAMBREE @ PINCKNEY - TBA* MS XC INVITE @ SALEM - TBA*

\*COGRIZZIES