



## GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With summer underway, we hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. It is important for our children to be active throughout the summer. The Yonkers Public Schools' Summer Elementary Academy of Excellence offers a great opportunity to keep our prekindergarten through grade 5 students engaged and learning.

The Summer Academy is free for Yonkers Public Schools students including students with disabilities and multilingual learners. The program incorporates the strength of five pillars: Literacy, Numeracy, Social Emotional support, Enrichment and a Parent Academy. The Academy addresses the individual academic needs of students simultaneously integrating social emotional support, the arts and opportunities for parents to learn new skills. Our students will build and strengthen their learning in preparation for the next school year. It is an interactive environment for the students to learn, play, and create under the support and guidance of caring teachers and administrators.

The Summer Elementary Academy newsletters will provide important updates and highlight activities at the ten (10) school sites. You will have a closer look at the amazing work accomplished by our students and educators. Our goal is to prepare the students for the upcoming school year ready and enthusiastic for fulltime in-person instruction in September. On July 7, 2021, 2,318 students began a summer experience filled with joy, enrichment and learning. This is an exciting time for the students and we look forward to a very successful summer!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

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## GOALS

- Provide an interactive environment for the students
- Support individual academic needs
- Prepare for the next school year

- Integrate social emotional support for the students
- Participate in expressive arts instruction
- Engage the students in enrichment activities







## LISTEN TO THE MESSAGES FROM OUR SITE LEADERS

(Click on each site leader's names to go to the webpage)



Cesar E. Chavez School: *Ms. Kim Davis*  
Cross Hill Academy: *Ms. Sylvia Branchcomb*  
Enrico Fermi School: *Ms. Lourdes Cruz*

Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School: *Dr. Vanessa Vásquez*

Kahlil Gibran School: *Dr. Michelle Yazurlo*

Montessori School 31: *Dr. Moira Gleeson*

Pearls Hawthorne School: *Ms. Laura LaBanca*

Paideia School 15: *Ms. Jane Wermuth*

School 13: *Mr. George Miles*

William Boyce Thompson School: *Dr. Taren Washington*



## TAKE YOUR CHILD ON A TRIP TO A VIRTUAL MUSEUM

(Click on the museum name to go to the webpage)

- Guggenheim Museum, New York
- National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles





## Summer School 2021 Schedule

### Date & Time

- Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - Thursday, August 5, 2021 (Monday - Friday)
- 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

### Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are offered to every student at their respective schools. Times may vary from school to school.

### Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Schools open at 8:30 AM in the morning.
- Students are dismissed at 12:30 PM.



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The top five languages for Multilingual learners in the Yonkers school district are Spanish, Arabic, Albanian, Urdu, and Malayalam.
- Yonkers Public Schools is comprised of students from 100 different cultures and nationalities.







## Do you have questions? Contact the school site leader!

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## HEALTH TIPS!

- Deep abdominal breathing helps in full oxygen exchange that can slow the heartbeat and lower or stabilize blood pressure.
- Walking for 2.5 hours a week (21 minutes a day) can cut the risk of heart disease by 30%.



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