

## Message from Superintendent Soler



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

As we wrap up this shortened week, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate our district's incredible diversity. On Thursday and Friday our schools will close in observance of Rosh Hashanah – a reminder of the cultural richness that makes Yonkers Public Schools a truly special place.



*Superintendent Soler speaking with Principal Dr. Valencia Brown-Wyatt*

With over a hundred different cultures and languages represented in our district, we embrace the opportunity to learn from one another. As stated in our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, “The District is dedicated to providing equitable, inclusive, and diverse opportunities for all students to reach their highest potential.” We are proud to live out this commitment every day, united by our differences, and strengthened by our shared commitment to education.

This week, while it was brief, was full of meaningful moments. I had the pleasure of visiting the Ella Fitzgerald Academy, where I witnessed some of the Yonkers Magic in action! I saw our students smiling faces, engaged with their teachers and ready to take on the school year ahead. It set the stage for the Unified Student Leadership Council's inaugural meeting of the school year. It was an insightful conversation met with a fruitful dialogue about what we can do as a collective group to enhance the learning experience for our students.

I also joined the Family Service Society of Yonkers for their Kinship Care Month Celebration at the Riverfront Library. I had heartfelt conversations with families and caregivers, sharing a bit about my own upbringing and emphasizing the impact of simply being present in a child's life.

## *Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)*

As we ring in the month of October, we also celebrate National Principals Month. Yonkers Public Schools is fortunate to have forty outstanding principals whose tireless dedication guides our students and staff toward excellence.

To each of our principals – thank you for your leadership, passion, and commitment to creating an inclusive learning environment. I am proud to work with such dedicated professionals.

While our schools and central office are closed tomorrow and Friday, let's use this time for reflection as we strive for success.



**Anibal Soler, Jr.**  
Superintendent of Schools



***Mr. Samarneh & Mrs. Giuffrida's 5th Grade Class at School 30, Students who Averaged an Over 95% Attendance Rate to Start the School Year***

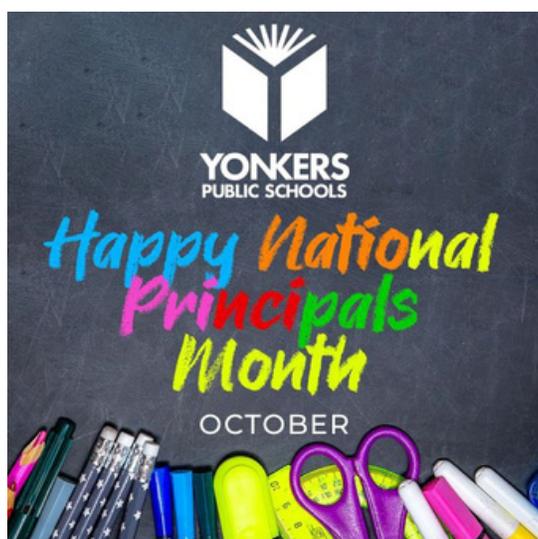
Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to and what Yonkers Public Schools is celebrating this week. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

## Happy New Year! Shanah Tovah



### Celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Embracing Diversity

On Thursday and Friday schools and central office are closed in observance of Rosh Hashanah, a moment to reflect on the incredible diversity of our Yonkers community. With over 100 cultures and languages represented, we celebrate our differences and come together, united by our shared commitment to education.

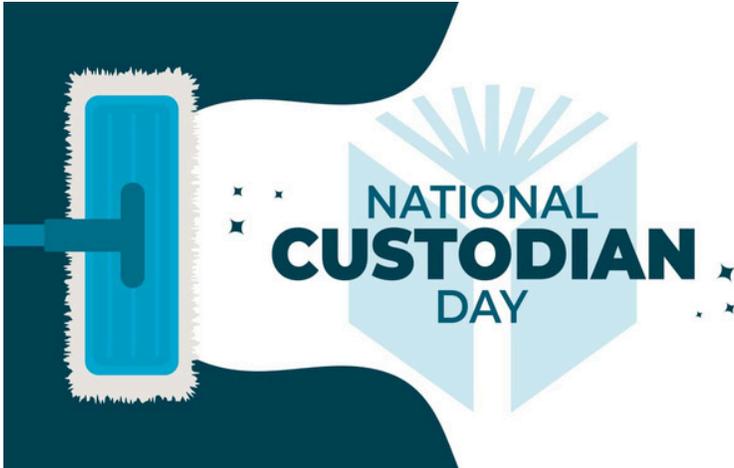


### National Principals Month

#### Recognizing Yonkers' 40 Amazing Principals

October marks National Principals Month, and Yonkers Public Schools is proud to recognize our forty incredible principals! Their tireless dedication drives our schools forward, and we thank them for their unwavering commitment to our students and staff.

## National Custodian Day!



### The Muscle That Keeps YPS Running!

*Today, we honor our dedicated custodians who work tirelessly to keep our schools clean, safe, and welcoming. Their behind-the-scenes efforts are invaluable to the success of our schools. We thank them for all that they do.*



## School Visit Spotlight

### Superintendent Visited Ella Fitzgerald Academy

*Superintendent Soler visited Ella Fitzgerald Academy, where he witnessed learning and creativity on display! The visit showcased the dedication of our team that keeps Yonkers students motivated to come to school!*



## Kinship Care Month: Supporting Families

### Superintendent Joins FSSY at Riverfront Library

*This week, Superintendent Soler attended the Family Service Society of Yonkers' celebration at the Riverfront Library in honor of Kinship Care Month. He shared stories from his own upbringing and emphasized the powerful impact caregivers have just by being there for a child.*

## *Unified Leadership Council Kicks Off the Year!*



### **A Commitment to Enhancing Student Learning**

*Superintendent Soler joined the Unified Leadership Council for its inaugural meeting of the school year. The conversation was filled with insight and fruitful discussion, focusing on how we, as a collective group, can enhance the learning experience for all Yonkers students.*

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# District Digest

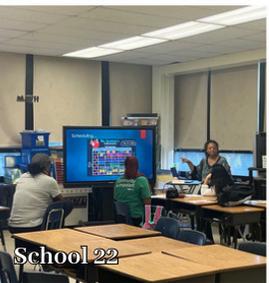
Photos From Schools  
This Week



Family School 32



School 22



Saunders High School



Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy

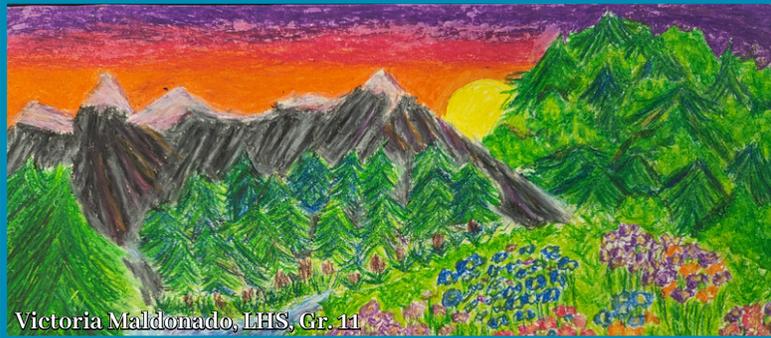


Gorton High School, Girls Soccer Team



Yonkers High School

# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Victoria Maldonado, LHS, Gr. 11



Kaylie Cruz, MLK Academy, Gr. 5



Diego Calderon, Riverside HS, Gr. 10



Litzzy Campos, Obama School, Gr. 11



Ayla Hildebrand, LHS, Gr. 11



Cleavon Ruff, School 23, Gr. 7



Sonia Simones, William Boyce Thompson School