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Dear School 9 Families,

Can you believe the school year is almost over!? This has definitely been a year to remember, but we still have much to do and CELEBRATE. Look below for important information:

- Upcoming Online Assessments for grades K-6
- Laptop Return Dates and Process
- Parent Survey for Next Year's Planning
- Address or Phone Number Change Notification
- Pre-K Graduation
- 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Upcoming Online Assessments for grades K-6

- Wednesday, May 19th – ELA (Benchmark Interim Assessment #4)
- Wednesday, June 2nd – Math (DataMate)

The teacher will review login instructions prior to each exam and all students will complete the exams digitally. Please give them a quiet space for them to complete these assessments on their own. The information we get helps us better plan for next year.

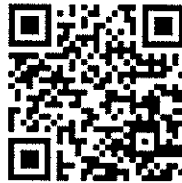
Laptop Return Dates

Grade	Date(s)	Time
Pre K – 2	Monday, June 21 st	9 AM – 1 PM
3-5	Tuesday, June 22 nd	9 AM – 1 PM
6	Monday, June 14 th Tuesday, June 15 th	9 AM – 1 PM
All Grades	Wednesday, June 23 rd	9 AM – 1 PM

Please adhere to above dates and times. Laptop collection is required.

Parent Survey for Next Year's Planning

Beginning May 18th all Yonkers Schools are conducting the 5Essentials Survey. You may use the QR code below to access and complete the survey. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated. Attached to this letter is additional information regarding this process.



Address or Phone Number Change Notification

Please contact the main office or email jjimenez1@yonkerspublicschools anytime your address or phone number changes

Pre-K Graduation

Our Pre-K graduation will be held on Thursday, June 17th at 9:30 AM. More information to follow.

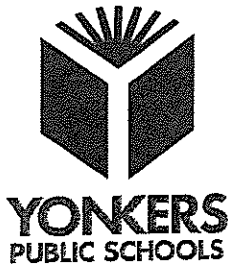
6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

The 6th grade will be sent off with a lovely ceremony on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 AM. More information to follow.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,


Dr. Michelle Yazurlo



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Dear Parent,

Beginning **May 18**, teachers, parents, and students across the district will have an opportunity to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

The 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

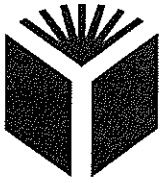
Prior research has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and **students in grades 4-12** will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in **August 2021**. Additionally, our district has chosen to provide the 5Essential parent survey. If at least 20 percent of parents at your child's school complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The 5Essentials Survey will be conducted **May 18-June 18, 2021**. To take the survey please visit survey.5-essentials.org/yonkers/survey/parent/

Sincerely,
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the 5Essentials Survey. This survey, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research, asks students about their experiences in school. Having direct information from students is critical for developing plans to improve schools.

Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions only summary level responses, such as the percentage of students' who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act. 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be requested of your school or district.

If you **DO NOT** want your daughter or son to participate, fill out the information below and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation,

School Name:

Student ID:

I **DO NOT** want my child, , to take part in the 5Essentials Survey.

Parent/Guardian Name

Date: