



Every Fox Needs a Den - Welcome to Yours!
Week of October 28, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL:

Hello Yorkville Early Childhood Families,

The first quarter of the school year has ended, and it has been a pleasure to see the YECC students progress. Over the next few weeks, your child's team will share updates through Kaymbu reports and goal updates for students with IEPs. Your child's teacher is eager to engage in collaborative discussions during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences. If you haven't signed up yet, a link is provided below for scheduling a slot.

Together in learning and building connections,
Amy Schultz
YECC Principal
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IMPORTANT DATES:



October 28-November 1: **Spirit Week! Detailed flyer below.**
October 29: **Picture Retakes/Picture Day for new students at ECC**
November 5: **No School - Election Day**
November 7 and 8: **No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences. Sign Up is open!**
November 26: **No School - Family Involvement Day**
November 27 -29: **Thanksgiving Break**



2024-2025 Early Childhood Family Calendar

<p>August</p> <p>12-14 – NO SCHOOL: EC Teacher Institute Days 15-16 – NO SCHOOL: EC Meet & Greet at ECC and BGS 19 – First day for Early Childhood students at ECC and BGS</p>	<p>February</p> <p>17 – NO SCHOOL: President’s Day</p>
<p>September</p> <p>2 – NO SCHOOL: Labor Day 3 – BGS Curriculum Night (Parents Only) 5-7 pm 10 – ECC Curriculum Night (Parents Only) 5-7 pm 13– BGS Fall Picture Day 20 – NO SCHOOL for EC 26 – Yorkville Homecoming Parade 30 – Family Day at Harris Forest Preserve</p> 	<p>March</p> <p>4 – BGS Spring Picture Day 6 – ECC Spring Picture Day 14 – End of Quarter 3 21 – NO SCHOOL for EC: Family Involvement Day 24-31 – NO SCHOOL: Spring Break</p>
<p>October</p> <p>2 – ECC Fall Picture Day 11 – NO SCHOOL-Fall Break 14 – NO SCHOOL-Fall Break 15 – NO SCHOOL; Teacher Institute Day 18 – End of Quarter 1 21– BGS Picture Retake Day 29 – ECC Picture Retake Day</p> 	<p>April</p> <p>1 – NO SCHOOL: Teacher Institute Day 18 – NO SCHOOL: Holiday</p> 
<p>November</p> <p>5 – NO SCHOOL: Election Day 7/8 – NO SCHOOL: Parent/Teacher Conferences 26 – NO SCHOOL for EC: Family Involvement Day 27-29 – NO SCHOOL: Holiday</p>	<p>May</p> <p>16– Family Day - Author Visit (Non traditional student attendance day. Families join students.) 23 – Last Day of School for EC Students 26 – NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day 27-28 – EC Family Involvement Day</p> 
<p>December</p> <p>20 – NO SCHOOL for EC: Family Involvement Day 23–31 – NO SCHOOL: Winter Break</p> 	<p>*Family Involvement Days are days in which staff conduct home visits, plan community outings with their class or provide opportunities to connect with families outside of the classroom.</p>
<p>January</p> <p>1-3 – Winter Break: NO SCHOOL 10 – End of Quarter 2 20 – NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day 21 – NO SCHOOL: Teacher Institute Day</p>	<p>Field Trip Date and Times TBD Hoover Family Field Trip in the Fall</p>

Total Number of Attendance Days: 165

DROP OFF / PICK UP LINE:

We need your help to maintain a safe drop off and pick up car line. To ensure a safe drop-off and pick-up line, please remain in your car until both traffic lines are completely stopped. Staff will approach your vehicle only when it’s safe. Always turn right when leaving the ECC parking lot to prevent congestion and delays. Remember, using a cell phone in a school zone is illegal. Thank you for your cooperation!



OUTDOOR MOTOR TIME:

As the weather gets colder, all students will continue to enjoy outdoor motor time. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather with appropriate winter gear (coat, hat, gloves/mittens, etc.).

GIVING TREE:

Ms. Gabby has an important message to share with our YECC families:

"This holiday season, our student service department would like to offer support to families who may need assistance in purchasing gifts, clothing, and other necessities. If you are in need of support, please complete the form that came home in your child's backpack. You only need to complete one of them. Please return/complete by November 13th.

If you would like to support a family in need, more information will be coming out soon. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gabby (social worker) at mdaley@y115.org."

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED:

Our preschool days are filled with fun, learning, and plenty of adventures—which sometimes means things can get a little messy! To help our little ones stay comfortable and ready to explore, Nurse Michelle is reaching out for your support. Nurse Michelle is kindly accepting donations of gently used or new boys' pants in sizes 3T and 4T. Additionally, she's looking for brand new girls' underwear, still in the package. Your contributions will make a big difference in keeping our preschoolers comfortable throughout the day.

If you're able to help, please send your donation items in your child's backpack. Be sure to clearly mark them as "donation" so they can make their way to Nurse Michelle without any hiccups! Thank you for your generosity and support in making our preschool a great place for everyone.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

We welcome you for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8. All parents/guardians are welcome to sign up for a 20-minute time slot. Below is the sign up for families that attend ECC. **You will need to select the "SignUps" tab and find your child's teacher.** BGS Principal Perez continues to share BGS conference sign up links in his weekly newsletter. Conferences are in person at Yorkville Early Childhood Center or Bristol Grade School. Contact your child's teacher with questions or to request a virtual conference. We look forward to collaborating with you! ***Sign Up Closes on Friday, November 1st. Please reach out to your child's teacher for any additions or changes after November 1st***

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign
Up

Conference Time! Talking to Your Child's Teacher or Caregiver



Many parents feel nervous about parent-teacher conferences or other talks with their children's teachers or caregivers. Here are some parent-tested hints to help you have good meetings with the people at your child's program.

- ★ **Get to know teachers and other school people long before conferences.**
 - Keep in mind that most teachers like to meet parents as well as other family members.
 - Be sure to tell the staff how to reach you: "My spouse has the night shift, so use my cell phone number during the day." "I can come to school Thursday mornings."
 - Find out if the program has a list of activities for parents. Maybe you can do home learning activities or volunteer to help in a classroom from time to time.
 - Find out when the program has parent-teacher conferences. Then watch for the notes or e-mails inviting you to sign up for a time to meet with the teacher.

- ★ **Make and keep your parent-teacher conference appointment.**
 - Reply quickly when you get the note from school inviting you to conferences.
 - Find out ahead of time if it's okay to bring children to the conferences. Some programs provide free child care for parents who are attending conferences.
 - If you are running late to your conference, call to let the teacher know.

- ★ **Be ready for a two-way conversation.**
 - Expect the teacher to tell you many things about your child, and to show you samples of work that your child has done in the program.
 - Expect the teacher to also ask for your ideas, suggestions, and concerns.

- ★ **Ask some questions yourself. Here are some suggestions.**
 - *What does my child do that surprises you?* This question can help you find out what the teachers expect of your child and what they notice about him.
 - *What is my child reluctant to do?* This question may start an important discussion about your child's interests and dislikes.
 - *What are some things you would like to see my child do?* Even if your child is having a positive school experience, this question may help you and the teacher to think of something new your child could try.
 - *What can I do at home to support what you do in your program?* This question shows your family's concern for your child's education. The teacher may have some good ideas for fun, educational home activities.

- ★ **Stay calm if the teacher feels that your child has some difficulties.**
 - Keep in mind that most teachers would like to hear your ideas about what may be going on. The teacher may also ask you to suggest some ways to help your child.
 - Don't feel that you are being blamed for any problem. Instead, let the teacher know you want to work with the staff to help things go well for your child.

(Parts of this Tip Sheet were adapted from the ERIC Digest "Parent Teacher Conferences: Suggestions for Parents" by Ann-Marie Clark, available at <http://ecap.crc.uiuc.edu/eecearchive/digests/1999/clark99.html>.)

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Y115 EARLY CHILDHOOD'S

FALL SPIRIT WEEK

October 28 -November 1

10/28: MISTMATCH MONDAY-WEAR SILLY MISMATCHED CLOTHES

10/29: TEAM TUESDAY-WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS JERSEY OR HAT

10/30: WACKY SOCK WEDNESDAY

10/31: THRILL US THURSDAY-WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OUTFIT, COSTUME, OR DRESS UP CLOTHES

11/1: WARM AND FUZZY FRIDAY-WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS



NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | 9AM-3PM

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND MARKET

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Entry Fee \$5 Adults
\$3 Seniors & Children (5-12)

(Under 5 Free)

Yorkville High School Gymnasium
797 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, IL



LITTLE FOX FUN:

We had another fantastic week at YECC!



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