



District Newsletter

Week of August 15, 2022

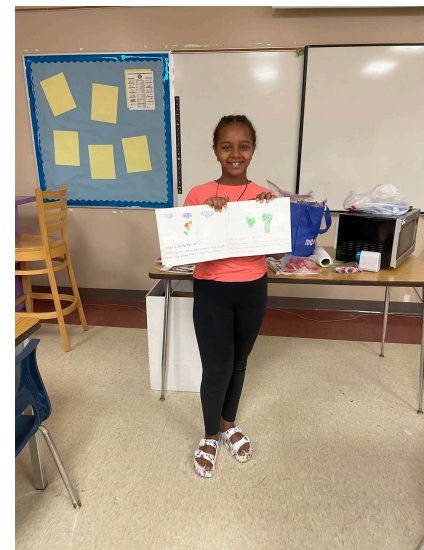
EL Grizzly Learning Camp

Students in Mrs. Schottin and Mrs. Nixon's class enjoyed EL Grizzly Learning Camp exploring the theme of bugs in their ecosystems. Each student authored their very own book about a chosen insect by researching a variety of nonfiction books as part of the ARC Reading Program. The students' books included key information about the insect, diagrams, illustrations, as well as a table of contents, glossary, and "about the author" page. This book making experience facilitated students' learning of important scientific and academic vocabulary relating to insects and ecosystems.

Students also had the opportunity to visit Matthaei Botanical Gardens to take part in the Bugs are Beautiful program, where they learned in depth information about insects and had the opportunity to catch insects with special nets and magnifying glass containers, as well as consult with insect experts.

On the last day, we celebrated our wonderful learning experience by having each student read their book to the class. Our students received a medal for their hard work. They had yummy food, fun, and enjoyed watching Disney's *A Bugs Life*.

What a BEE-u-ti-ful time they had learning about bugs!





Upcoming Dates and Events to Remember

- August 18th - Perry and Ford Kindergarten Round Up, YCMS Parent Meeting
- August 20th - F.A.C.E. Conference and Back to School Bash
- August 24th - Holmes' Back to School Celebration, YCMS Schedule Pick Up
- August 25th - Estabrook's Back to School BBQ, Erickson's Back to School Celebration
- **August 29th - First Day of School**
- September 6th - First Day of Preschool
- September 13th - Estabrook's Open House
- September 15th - YCHS Open House
- October 5th - Student Count Day

Please click the link to view the [2022-2023 School Calendar](#).

YCS is School of Choice

Be a Grizzly Today! Students residing outside of the YCS district boundaries but living within Washtenaw County or a contiguous county are eligible to enroll as a school of choice student at any YCS school.

Fall: Applications accepted February 10, 2022, through October 5, 2022

Winter: Applications accepted October 6, 2022, through February 8, 2023

[2022-2023 School of Choice Application](#)



F.A.C.E. Conference and Back to School Bash

Today is the last day to register for the Y.C.S. Family and Community Empowerment Conference (F.A.C.E.) **with special guest Angela Yee** from the syndicated radio show the Breakfast Club on Saturday, August 20th, starting at 8 a.m. Registration will close at 5 pm today.

This FREE conference is open to anyone in the community. It will provide complete information on navigating the school year around Care, Safety, Academics, and Partnerships.

F.A.C.E. Conference Registration (required)

- [F.A.C.E. Conference Eventbrite Registration](#)
- **Registration closes on August 15th at 5 pm.**

Back to School Bash

- 1,000+ backpacks to give away!
- Join us after the conference for free backpacks, food trucks, a D.J., haircuts, face painting, and more!
- Registration is not required.

Kid Zone Registration is open now for the F.A.C.E. Conference!

- Kid Zone registration is open for students from Pre-K through 6th graders regardless of the school district they attend!
- [Kid Zone Sign Up](#)
- Kid Zone is run by YCS Lead teachers, paraprofessionals, and volunteers.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

F.A.C.E.
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT
CONFERENCE
2022 2095 Packard Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

FREE EVENT
Registration Required

SATURDAY
August
20
9AM - 1PM

Celebrity Motivational Speaker
Angela Yee

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BACK TO SCHOOL

BASH

FREE TO THE COMMUNITY!

B.B.Q. | Face Painting
Haircuts | Music

AND MORE!

FREE BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SATURDAY
August 20th
12-3 p.m.

Ypsilanti Community Schools:
Shadford Field

No registration is necessary.



engage@emu



While supplies last. A parent or guardian must be present with the child to receive a backpack. One backpack per student and no exchanges.





F.A.C.E.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT
CONFERENCE
2022

Ypsilanti Community High School
(2095 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Keynote speaker is Angela Yee, syndicated radio host, entrepreneur, and community advocate who will speak with guests on entrepreneurship, women in business, and the importance of community.

CARE

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Washtenaw County will lead sessions on mental health, physical health, improving family and community communication plus supporting behaviors at home and school.

SAFETY

Various community leaders will lead sessions on cybersafety, raising resilient children, and improving communication between parents and systems.

ACADEMICS

Ypsilanti Community Schools will lead sessions on supporting academics at home, college readiness, study skill, and improving reading, math, and science.

PARTNERSHIPS

Sessions will focus on utilizing community organizations and collaborations to strengthen academics, safety, and care in the community.



8 A.M.
Registration & Breakfast

8 A.M.-12 P.M.
Vendor Fair

9 A.M.
Session ONE

10 A.M.
Session TWO

11 A.M.
Guest Speaking Session

Celebrity Motivational Speaker Angela Yee

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

EVENTBRITE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-face-conference-x-back-to-school-bash-tickets-367048210077>

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SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM AT FORD ELC

Spanish & English

Fall 2022

Open Enrollment

Through

October 5, 2022

2440 Clark Rd.

Ypsilanti, MI
48198

NEW!

PRESCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN
1ST GRADE



**Ypsilanti
Community
Schools**

**Open to
In-District and
School of Choice
Students**



YCS offers **Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade** English & Spanish Dual Language Immersion Programs at Ford Early Learning Center

90 % Instruction in Spanish starting in Kindergarten

Language taught through content

WHY CHOOSE FORD ELC?

- ◆ **Bilingualism and biliteracy**
- ◆ **Academic rigor**
- ◆ **Cultural competency**

APPLY TODAY



Dual Language Immersion is a program where fluent English speakers and fluent Spanish speakers are enrolled in the same classroom with the goal of developing high levels of language proficiency and academic competence in two languages. All students are taught Spanish and English.

This exciting new program offers both English and Spanish-speaking students the opportunity to attain both Spanish and English language proficiency!

Ford Early Learning Center is home to our Spanish Immersion program. This unique program currently starts in kindergarten with a grade level added each year. Students are immersed in the Spanish language for 90% of their instructional time. As students move through the program, English instruction increases and students become bilingual and biliterate. Native English speakers as well as native Spanish speakers are encouraged to apply. This is one of only 2 programs of its kind in Washtenaw county.

Your child will.....

~Be bilingual...

~Be biliterate...

~Be bicultural...

~Be ready for the future



For Preschool students:

[Click here to enroll in Preschool](#)

(And you must also click on this line to enroll in the program—[Link to Program](#))

For Kindergarten & 1st Grade students:

[Click here to enroll in the Program](#)

(Follow the instructions in the form)

For School Of Choice Students

[Click here for School Of Choice Form](#)



#ycswhereyoubelong

Ypsilanti
Community
Schools

IS HIRING

www.ycschools.us/employment



YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**NOW
HIRING**

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

- ✓ GREAT WAGES & BENEFITS
- ✓ PAID TRAINING
- ✓ HEALTH INSURANCE

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE
NEW BUS FLEET-2020 OR NEWER BUSES
COMPUTERIZED ROUTING

Call the transportation office
for more information at **734.221.2449**

Apply online at: <https://www.ycschools.us/employment/>



Estabrook Family and Friends Back to School BBQ!

Please join us at Estabrook to kick off the school year with a barbeque and the chance to meet your new teacher!



Welcome back Eagles!

Thursday, August 25th

2:30 - 4:00 Incoming 2nd Grade &
New to Estabrook Families

4:00 - 6:00 Returning 3rd-5th Grade Families

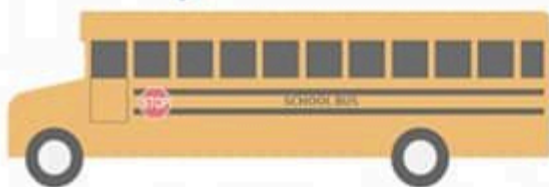
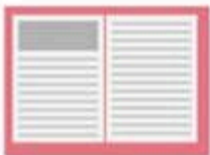


OPEN HOUSE



Tuesday, Sept 13, 2022
5:00 - 6:30

Bring the family to visit your
child's class & see what
they've been working on!





HELP SHAPE YDL'S FUTURE

Be a part of our next steps forward!
Taking 10 minutes to fill out our
community survey will help us plan our
next 3 years of initiatives.

Visit ypslibrary.org or scan
the QR code to take the survey
online, or ask for a paper copy
at the desk



We are collecting your responses
through August 26!

WANT TO GIVE FEEDBACK IN PERSON?



Come to a Community Input
Session at YDL-Michigan Thursday,
Aug. 11 at either 5 or 7pm.

Elijah Craft & Chase Byers Reading Matters

5K Run/Walk for Literacy Awareness



University Park at Eastern Michigan University

Saturday, August 20, 2022

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

‘Taking Steps To Make A Difference’

**“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope”
...Kofi Annan**