



*Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr.*

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## Message from Superintendent Soler

### Dear Yonkers Families,

Our schools are full of energy, learning, and creativity. Every day, more than 24,000 students bring life to our classrooms and hallways. None of this would be possible without our incredible teachers.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to say thank you. But the truth is, their impact lasts far beyond a single week—it lasts a lifetime. And they don't do this important work alone.

Our school nurses also play a vital role. They care for students and staff with kindness and professionalism, making sure everyone stays healthy. We celebrate them during School Nurse Week and recognize the difference they make in our schools.

Parents are a key part of this team, too. This week, the Yonkers Council of Parent Teacher Association held its annual fundraising gala, honoring two amazing advocates for children: Don DeMatteo, Assistant Principal at Yonkers Montessori Academy, and Kyle Belokopitsky, Executive Director of the New York State PTA.

The funds raised will support scholarships for Yonkers Public Schools students, helping them achieve their dreams.

There is more good news—New York State has adopted a new budget! Thanks to the hard work of the New York State Delegation that represents Yonkers Public Schools, we are receiving an additional \$38 million in funding this year. This is an important step in addressing the challenges we have faced for a long time. We are focused on building a responsible budget that prioritizes strong student outcomes and high-quality education while also minimizing any negative impact.

We are exploring all options to improve our students' school experience, while also making adjustments due to changes in enrollment. I will provide more details at the Board's Audit, Budget, and Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 13th.

Lastly, I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and caregivers who play such an important role in the lives of our children. I am deeply grateful for the love and guidance of my own mother and Abuela (grandmother), and I know many of you feel the same. Enjoy your weekend!



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

*From key moments with Superintendent Soler to exciting events across our schools, Yonkers Magic was on full display. Catch up on all the highlights and celebrations happening in YPS this week!*

### Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

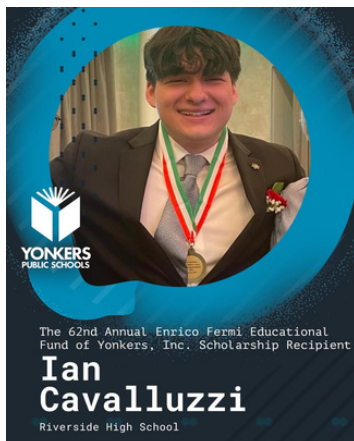


#### Celebrating Our Outstanding Educators

*This week, the YPS community celebrated Teacher Appreciation week in many different ways. Some schools hosted luncheons, others presented teachers with gift baskets, and we invited past and present students to share their positive experiences online. Read what they had to say by visiting*

[facebook.com/yonkerspublicschools](https://facebook.com/yonkerspublicschools)

### Celebrating Student Success



#### Yonkers Students Win Scholarships

*Congratulations to Ian Cavalluzzi from Riverside High School and Alexandra Daley from Roosevelt High School for being chosen as two of the 62nd Annual Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers, Inc. Scholarship recipients.*

## NFL Legends Surprise Yonkers Students with Scholarships



### Talk About A Touchdown Moment!

Two Saunders Trades & Technical High School students, Mohammad Baker and Vanessa Aguilar, were awarded \$3,000 scholarships. The surprise came courtesy of the NFL Players Association NY/NJ Chapter and Athletes for Vets, in partnership with Yonkers My Brother's Keeper and My Sister's Keeper. Surrounded by classmates, educators, and former NFL pros, these two rising stars were celebrated not just for their academic achievements, but for the leadership and heart they show in their communities.

## Walking for a Cure

**Join Yonkers Public Schools for this year's Relay for Life as we raise vital funds for cancer research and support services.**

Our community has always stood together, and now we have a chance to make an even bigger impact.

This year's event is especially meaningful as we honor **Ms. Elaine Shine**—a beloved educator, mentor, and warrior. Elaine's strength and dedication continue to inspire us. By participating, donating, or volunteering, you help carry on her legacy and support the fight against cancer.

**JOIN OUR TEAM**  
Walk with us and stand united in hope.  
**Friday, May 30, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**  
Gorton High School, 100 Shonnard Place, Yonkers

**DONATE**  
Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to a cure. You can donate here:

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
Rally friends, family, and colleagues to support this vital cause. They can donate by using the QR code above.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

**YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Together, we honor Ms. Shine's legacy and bring hope to those still fighting cancer. Let's unite as a community and make a lasting impact.

### YPS Joins Relay for Life – May 30

Join us in the fight against cancer as we walk in honor of Ms. Elaine Shine and so many others who've faced this disease.

Date: Friday, May 30th

Time: 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: Gorton High School Field

[Support or Donate](#)



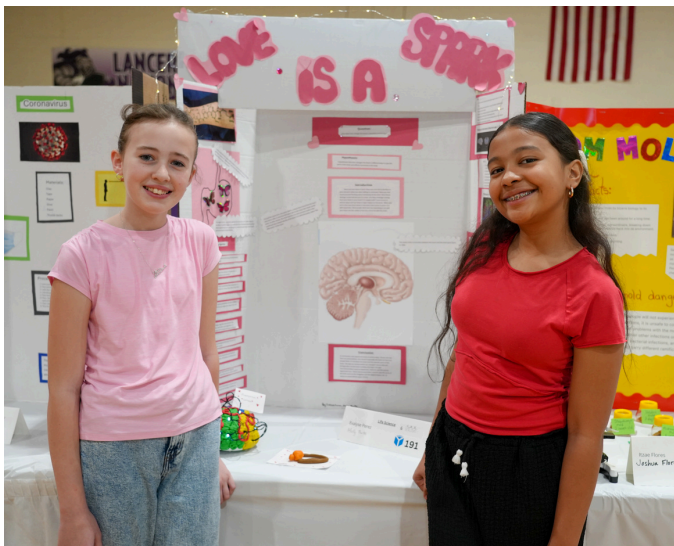
## Uplifting Leaders of Color across New York State



### Superintendent Soler Co-hosts NYS Leaders of Color for Education Cohort

*Superintendent Soler, along with Dr. Aurelia L. Henriquez, co-hosted a cohort focused on highlighting authentic leadership journeys and providing critical insights into the pressing issues facing current and aspiring leaders of color. He has been committed to creating a meaningful and community-centered experience for New York State Leaders of Color in Education.*

## Science Fair Success at Lincoln High School



### Over 250 Students Attend 1st Annual Science Fair

*Yonkers Public Schools first annual science fair was a massive success. A huge thank you goes out to our Executive Director of Science and Instructional Technology, Elan Kheyman, and his entire team for putting this event together. I would also like to applaud all the students who entered the fair. It would not have been possible without you.*

## Roosevelt High School Gives Back



### Annual Clothing Drive Serves Over 60 Families

*The Roosevelt High School Early College Studies Annual Capstone Community Clothing Drive led by Mr. Giancaspro, Ms. LoGuidice, Ms. Cardillo, Ms. Moscol, and Ms. Hall had a positive impact on the community. Over 60 families picked up dresses, pants, sweaters, toys and more! A huge thanks to everyone who donated an item. A special shout out to the Economics and Government classes and the A-Team for sponsoring this special event.*

## Shining a Light on Achievement



### Honoring YCPTA Leadership and Student Advocacy

*It was a pleasure to attend the YCPTA Scholarship Dinner honoring Don DeMatteo, Assistant Principal of Yonkers Montessori Academy and Kyle Belokopitsky, Executive Director of NYS PTA. Congratulations to both recipients on this well-deserved recognition!*



## Champions Crowned at the First Yonkers Diamond City Classic



### Roosevelt and Saunders Win Big in Inaugural Showdown

*The first-ever Yonkers Diamond City Classic brought serious heat to the field! Roosevelt High School took home the baseball title with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Saunders, led by standout performances from Michael and Jose Hernandez, and a game-saving play by Michael Linares. On the softball side, Saunders High School clinched a 2-1 win over YMA behind Nailah Searight's dominant pitching and Madison Ocasio's clutch triple. Grit, heart, and championship energy were on full display—congrats to our city champs!*

## Stay connected with Yonkers Public Schools!

Follow us for the latest news, events, and school highlights.

**Be part of the #YonkersMagic!**



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## Upcoming Events



**YONKERS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



# 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Fifth Grade



*Sponsored by the Exchange Club of Yonkers and Yonkers Public Schools*

**Friday, May 16, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**


Saunders Trades and Technical High School  
Auditorium  
183 Palmer Road • Yonkers, New York 10701


# FAMILY FUN LEARNING FESTIVAL

Supporting families with little learners—discover tips, tools, and resources for children from birth to 3rd grade!

- 📖 ELA Reading Tips
- 🎵 Music and Literacy Resources
- ⚙️ Games & More


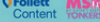





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**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**  
Yonkers Riverfront Library, 2nd Floor  
1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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**Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025**  
**Time: 5:30 PM**  
**Location: Roosevelt High School Auditorium**



## Centennial Celebration at Roosevelt High School

*All are invited to join us as we celebrate Roosevelt High School's 100th anniversary. It will be a wonderful night reflecting on the school's rich history and highlighting the amazing work that the school's staff has accomplished over the past century.*



# District Digest

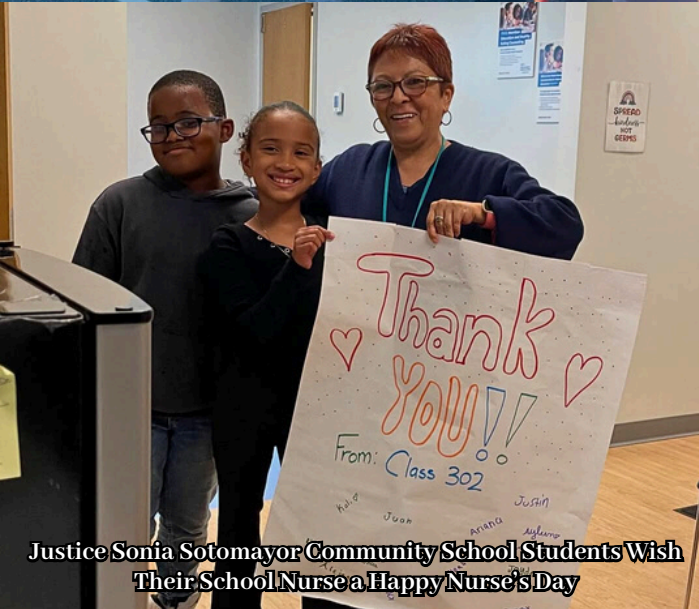
## Photos From Across The District



**Autism Awareness Parade @ Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School**



**Annual Capstone Community Clothing Drive @ Roosevelt High School**



**Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School Students Wish Their School Nurse a Happy Nurse's Day**



**Mr. Vasquez's Chess Club Exercises Critical Thinking Skills @ Boyce Thompson School**



**It's Butterfly Season @ YMA**



**5th Graders Celebrated the Completion of NYS Exams With Ice Cream @ Cross Hill Academy**



# District Digest

## Photos From Across The District



Lincoln High School Students See Hamilton LIVE



Riverside High School Students Celebrate Cinco de Mayo



Award Winners of Our First Annual Science Fair



# YPS STUDENT ARTWORK



Julianne Bravo, YMHS, Gr. 11



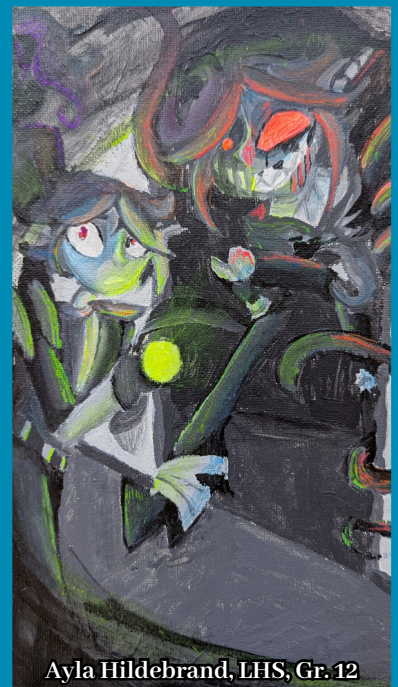
Liam Herrera, MLKA, Gr. 2



Meilyn Gracia, J.S.S.C.S., Gr. 6



Zared Morales, YMHS, Gr. 12



Ayla Hildebrand, LHS, Gr. 12



Alejandro Rosete, Yonkers Montessori Academy, Gr. 10