In Case You Missed It

The 7th Grade Musical Theater Class did a performance of "Oh The Things You Can Think" from Seussical the Musical.  Watch Now

The 5th grade students put on a wonderful rendition of Oliver Twist! Read More

The third graders made their own water filters in science class... Read More

Our First Graders recreated and presented their own "Long Night Moon" poetry. Watch Now

More Highlights From Last Week

Classroom News

Mommy & Me  Beginners  Pre-K  Kindergarten
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Important Dates

School-wide
March 8 (Fri): Parent Education Event- Mindsets for Parents 8:30am
March 15 (Fri): Teacher Work Day- Instructional and Extended Care Closed
March 29 (Fri): Grandparents' Day 7:30-11:00am
March 30 (Sat): STEM Symposium 9-3pm

Lower School
March 4-8: 3rd Grade Science Fair
Middle School

March 8 (Fri): 4-8th Grade Spelling Bee Final 1:00-2:30pm
March 8 (Fri): NJHS Applications Due 3:00pm
March 13 (Wed): 4-8th Grade Career Day 8:30-12:00pm
March 13 (Wed): 7-8th Grade National Latin Exam 1:00-2:00pm
March 14 (Thurs): 4th Grade Field Trip- Maryland Science Center

Things to Know

Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey
As you know, the Nysmith School is committed to continuous improvement. We value your opinions and experiences and would appreciate your feedback on how this school year is progressing so far. We’re particularly interested in feedback on how we can improve and better serve your family.

We invite you to participate in our 2018-19 Mid-year Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete. All responses will remain anonymous. If you would like to hear from us to discuss your feedback, you will have the option to provide your name and contact information.

Tuesday’s Menu, Vote for Table Name, and Volunteers

Contest: We received a whopping 43 entries for the Healthy Snacks Table name. Thank you to all the kids who participated. Parents, Click on this link to vote for your kids’ 3 most favorite table names. We’ll also have paper copies with the names at the snacks table on Tuesday so your kids can vote in person. Voting ends on March 12.

Tuesday’s Menu: We’re making Ham and Cheese Waffles this week. Our Whole Wheat Waffles with cream and berries will also be available. Back by popular demand is our Zucchini Chocolate Chip Muffins. Yum! We’ll also have freshly baked Raisin Bread with Cinnamon Swirl, fresh bananas, red grapes, fuji apples, clementines, applesauce, 100% juice, seaweed, and other nut-free snacks. All baked goods are made from scratch using quality ingredients. For list of ingredients, please contact Maria Di Paolo-Greer or Adriane Lewis. Volunteer: Please volunteer to help run the table, Tuesdays 7:45AM - 8:30AM. Your child can volunteer with you! Sign-ups are here.

National Junior Honor Society
It is time for your child to consider applying for membership to the National Junior Honor Society. The purpose of the NJHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, and develop character. It is an honorable and valuable organization. More information can be found at www.njhs.us/ NJHS is open to all 7th, 8th, and second semester 6th graders. All students must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of A- (3.6) since the beginning of 6th grade. Students will also need to commit a total 10 service hours per year. Click here for the application and more information.
March PTO Sponsored Community Service Drive
This month we are collecting for INOVA Children's Hospital Inova Children's Hospital is a not-for-profit children's hospital that relies on community support to provide world-class care close to home. Click here for more information as well as items that will be collected.

Spring Break Extended Care
Extended Care will be open during Spring Break from Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19. Instructional & Extended Care will be closed on Monday, April 22. Please complete this form if you would like your child to attend any of the dates during this time and return it to April Breeden, Extended Care Director. Please email April Breeden if you have any questions.

Career Day
Career Day is coming up on March 13! We are seeking parents to volunteer the morning of March 13 to speak to 4th through 8th-grade students about their exciting careers! The goal of Career Day is to allow students to be exposed to career knowledge outside of their current areas of study. Careers can develop very uniquely from early choices. Students would love to hear about your career story! Please contact Mona Advani or Kiran Bakshi if you are interested in speaking at Career Day this year!

The Look Ahead Archive
Did you know that you can access all of this school year’s Look Ahead's in our community portal? If you’ve missed any of our past issues and want to catch up, simply enter the community portal at the top of our homepage and look for the Look Ahead icon. You can also access the archive by clicking here.

Social Media

Best of Photo Galleries
Mommy & Me
1st Grade
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Instagram Accounts
Nysmith
Art
P.E.
Library
Music

Nysmith Community
SchoolPool
Interested in sharing the ride to school? Try SchoolPool!
Loyalty Programs
The Nysmith PTO continues its participation in loyalty programs to supplement the many PTO sponsored events. Families can support them by collecting Box Tops and shopping at Harris Teeter and Lands' End stores. Read more here.

Have a Student Achievement? We want to know about it!
Remember to tell us if you have an upcoming special event, item of interest, or student achievement to celebrate, email us at nysmithnews@nysmith.com. Some examples of what you should include in your email are:
· upcoming special events (inside or outside of the classroom)
· upcoming competitions including details on the nature and specifics of the competition (background/history of organization, location, format, advancement opportunities)
· names, grade levels & hometowns of participating students and parent/coach
· same-day or Monday (for weekend events) reporting of individual and/or team results
· high resolution photos of students competing and/or receiving awards/trophies (including captions identifying each student and parent-coach in picture)

With advance notice, we'll be able to share your student's wins and experiences within and around our community. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation in making Nysmith a stand-out school!

Enrichment Opportunities

Save the Date- STEM Symposium on March 30th from 9:00-3:00pm
Save the date and don’t forget to register for this year's STEM Symposium, taking place right here at Nysmith! This year's theme is the The Power of Curiosity. Nysmith students and their families are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate!

4th - 8th graders are invited to present their science fair projects along with the other symposium exhibitors. In addition, if you are part of a STEM-related club/group or team, or have anything STEM-centered that you are working on and you’d like to share it with others at the Symposium, let us know! Send an email to Mr. Nysmith with your name, grade, project, and contact information.

Click here for more information about the STEM Symposium and to register for free.

Astronauts are Coming to Nysmith!
Ever wonder what it's like to orbit the Earth or to be weightless in space? Ask a real-life astronaut at our upcoming STEM Symposium! Astronauts Sandra Hall Magnus and Lawrence James DeLucas will be here at Nysmith on March 30th. Meet them, ask questions and learn more about their experiences in space. Don't forget to register for tickets here.
SheSoft Conference & Championship

Calling all 5th - 8th grade girls! Registration is now open for the second annual SheSoft Championship and Conference. This year's event will take place on June 7th - 9th, right here in the DC metro area. Those who are interested in competing for either an "Innovation Award" or "Technologist Award," can register learn more and register online here. Championship applications will be accepted from now until May 1, 2019. Founded by Nysmith alumnus, Kirthi Kumar, SheSoft is a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gender gap in technology by empowering young girls in upper elementary and middle school ages through seminars, webinars, workshops and software application competitions.

North South Foundation Regionals

All Nysmith families are invited to participate in the Regional North South Foundation Competition that will be held at Nysmith on April 27th and 28th. The competition has numerous individual competitions including spelling, vocabulary, geography, history, essay writing, science, math, and public speaking. Click here to find out more information and register.

National Youth Leadership Forum

If you would like us to nominate your current 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader for the National Youth Leadership Forum, please email Ms. Breedan with your child’s name and gender, your mailing address and the grade they are currently in. For more information about this program, please visit this website.

Extended Care Programs

Classes held from 4pm-5pm are underway. You are always welcome to join them, but will need to check with each individual program for the prorated rate. A new Overtime Athletics (OTA) Program-Sports Spectacular is being added and scheduled to begin 3/19/19. Please see the attachment for details and registration information.

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Royal Badminton Academy comes to Nysmith PE class

The PE department is very excited to announce that Royal Badminton Academy (RBA) will be coming to our PE classes to teach the students about the sport of badminton! The students will learn the rules and techniques of the game and what a "shuttlecock" is, and also be given the opportunity to try their hand at the sport. If your child expresses interest in continuing badminton lesson, please visit the RBA website.
At RBA, students develop their skills and playing abilities in a fun and rewarding environment. Passionate participants are even encouraged to play competitively, try out for RBA Team and take the sport to any level they wish. Happy playing!

AIC Fencing
AIC Fencing is now offering after school program. Their top quality professional fencing coaches will work with your child on the fencing basic movements, fencing footwork, agility, speed and conditioning. Their goal is to get our children into great shape physically in a fun, safe, structured and friendly environment. Through fencing, physical exercise, character shaping and potential discovery make it a healthy, noble, tough and wise generation. AIC will pick up students from Nysmith and transport to 13525 Dulles Technology Dr Suite 102 in Herndon (parents will pick up there at 6:00pm.) Fees: $50 registration, $125 per week, 15% off sibling discount. Registration now open and program starts April 1st. For more click here.