



YORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5201 BROOKHAVEN DRIVE, RALEIGH NC 27612

Monthly Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back! Hopefully you and your family enjoyed a much-needed break with plenty of rest and relaxation. Thank you to all of the YES community for making this year's Enchanted Forest Book Fair and Literacy Night a huge success. A special thank you to the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen for our school.

York students will start 2019 off with a **BANGING** cultural arts performance by Number Drummer, this Thursday, January 17. Number Drummer Live is a one-of-a-kind interactive performance where the entire audience "drums" up math to create a spectacular rhythmic production. Every student plays an instrument! It's the ultimate interactive math and music experience.

Later that night we will hold a General PTA Membership meeting at 6:00 pm in the Media Center. If you've been wondering what PTA is doing to support YES, this is a great time to come and find out. Then join us for Family Game Night at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria. Come enjoy a FREE night of fun and have the chance to win some cool prizes!

Lastly, are you interested in getting more involved? There are opportunities for ALL commitment levels and skill sets. It's not too late to join a committee for this year- or too early to learn about next year. Please contact Sharaka Bert (Sharaka_bert@yahoo.com) if you are interested in learning more about the different committees.

Sincerely,
Melissa Smith, 2018-2019 York PTA President



Pam Acosta- Garcia

Cafeteria Manager

Pam Acosta-Garcia is our phenomenal cafeteria manager. She truly has the biggest heart when it comes to serving the students and staff at York. She goes above and beyond to make sure that all students are fed breakfast and lunch each day. She always has a pot of coffee brewing in the morning and cold ice/drinks on the ready for staff during lunch. She is a creative chef so it's not uncommon to pop by the kitchen to smell something fantastic cooking. In the Fall, it was pumpkin and banana bread! She goes out of her way to do little random acts of kindness for so many, even those not within the YES community. When the hurricanes hit this past fall, she was over at our local high school helping to run the kitchen, so others had warm meals and caring conversations. Just a little something to help during hard times. She truly knows and lives our Positivity Project motto of #OtherPeopleMatter. We are so blessed and fortunate to have this York-tastic woman here at our school!

Calendar of Events

January 11- Staff Birthday Lunch (hosted by 3rd grade)
January 17- End of 2nd Quarter
Number Drummer Performance
PTA Meeting- 6:00pm
Family Game Night- 6:30pm
January 18- Snow Make Up Day
January 21- WCPSS Holiday (MLK Day)- No School
January 31- PBIS Assembly- 9:30 2nd & 3rd Grades
- 10:15 4th & 5th Grades
- 11:00 Pre-K & 1st Grade
Spirit Night (Milton's Pizza)
February 4-8- Writer in Residence (Susie Wilde)
February 18- WCPSS Teacher Workday- No School
February 19- Snow Make Up Day

SAVE THE DATE

York STEM Expo

April 5

5:30-7:30pm

*You don't want to miss this year's event...
It's a tech-y packed evening!*

Points of Bulldog Pride

- ❖ Thank you to the entire York family for supporting Angel Tree. Due to your generosity, we were able to sponsor 50 families this holiday season!
- ❖ Shout out to everyone who helped make the Book Fair and Literacy Night successes! Thank you to all those that helped set up, clean up, sell books, and volunteered their time.
- ❖ **Congratulations!** York was selected by Cisco to receive 70 circuit kits for our 4th graders, who created circuits on Dec. 21 as a group! Check out photos of the event on Twitter @YORKESBulldogs and @york_engineers.
- ❖ Also, York was selected as a school to receive Minecraft EDU (Education Edition). All students will be given free access for use at school and at home. More information to come!

How You Can Help York

- ✓ Donate to the York Clothing Closet on Member Hub. To volunteer, contact Melody Bennett at mbennett@wcpss.net.