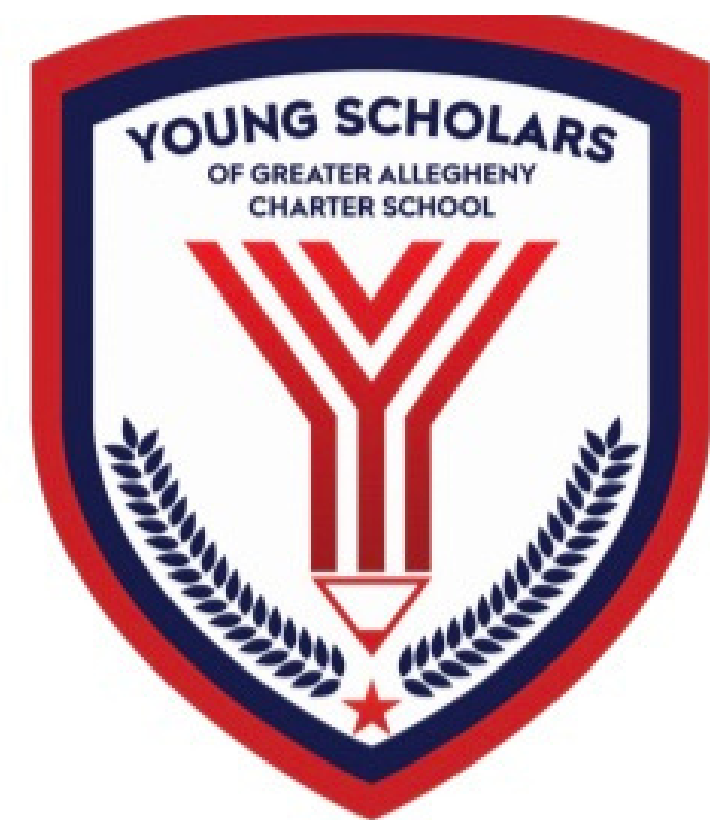
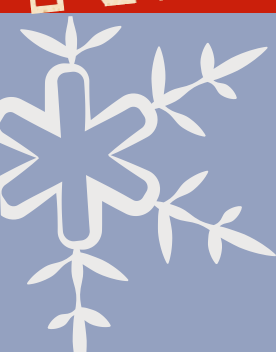



# YOUNG SCHOLARS OF GREATER ALLEGHENY CHARTER SCHOOL



## News and Events

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!** that you don't want to miss!

 YSGA has had a great start to the new year! Students enjoyed their winter break and everyone was excited to return to school to see their friends and teachers.



### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

YGSA's second round of parent-teacher conferences was held on

Thursday, January 27, 2022. Thank you to the parents and guardians who attended their child's conference. Conferences are a great way to connect with your child's teacher and be an active part of your child's educational journey.



**CELEBRATING  
THE PAST**

**LOOKING TOWARD**

**THE FUTURE**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

February is Black History Month. We celebrate Black achievement and take a fresh look at the people and organizations who are creating positive change for the all communities. At YSGA, we believe that Black History should be our focus all year long, and not just one month. The month of February is a celebration when the entire school will focus on projects and activities that reinforce the importance of Black History.





# February is **Heart** Month!!



It's February – **American Heart Month** – a time when the nation spotlights heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans. One person dies every 36 seconds in the US from cardiovascular disease. Approximately 659,000 people each year—that's 1 in every 4 deaths.

**You may be asking “What can I do to decrease my risk?”**

- **Check Your Blood Pressure.** Normal BP is 120/80 for most adults.
- **Manage Your Cholesterol** – Healthy cholesterol starts with healthy eating.
- **Quit Cigarette Smoking or smokeless tobacco**– Smokers are up to 6x more likely to suffer heart attacks. Kick the habit – check out [smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov) for tools to help you quit!
- **Manage Your Diabetes** – The National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases shares 50+ ways to prevent type 2 diabetes.
- **Exercise & Eat Healthy** – Being physically active ( 30-60 minutes of activity a day) and healthy eating are important for overall heart health.
- **Maintain a healthy weight.**
- **Get good quality sleep.**
- **Manage stress.**
- **Get regular health screenings.**

Yours in health,

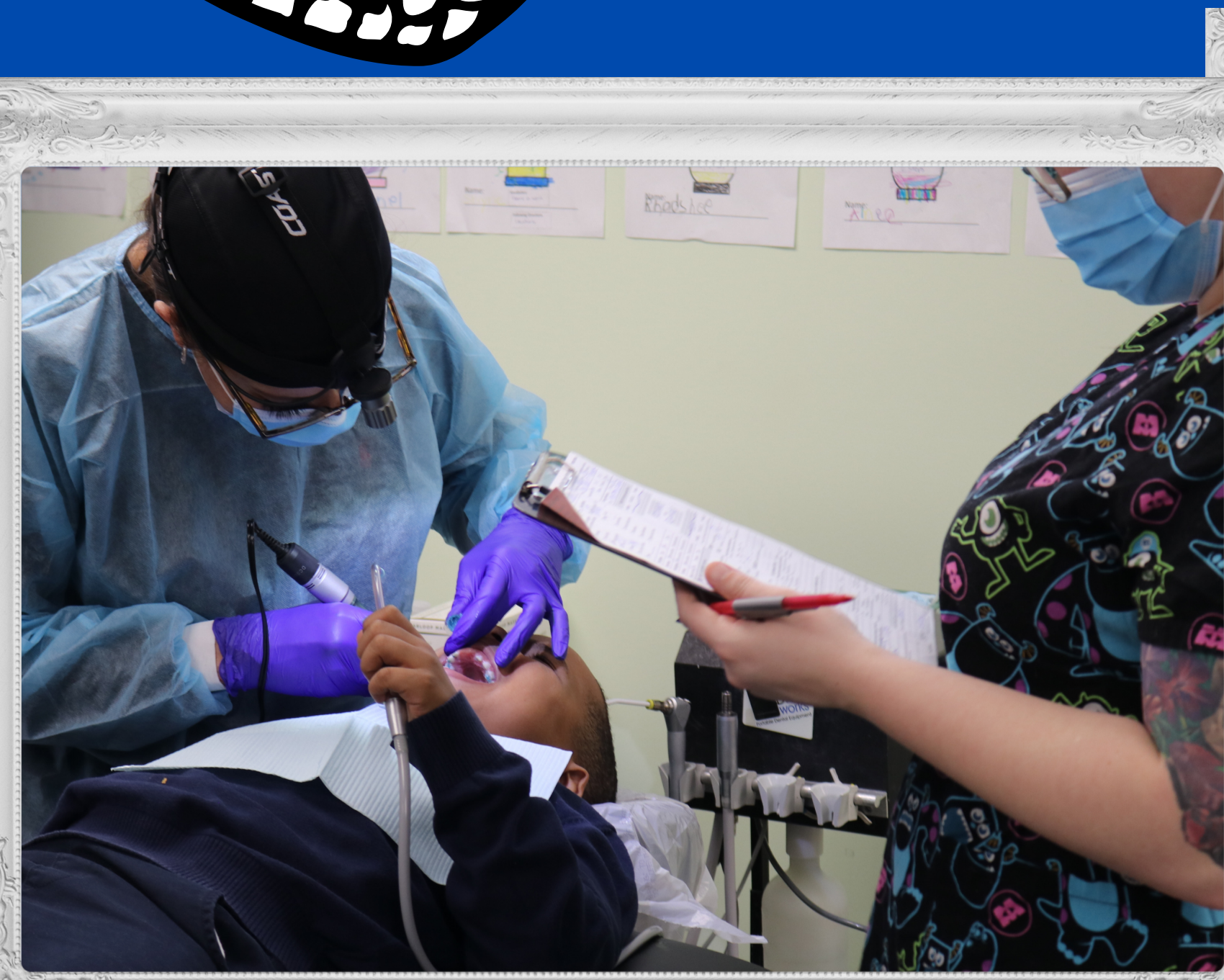
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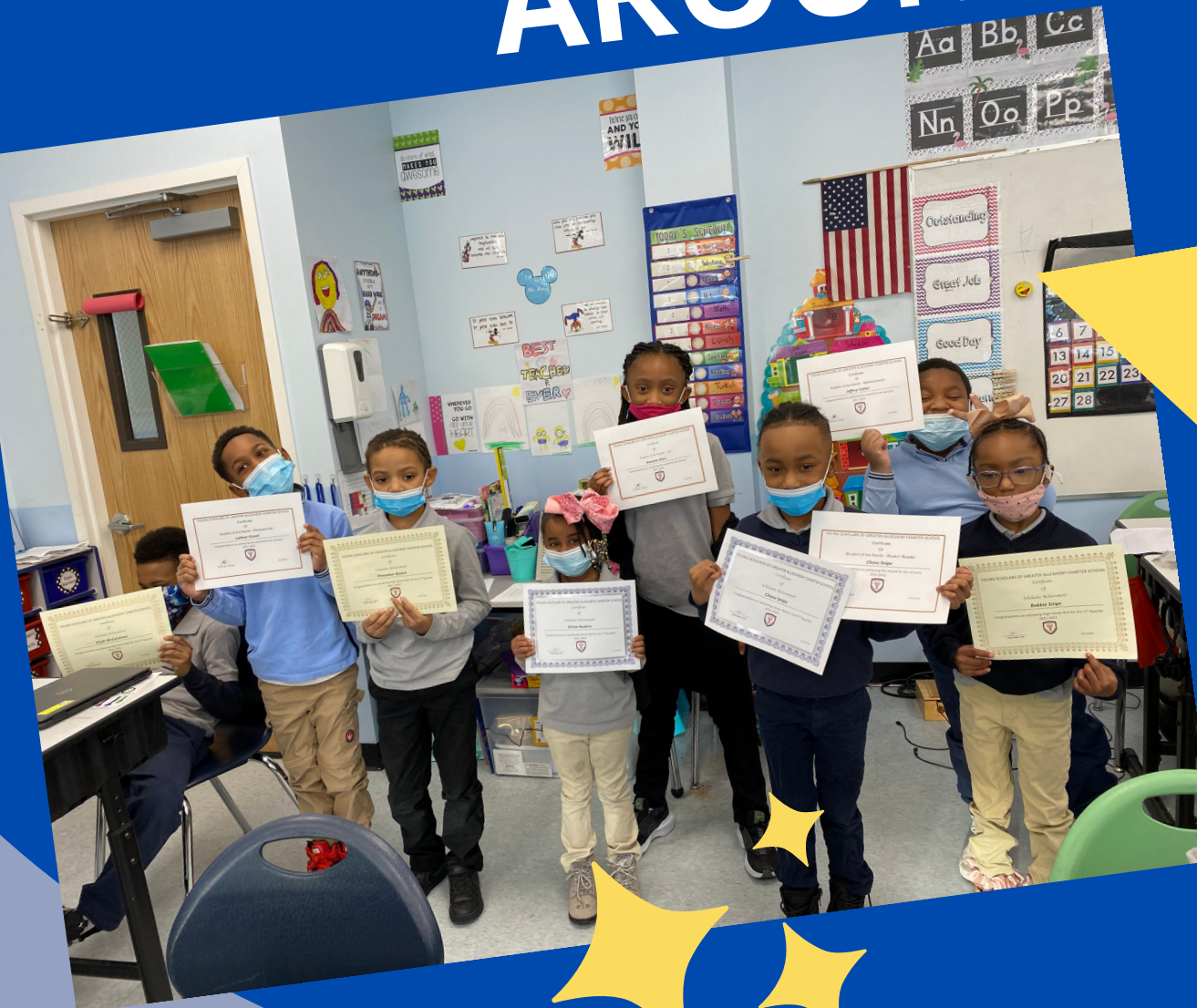


# Dental Smiles was at YSGA!

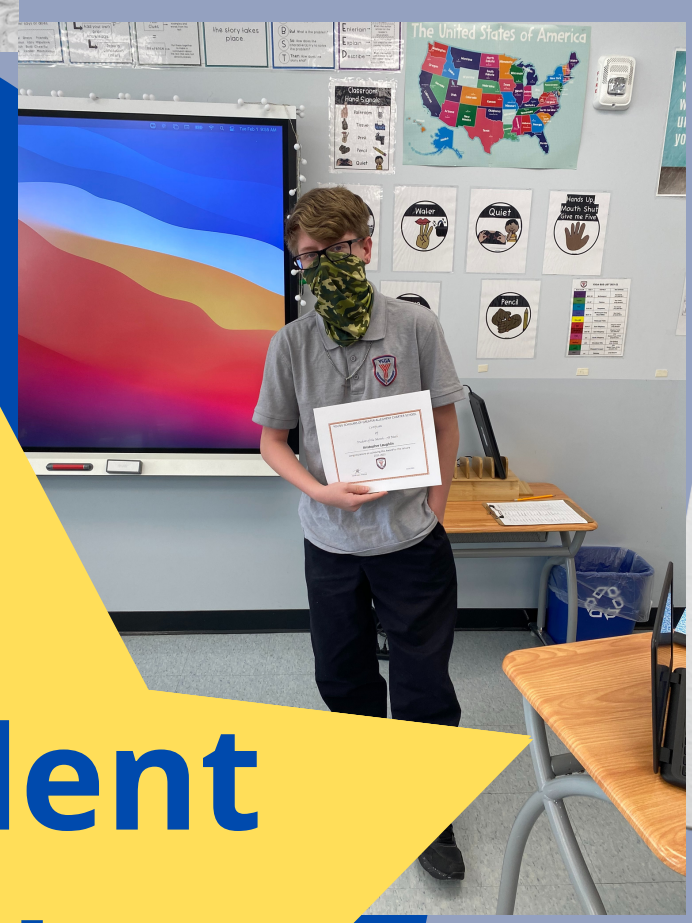
Dental Smiles made a visit to our school and the dentist examined approximately 40 students over two days. This program helps children to be relaxed and not afraid of the dentist. Our students did great!



**CELEBRATIONS ALL AROUND!**



**Student of the Month**



**Honor Roll CEREMONY**





# YSGA's High School Fair

On January 25th and 26th, YSGA hosted a high school fair for our 7th and 8th grade students. The visiting schools were: Seton LaSalle Catholic, Serra Catholic, Propel, and City Charter High. The presentations were very informative!



## YSGA Alumni Spotlight

**Ayden Byers, who was among the first graduating 8th grade class from YSGA, was a guest at our High School Fair today! Byers is currently a 10th grade student at the City High Charter School, which is located in Pittsburgh, PA. He spoke to our current 7th and 8th grade students about his experience at City High Charter School and why this high school could be a great fit for our students. Byers stated that he was academically prepared for high school and credits the strong foundation that he received from YSGA. The thing he misses most about YSGA? The Turkish language class!**





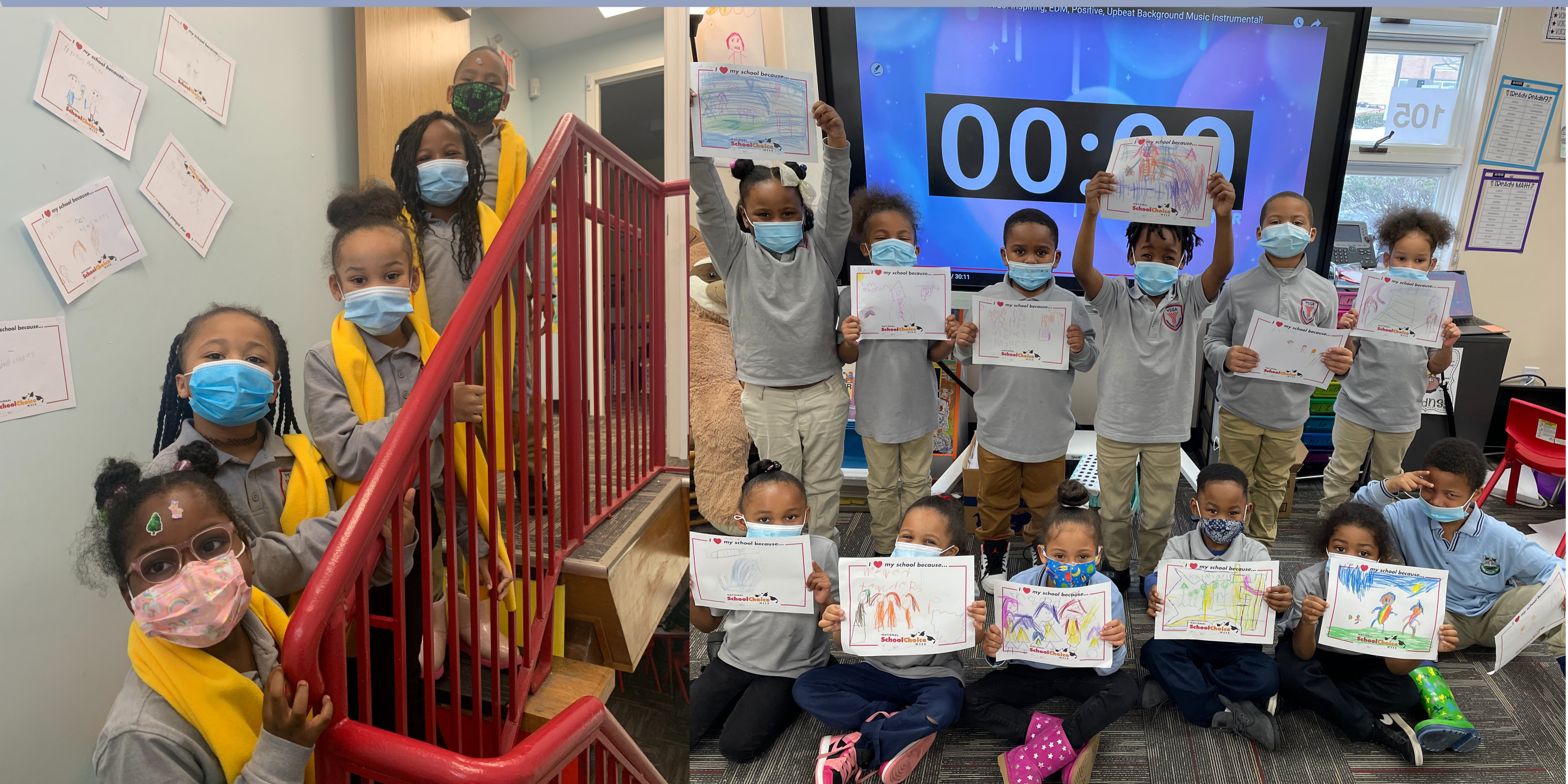
# NATIONAL School Choice WEEK

## National School Choice Week Kicked off on January 24, 2022

YSGA celebrated school choice week with many fun activities.

Students talked about why school choice is so important.

The week ended with a dance contest and our kids had a blast!







**Our scholars have been hard at work the last two months and learning so much.**

**Our 1st graders have become little biologists and are exploring animals and their behaviors. We have been learning how adults care for their offspring and their unique characteristics.**

**Our 2nd graders have been learning about various materials and their properties as they design, build, and test their houses and cell phone holders.**

**Our 3rd graders have been learning about the life cycle of various animals and have been caring for beetles and zebra fish in their classrooms.**

**4th graders and 5th graders have been hard at work developing their skills with google apps in their technology class. Students have designed pixel art and completed a series of databases.**

**Our 6th-8th graders have been developing their websites and exploring various phenomenon in their technology and science classes.**







# EXTENDED DAY

at YSGA

Extended Day Enrichment is excited to start back for the spring semester. We are looking forward to engaging our students with new clubs and seeing what they learn. We will be offering table tennis, show choir, West African Drumming, Literary Heroes, Book & Movie, Team Building w/ Games, Latin Culture Appreciation, Step Team, and an exploratory club.

## Extended Day Spring Dates

Spring Semester
1/31 to 2/3
2/7 to 2/10
2/14 to 2/17
2/21 to 2/24 (No Monday)
2/28 to 3/3
3/7 to 3/10
3/14 to 3/17
3/21 to 3/24
3/28 to 3/31 (No Thursday)
4/4 to 4/7
5/16 to 5/19



Yearbook pre-orders are on sale now \$20. **The deadline for a yearbook is March 4, 2022.** Order forms will be sent home next week or you can visit the site: [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) and use the code: 14437822. This is a great way to capture the memories that your child has made throughout the year.

Our students were challenged to design this yearbook cover and we have selected our winner:

**Nehemiah Snooks** →





# Curriculum corner

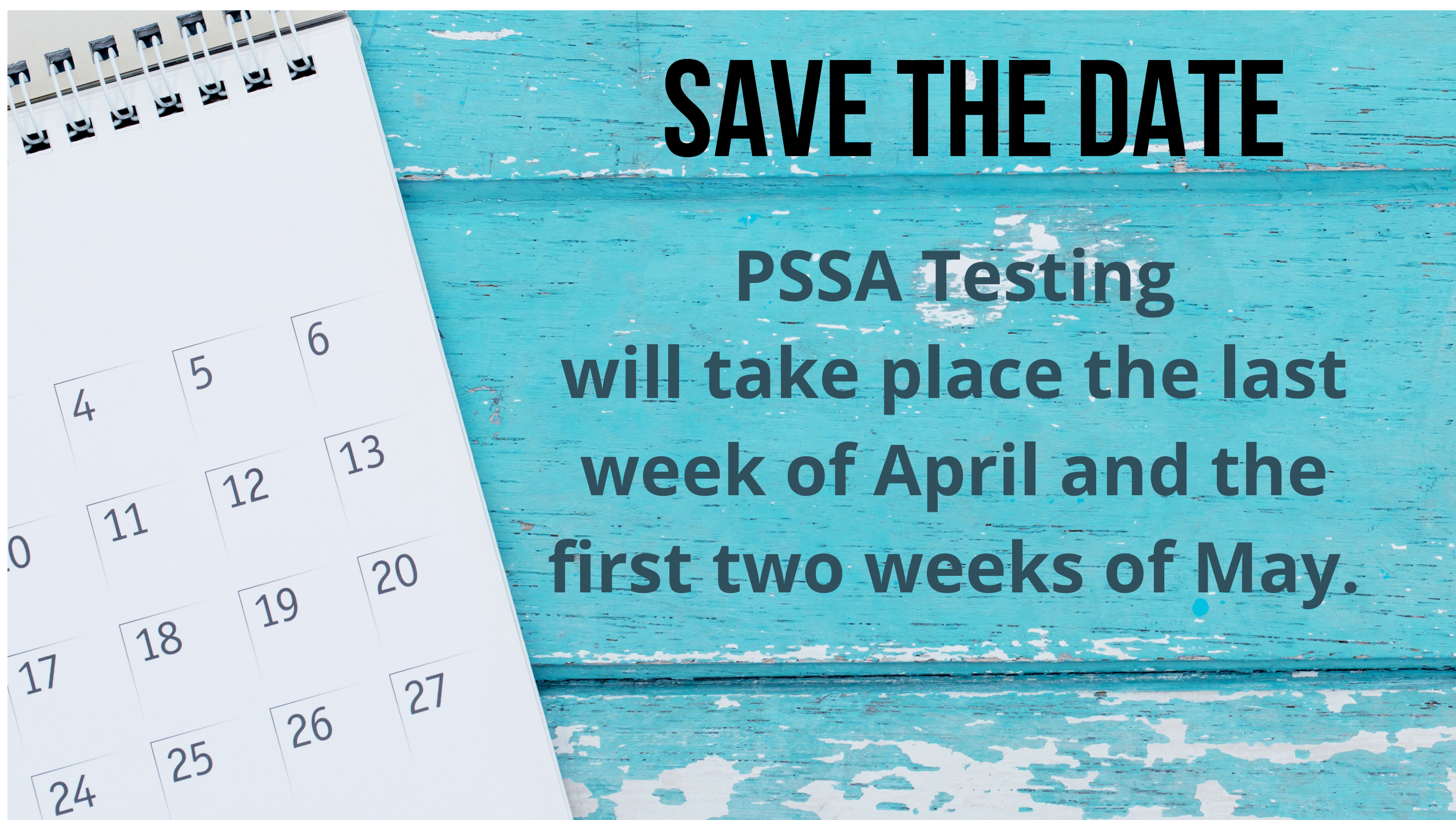
*with Miss Long*

Hello everyone! Can you believe we are halfway through the school year already? The next big item on our academic agenda here at Young Scholars is the PSSA test.

This year, the **PSSAs will take place in April and May**. All students in grades 3-8 are state mandated to take the ELA and Math exam, and our 4th and 8th grade students will take the science exam.

At Young Scholars, we love to look at these tests as evidence of how smart our scholars are, how well they can perform, and what we need to do better to help our scholars grow even more in the coming years. At school, our teachers and scholars have been putting in hard work all year, and are now getting ready to dive into PSSA prep.

Please begin having conversations with your scholar about the importance of these tests and all of the preparation that goes into them. When we all work together, our scholars will be more successful!





## Hello YSGA Families,

I hope you are all doing well. It is hard to believe it is already February and we are past the midpoint of the school year. Last month, we held a High School Fair for our 7th and 8th grade scholars. We had 4 schools present to our scholars and staff. Your scholars were given an information sheet to take notes about each school. They were also given informational brochures from each school to bring home. The schools that presented were: City Charter High School, Seton LaSalle Catholic High School, Propel, and Serra Catholic High School.

Please reach out if you or your scholar needs assistance regarding high school selection. Also, be on the lookout for a High School Fair informational website link to be provided in the near future.

We want to ensure our families are being helped and supported in their time of need. Always know that I am available anytime if you have any questions or concerns regarding your scholar(s). You can reach me by email or by phone

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**Brrrrr, It's cold outside and  
Old Man winter is here!**

Greetings YSGA Families and Friends,  
We are in full swing of winter! Mornings and afternoons are brisk and not always so forgiving. We want to make sure that our scholars are bundled and dressed in layers as they wait outdoors for their buses to arrive each day.

YSGA has been able to secure hats, gloves, scarves and even a few winter coats, so if your scholar is in need or has lost or misplaced theirs, just let us know and we will do our best to send those items your way.

If you need to purchase uniform tops, we have your size on hand.

Remind your scholar to check our **lost and found**, as we will discard any unclaimed items at the end of each month.

If we can be of any support to you, please let us know.  
Be safe, stay warm and take care of yourself.

**Ms. Humphries**





## Impressionism:

Students were asked to create an impressionistic watercolor painting in the style of Claude Monet. The younger grades worked on something similar to Monet's Water lilies while the upper grades created impressionistic landscapes focusing on color and brush strokes.

## Realistic Shading:

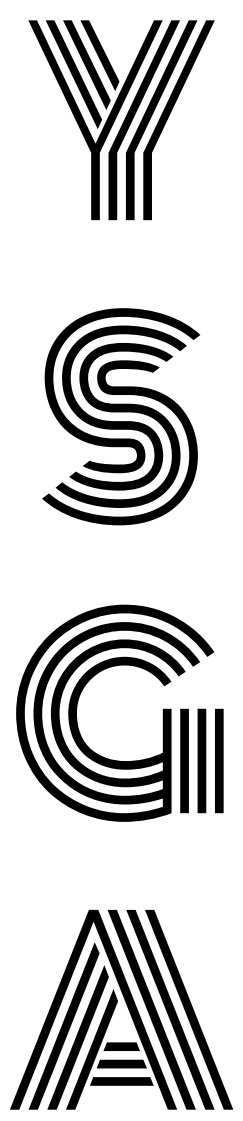
Students were introduced to grayscale and created a shaded sphere by placing a lightsource in one corner of their paper. Students used blending techniques to create smooth shadows and erasers to create highlights in their pictures.





**DON'T FORGET to Re Enroll  
Your Student for Next Year!**

**If you have a child that doe NOT attend  
YSGA, but would like to enroll, please  
complete a New APPLICATION!**



Application Deadline	• February 26, 2022 (Saturday)
Lottery	• March 15, 2022 (Tuesday)
Contact	• Letter sent after lottery
Kindergarten Orientation	• July 2022
Kindergarten Screening	• August 2022