

# YOUNG SCHOLARS OF GREATER ALLEGHENY CHARTER SCHOOL



## News and Events

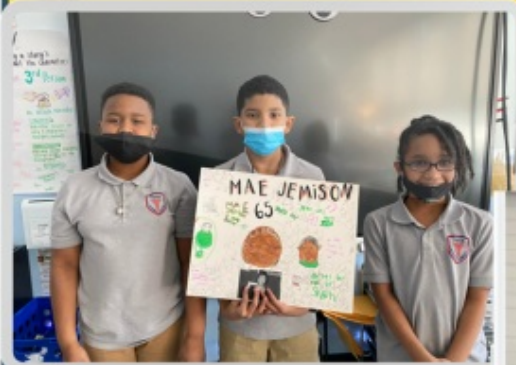
that you don't want to miss!

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**CELEBRATING OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, OUR FUTURE**



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH at YSGA



Athletes



Diversity  
Fro Friday

Different  
Individuals  
Valuing  
Each other  
Regardless of  
Skin  
Intellect  
Talents or  
Years

World Changers



Musicians



Inventors



## March 2nd-9th is National Sleep Awareness Week

### Why Sleep Is So Important?



Sleep is an essential function that allows your body and mind to recharge, leaving you refreshed and alert when you wake up. Healthy sleep also helps the body remain healthy and stave off diseases. It helps to keep your emotions in check. Without enough sleep, the brain cannot function properly.



## March 20th-26th is National Poison Prevention Week

National Poison Prevention Week is designated as the third week in March each year to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. Accidental poisonings are a leading public health problem.

**The phone number is 1-800-222-1222.**

**Pittsburgh Poison Center**

Staffed 24 hours a day, the Pittsburgh Poison Center (PPC) responds each year to more than 100,000 requests for poison information from the public and medical professionals who reside in 44 Pennsylvania counties. This service is free!

**I will be sending home a pamphlet "Everyone's Guide to Everyday Poisons" to families with Mr. Yuk stickers! You can discuss with your child and apply the stickers together!**

Yours in health,

Nikki Scrabis CSN . [scrabis@ysga.org](mailto:scrabis@ysga.org). 412.673.7300 x216



## Ron L. James Visits YSGA!

YSGA kicked off its Leadership Academy Speaker Series with author and motivational speaker, Ron James. Mr. James shared his secret of success with our scholars to inspire them on how to “make their next choice their best choice.”





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# Read Across America Spirit Week!



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# FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT



TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.



**Come out for a night of fun!  
Enjoy pizza, soft drinks, games,  
prizes, and much more!**

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**RSVP by March 8**

*Register through the YSGA website.*

**WHEN: Tuesday, March 15**

**TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**WHERE: YSGA Cafeteria**



# Curriculum Corner *with Miss Long*

In order to kick off our PSSA prep season, we are so excited to announce that students in grades 3-8 will be participating in a Math Bee and a Vocabulary Bee! Each grade level will be competing to show who knows their math facts and vocabulary words the best! Be on the lookout for more information coming home with your student soon. Prizes include a \$25 gift card and a free dress down day!

Best of luck to all our participants!



## SAVE THE DATE

PSSA Testing  
will take place the last  
week of April and the  
first two weeks of May.





# STEAM

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART MATHEMATICS

STEAM is alive and thriving! Our scholars are still trying on new hats as they are challenged to step out of their comfort zones and into new roles as scientists and engineers.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders have explored light and sound over the last couple of weeks and learn how animals protect their offspring and communicate using light and sound.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have begun to explore how the Earth changes through erosion and weathering and are exploring the different forces that can cause these changes.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are wrapping up their unit on animals and ready to step into their next unit learning about forces and motion.

4<sup>th</sup> graders and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been hard at work developing their skills as electricians and have recently completed their circuit building challenge.

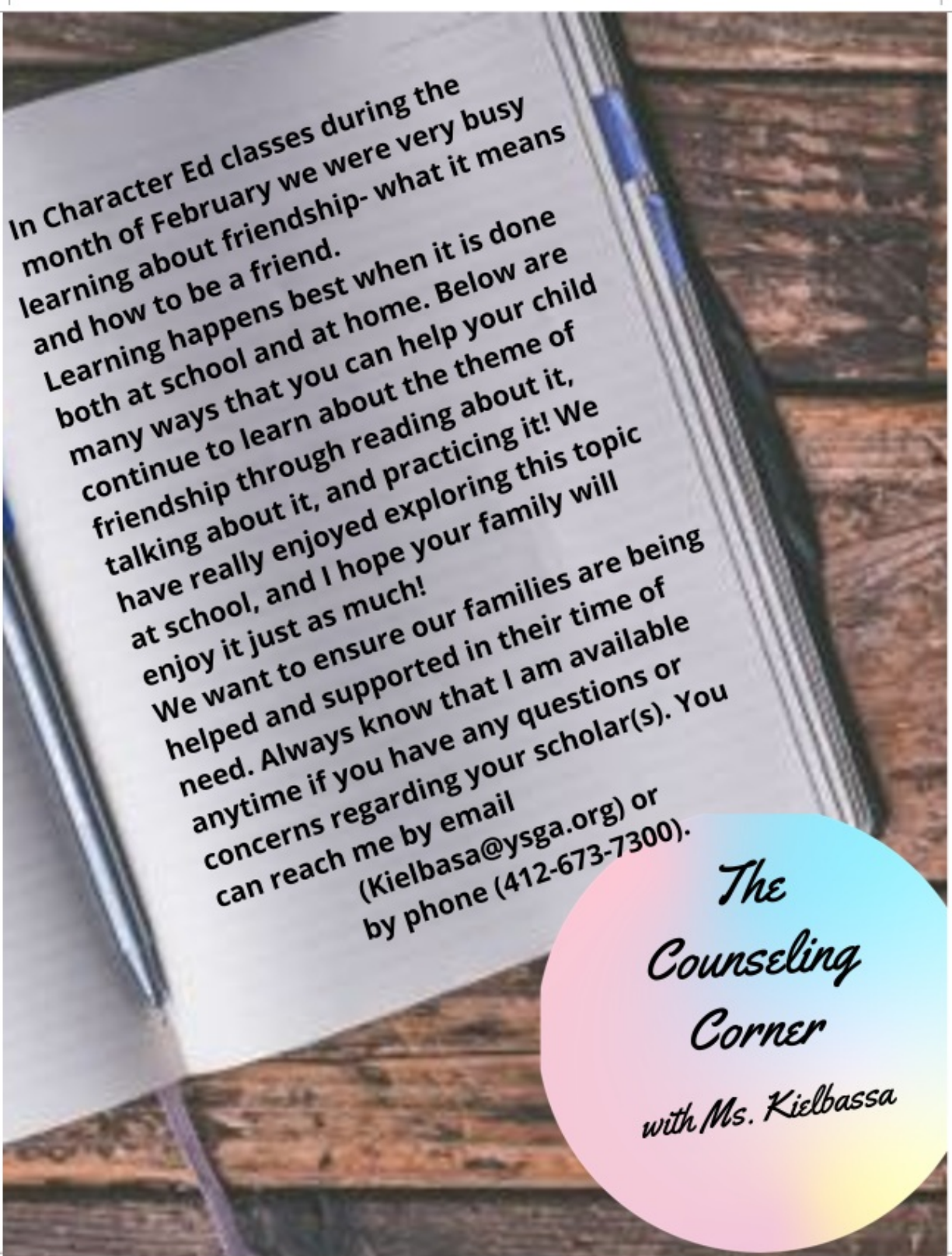
Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders have really taken a deep dive into Earth science and have been exploring the Earth's layers, plate tectonics, and how landforms change over time. |

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders, recently explore cells and are starting to explore the human body and its systems. We are looking forward to ending this unit with our first frog dissection.

8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the periodic table, pure substances, and mixtures. They have developed test to determine the difference between pure substances and mixtures based on their physical and chemical properties.







In Character Ed classes during the month of February we were very busy learning about friendship- what it means and how to be a friend.

Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of friendship through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

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 (Kielbasa@ysga.org) or by phone (412-673-7300).

*The  
Counseling  
Corner  
with Ms. Kielbassa*



Read About It

Here are some books to help you learn more about friendship:

Enemy Pie by Derek Munson  
Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry



Practice It!  
Help your child practice being a good friend with role plays.



Talk About It!

What is a friend?  
Who are your friends?  
What do you do if you want to play with a group of friends who are already playing together?  
What if you ask a friend to play and they say "no".  
How would you feel if someone was mean to you?

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## ALL YSGA BUSES ARE RUNNING!

A big shout out to all the YSGA families who were supportive and helpful while we struggled with student transportation and the bus company.

### Please remind your children:

***All students should remain seated on the bus.  
Appropriate language should be used on the bus.  
Screaming and fighting will not be tolerated.  
There is no eating or drinking on the bus.***

Thank you for your support!

**Ms. Humphries**

## YSGA'S PENNY DRIVE



During the month of March, YSGA scholars will be collecting pennies to raise money for our local library. Please help by sending in your spare pennies!







# Yearbook Orders

Yearbook pre-orders are on sale now for \$20. The deadline for a yearbook is March 18, 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 you made throughout the year.

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

Our scholars have really enjoyed learning new skills and about other cultures this past month. The West African Drumming Group have been hard at working learning their instruments and how to play as a part of a larger group. Our scholars in both Show Choir and Latin Appreciation club have been honing their singing, acting, and set building skills. Keep an eye and ear open for more to come from our scholars and extended day.





# Important Dates

March 13: Daylight Savings Time

March 15: New Student Lottery

March 15: Family Literacy Night

March 25: Half Day for Students

March 28: 4th Marking Period Begins

March 31: Parent-Teacher Conferences:  
Half Day for Students

