

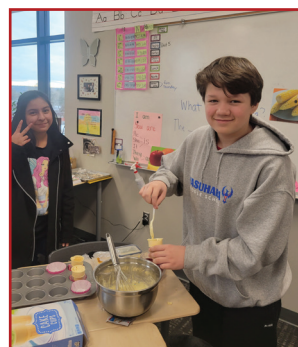


THE YASUHARA ODYSSEY

FEBRUARY 2023

Newcomers Baking

The Yasuhara Newcomer's center is a program for students who are brand new to the United States. The Newcomer program is tailored to help acclimate these new students to American school life, and includes lessons that integrate language and culture into their middle school studies. The Newcomer students were able to apply practical math and living skills with an afternoon of baking in January, and they had a blast making (and eating) their creations!



YASUHARA COMMUNITY STRONG:

Volunteers wanted!

Yasuhara's Bite2Go program provides our students with meals to take home on the weekends.

Our Communities in Schools program is looking for volunteers to pack these bags once a week, on Wednesday or Thursday. Volunteer regularly, or just once in a while. Every effort makes a difference to our kids and community!

If you're interested, please contact Elizabeth Hawks at 509.824.8217 or



REMINDERS:

No School:

- February 3rd - Semester Break
- February 20th - President's Day
- February 21st - Non-Student Day

Yearbook Pre-Orders are available now!

- Order by March 15th - \$25.00
- After March 15th - \$30.00

Semester 1 Report Cards will be distributed

Thursday, February 9th, during 6th period

Save the Date:

- February 9th - New Student Registration Night
 - March 2nd - Returning Student Registraton Night
 - March 30, 2023 - Community Resource Fair
- Please use the QR code to fill out our survey!



Lost & Found

Any lost and found items not collected by March 3rd will be donated.

Absences

If your student misses school for any reason, please report and excuse their absence at 509-824-8201

Message from the Principal:

Dear Yasuhara Families,

Welcome to second semester! You may have heard from your children that there have been some changes to their schedule. This is because some of our electives are only one semester long, while others are all year. We did our best to meet the needs of all students and ensure they leave Yasuhara with all required classes.



We are also excited to start the process of registering our students for their classes next year.

Our counselors are talking with students about their interests for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, we are holding multiple family information events this month. Our first event is Thursday, February 9th from 5:30-7:00, and is aimed at our brand new students. We will be providing pizza for all who attend. If you have a child who is currently a 5th grader, please join us to hear about their options for next year and meet our staff. We will offer similar opportunities for our 6th and 7th grade families in March. It's going to be a great month!

Respectfully,
Stephanie Lundberg



Math in Real Life

A question we hear often from our students is, "When are we going to need this in real life?" Yasuhara Mathematics students in both 6th and 7th grade are busy learning percentages and proportions. When exploring percentages, the topic of tipping at restaurants came up. Students were unsure of how to calculate a 20% tip quickly, without a calculator. We thought maybe others might like this tip as well. Let's say you spend \$65.50 on dinner for your family at Tomato Street. Your waiter brings you the check, but you look, and there isn't that nice little section at the bottom that shows what a tip should be on your bill. What do you do? Don't worry, it is easy! Start with moving your decimal to the left one place. You will have \$6.55 or 10% of your bill. Now just double it! $\$6.55 + \$6.55 = \$13.10$ No calculator needed!

Yasuhara is a fragrance-free zone. No perfumes, body sprays, scented hand sanitizers, etc.
Thank you for keeping staff & student safety a priority.

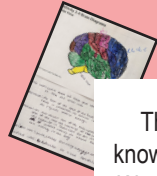
Medical Detectives

This week, our Yasuhara Medical Detectives class got to apply their knowledge of the different parts of the brain and how they are connected. We spent time in class diagramming the different parts including the four main lobes, the cortices connected, and various other parts of the brain that control our motor and sensory skills.

Then we had the opportunity to dissect sheep brains to see first-hand what the inside of a brain looks like. Students (and some staff volunteers) worked independently or with partners to identify the different parts of the brain and label them accordingly. They then had the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the brains.

Next week, we will work through some Patient Scenarios where they evaluate "Patient Symptoms" to determine which part of the brain has been compromised, and then will dissect a brain representing their patient and determine whether or not they were able to correctly identify the area in the brain that contains the tumor.

Just another example of cool things that our amazing students are doing!!!



2023-2024 FAMILY REGISTRATION NIGHT:

Learn about our classes for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, and enjoy dinner in the commons.

- **Where?**
Yasuhara Middle School
- **When?**
February 9th for new students, March 2nd for our returning Yasuhara students, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **Why?**
Meet teachers and staff and learn about the classes offered next year.

YASUHARA SPIRIT STORE:

Hey, Yasuhara Family!

Looking for more YAS gear?! Yasuhara's spirit store is officially open, and you can customize!

click: <https://shop.game-one.com/washington/spokane/yasuhara-phoenix/yasuhara-phoenix-all-school-spirit-wear>

or use the QR code below, and check it out!



Barkley's Bites:

Brunch Delight

Ingredients:

- 6-8 slices of bread
- 1 1/2-2 Cups grated cheese
- 2 Cups cubed ham or sausage
- 2-2 1/2 Cups Milk
- 6-8 Eggs

Optional add-ons to taste:

- Mushrooms
- Onions

Instructions:

- Cube bread-- put in bottom of greased 9 x 13" pan.
- Sprinkle cheese and ham over bread.
- Beat eggs slightly, add milk, and pour over bread.
- Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.



Contributed by J. Rendall, Assistant Principal

YASUHARA GRANDPARENTS' GROUP:

Are you a grandparent raising a child? Would you like to meet others like you? Want to feel supported and encouraged? Interested in resources to help you?

Join us for coffee and connection.
(Meetings begin in February)

Call 509.824.8289

Register Now!
It's free!