



# THE YASUHARA ODYSSEY

MARCH 2023

## Spokane Water Resource



### YASUHARA COMMUNITY STRONG:

If you are at Yasuhara family and would like information about available resources, please contact our Communities in Schools representative, Elizabeth Hawks at:

509.824.8217 or  
elizabethhaw1@spokaneschools.org



Ms. Given's Life Science students visited the Spokane Water Resource in December. They learned how water is processed, how to conserve water, and how to best keep our precious aquifers, rivers, and lakes clean.

### REMINDERS:

Spring Break is April 3rd-7th

Yearbook Pre-Orders are available now!  
Order by March 15th - \$25.00  
After March 15th - \$30.00

Mid-Quarter 3 Progress Reports will be distributed Friday, March 10th, during 6th period

#### Save the Date:

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



#### Box Tops:

Help Yasuhara fundraise by scanning your receipts! Email stormygm@spokaneschools.org for information.

#### Lost & Found

Any lost and found items not collected by March 30th will be donated.

#### Absences

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

## Barkley's Bites

### Salsa Verde

#### Ingredients:

7 tomatillos  
1 serrano pepper  
2 jalapeno peppers  
1/4 of a white onion  
1 pinch cilantro  
1 pinch of salt  
1 pinch of pepper  
1 tablespoon olive oil

Optional:  
1 Avocado



#### Instructions:

Chop tomatillos, serrano, jalapenos, and onion. Roast chopped ingredients on a pan for 5 minutes (do not put oil in pan). Place roasted ingredients into blender/food processor and blend with cilantro, salt, pepper, and olive oil. Add avocado if desired. Blend until the mixture is consistent. Serve with tortilla chips or on your favorite dish.

Contributed by M. Nunez, Interventionist

## Message from the Principal:

Dear Yasuhara Families,

Welcome to March! We have a lot of things to celebrate at Yasuhara this month. We had a great event in February to welcome out incoming 6th grade students. We are also offering an evening event for our current students and families to discuss options for registration for next year. Please join us on March 2nd at 5:30 to see what next year holds for your student.



We need your help! We are developing our first PTG (Parent Teacher Group). If you are interested in getting involved at Yasuhara, please contact our student office. We look forward to partnering with you all. It's going to be a great month!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Lundberg

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

## Sports Update - 7th Grade Basketball

7th Grade basketball was in full swing January and February. The students played hard and learned about teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. Our Visual Art & Yearbook teacher, Tara Pine, was able to capture one of the girls' games against Glover.



## Ancient Civilizations

For seven weeks, 6th grade humanities blocks have been learning about ancient civilizations. They spent that time exploring how civilizations began, the cultures they developed, and the consequences of the technology that arose from those cultures. Students discussed the major technological accomplishments of early civilizations and the impact those technologies had on the cultures of the time.

After learning about what makes up civilizations and societies, students developed their own private island society in 5000 B.C. Taking inspiration from the Assyrians, Persians, Babylonians and Phoenicians, students created their own imaginary civilizations that had their own agricultural resources, militaries, arts, laws, religions and currency.

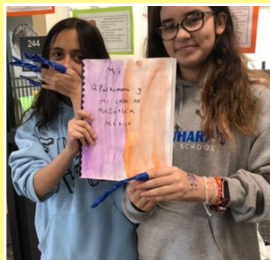
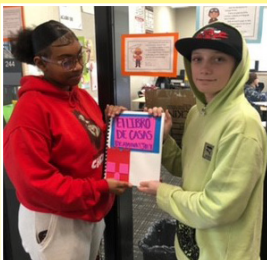
Some groups created artifacts for a gallery walk, some created digital statues of their leaders on apps, some created trading deals with other civilizations being created, others made their islands out of cake!

They worked hard, and their effort paid off!



## Spanish Class Superstars

The Spanish class has been doing some amazing work. Students made children's books about homes in México, Belize and Argentina, all in Spanish. We have so much fun in class and students are working hard. ¡Qué Chévere!



## 7th Grade Humanities Update

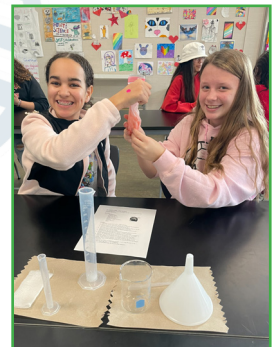
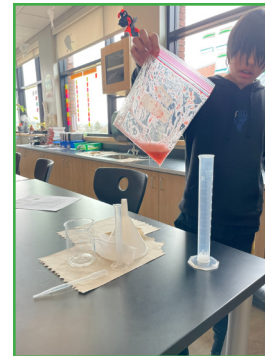


7th Grade Humanities, with Ms. Konshuk, is getting off to a buy start. We are working on book studies, analyzing literature as well as creating our own. Hannah Utter from Writer's in the Community, an Eastern Washington University (EWU) outreach program, is working with us to revise our poetry for possible submission to In Roads, an anthology published through EWU. We have great poets and lots of wisdom, so I am expecting to see some published work from our writers.

In March, we will be working on a project about the river systems in Washington State. There will be three outdoor field trips, so be on the lookout for permission slips and more information to come in the next couple of weeks. I can't wait to get out and explore our beautiful state with our students.

## Learning about DNA

Ms. Given's Life Science classes learned about DNA in February. While studying life's blueprint, they did a hands-on experiment by extracting DNA from a strawberry.







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