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POWER!**

February News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations YBES! We have been recognized as one of the best public schools in the January/ February issue of *Lynchburg Living's Best of Lynchburg 2018*. It is so great that our SUPER students, staff, and parents have been recognized by the community!

We just celebrated our 100th day of school. One of the activities was to think of 100 reasons why we love YBES. You can support your child's love of learning at home by using the conversation starters below:

"Let's see what you brought home." Look at completed work to find out what your student is learning and how well he/she is doing. You could comment on the thinking process or effort that your student is putting into his/her work. Also, respond to notes from the teacher and sign his/her weekly folder.

"Show me what you have for homework." It is your child's job to do the homework but you play a role, too. Make sure your child knows what he/she is supposed to do by having him/her explain the assignment to you. Please also let your child's teacher know if he/she is struggling with the assignment.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today." This gives you an idea of what your student prefers to read. This could help build a daily reading habit of what he/she would like to read each night. Encourage reading and listening skills by reading aloud to your child and by having your child read to you.

"Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about." Use your child's interests as jumping off points for activities to share. If your child likes geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If your child is fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take him/her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brown, YBES Principal



Other Important Information

- It is yearbook time! Please reserve your child's yearbook from now until February 12th. We encourage you to order online: Visit the following website: ybpay.lifetouch.com and use the code 4841618
- The YBES School Report Card has been posted. You can see the YBES Report Card by visiting our school website, selecting Title I Program, scrolling to the bottom, and selecting the VDOE Division Report Card link in blue.
- Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please come by to check out if any of the items belong to your student. We will donate unclaimed items February 19th so please make sure to check it before then. The Lost and Found can be found outside the cafeteria doors.
- Please **make sure that your student attends school all day, every day**. Student success depends on students arriving on time and remaining until the end of the day. Instruction begins at 8:45 and continues until 3:35.

Important Dates

February 2nd- Lunchbox Fundraiser Day

February 8th- Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 9th- PTA ART Day #3

February 14th- Heart Healthy Spirit Day

February 16th- PTA YBES Bingo Night

February 26th- March 2nd- Read Across America Spirit Days

February 27th- Everyday Heroes Family Reading Night

March 2nd- Lunchbox Fundraiser