



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Musician and teaching artist Miki Sasamoto joined the Early Childhood Program for the second week of music lessons through the Abrons Art Center. This week's lessons centered on experiencing music through gross motor play and movement.
- ❖ The Early Childhood Education Delegate Agency Policy Committee (DAPC) held a site-wide election at this month's meeting. Parents volunteered for and were elected into positions on this parent board, which represents the voice of Henry Street Settlement's Early Childhood families for our agency as well as for our contracting and partnering agencies. This week also kicked-off the partnership between the Early Childhood Program and the Parent Center, who facilitated a workshop entitled *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen So Kids Will Talk*.
- ❖ SBT's success is a testament of the partnership and collaboration between YAIP and JET and NRC. SBT was the top graduate and commencement speaker for the last YAIP Cohort. After graduating YAIP, she was immediately hired on the spot at her first interview with Panda Express. Despite all this, SBT was then disowned by her foster parents. Knowing that Henry Street Settlement was always by her side, SBT called her Advisors and Employment Coordinator for help. SBT took advantage of the resources such as seeing an NRC counselor, enrolled in a 1 on 1 session to master finances with the financial coach, and continued consulting with her Advisor and Employment Coordinator to strive for a better job opportunity. In less than 3 months working at Panda Express, they offered and she accepted a Supervisor position - she is one of the youngest Supervisor at Panda Express.
- ❖ This week in After-School at BGR the units celebrated Lights on After-School with a showcase of who we are and where we're going. Parents were invited to learn about the purpose of Lights On After School and the children's showcase of our theme. Fourth and fifth graders created a light bulb poster and talked about what they loved most about BGR. Our middle school group talked about their opportunity to engage in activities they wouldn't otherwise have a chance to do such as newsletter. Kindergarten through third grader did self-portraits and talked about their future selves.
- ❖ This week in After-School at Cornerstone the participants geared up for Lights on After School. The emphasis on this year's theme of "Who We Are and Where We're Going" had the fourth and fifth graders showcase a day in the life of after school. They also highlighted their favorite parts of the day to include KidScience and Art.
- ❖ The newest ESL 2-Job Readiness class had a guest speaker from Cathay Bank come this week. She shared her immigration story, career path, and gave interview tips to the class. The students also did a recorded mock interview and watched them in class.
- ❖ The ESL 1-Job Readiness class also did mock interviews and started practicing the interview question, "Tell me about yourself." The ESL Basics classes continued learning how to ask and answer questions about illnesses and began studying vocabulary for the doctor's office.
- ❖ This week at OCA Community School, students in the Freshman Success Program participated in their second community meeting to acknowledge their progress with attendance and announce upcoming events. On Wednesday, 9th-11th grade students participated in the PSAT, while 12th grade students worked on their college applications. Additionally, this week OCA held its first student government meeting of the year in which representatives outlined future events and talked about starting a peer mentorship program.
- ❖ At PS 134 After-School Program, Fourth and Fifth graders began soccer with the *Downtown United Soccer Club*. This week the students focused on why it is important to stay healthy and eat healthy. They learned that eating healthy foods will help you in every area of your life. On Thursday, all of the after-school groups at PS 134 celebrated the 17th annual nationwide advocacy event for after-school programs: *Lights on After-School*. At PS 134, the first part of this year's celebration was a Petition Signing Campaign to bring attention to the need to assure that sufficient funds remain in the city budget to support the vital services provided for our children during the after-school hours. The second part of

our celebration addressed our after-school's overarching theme: "All Lives Matter: Celebrating Diverse Identities." After sharing who we are as a program and where we are going, each group explained how they spent their "Pre-Cycle" developing unity within their after-school classroom community, as they created a unique identity for themselves.

- ❖ Last week at AGL, 20 Freshmen Success students and 17 Sophomore Scholars enjoyed a delectable late lunch at Dallas BBQ. Students were congratulated on bringing up their lowest grades and/or maintaining perfect attendance, and we discussed goals for the upcoming quarter over cheeseburgers and fries.
- ❖ Expanded Horizons Senior Derek Hernandez, who is also a POSSE Scholar semi-finalist, has been selected as a Questbridge Scholar finalist! This past Tuesday, 5 of our amazing Expanded Horizons Scholars – 3 seniors, 1 junior, and 1 of our current college students – were selected to attend the Henry Street Settlement annual Benefit hosted by our neighbor, Metrograph. The students did a fabulous job of engaging with event attendees – taking polaroid photographs of the guests and speaking about their experiences as Expanded Horizons scholars.
- ❖ This week at PS 20, all units proudly honored *Lights On Afterschool* through group discussion, arts and crafts, and collaboration. Not only did each unit discuss the important role after schools nationwide have on the lives of children, families and communities, but they explored how they themselves positively contribute to after-school.
- ❖ This week, the Manhattan Charter After-School Program celebrated Lights on After-School with the help of Education Alliance @ P.S. 142. Together, both programs collaborated on a video that highlights the need for after-school and the goals of both our participants and staff for this year. This amazing video featured clips of the staff working with the students on activities, and candid interviews with our counselors and participants. The interviews covered what they hoped to learn this year, what after-school means to them, why they feel after-school is an important resource, and what they would do if there was no after-school program. The video was screened for both programs in the auditorium.
- ❖ This week our Manhattan Charter School 2 participants started preparing decorations for their Monster Mash extravaganza. Our K-2nd grade group made ghost out of colorful construction paper and cotton balls accompanied by funny faces. As a special treat the group read Casper the Friendly Ghost as a class. Our 3rd-5th grade group made pumpkins out of modeling clay, and created their own story behind them. Everyone is looking forward to this spooky event and it is sure to be full of fun and excitement.
- ❖ Fourteen families enjoyed refreshments, activities, met staff and learned about new opportunities for their children at the Lights On After-School festivities at UNMS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| ❖ | October 24 | OCA Stoney Brook Trip
Attendance Incentive Trip to Ripley's
Hobart and William Smith College Interviews
Expanded Horizons 9 th and 10 th Graders Begin | 301
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| ❖ | October 25 | Avenue D Community Advisory Board | 6 PM
Cornerstone |
| ❖ | October 26 | Workforce 1 Event
OCA Open House for Potential 9 th Graders | 11 AM
6 PM
Jobs Plus |
| ❖ | October 27 | Laser Tag Event | BGR |
| ❖ | October 28 | Apple Picking Perfect Attendance Trip
Early Childhood Library Field Trip
ECE Trick or Treating
Costume Giveaway
Monster Mash | 265
BGR
301 |
| ❖ | October 29 | Fall Festival | BGR/Cornerstone |
| ❖ | October 31 | Halloween Party | Cornerstone |
| ❖ | November 1 | College Success Fall Newsletter Release | |

❖ November 22	Family Potluck	UNMS
❖ December 13	Gingerbread House Making	PS 134
❖ December 15	Gingerbread House Making	PS 20