



**HENRY STREET  
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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2016**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ This week at The Square Root to Success After-School Program we kicked off Cycle 1, All about Me, in a big way. We had our very first Hip Hop Dance Class at the Abrons Arts Center. Our new instructor, Ms. Alexia, put us right to work by teaching us some cool break dance warm up steps that really got us moving.
- ❖ At PS 134's After-School Program, our Early Childhood classes (K-2) took their first walking trip across the street to the Abron's Arts Center for a vocal music class with instructor, Mr. Michael. During class, the children got to practice repeating rhythms through a "call and response" technique, using a shaker egg. They practiced singing both acappella and along with the piano. In preparation for our Hispanic Heritage Month sharing, our Third Graders have been focusing their "All about Creative Learning" class period on studying Mexico.
- ❖ A new ESL 1-Job Readiness course started this week with students from China, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Iran, and Russia. The student got to know each other and jumped right into talking about different types of jobs. The most recent ESL 2-Job Readiness class ended this week. One of the students already found a job and a few others have interviews scheduled next week. The students in the ESL Basics classes wrote thank-you notes to the librarian who led the library tours last week.
- ❖ This week at BLS, 21st Century programming continued smoothly and Theater students went to go see the Magnificent Seven on Thursday. On Friday, students met for the Young Men's Empowerment Group, Girls' Group, Bangladeshi Student's group, and for Peer Group Connection. The Young Men's Empowerment Group had over 20 students come. Staff met with representatives from Expanded to discuss the lifeguard training program this year at BLS. Recruitment and info sessions will start later this month and in November, with the program officially beginning before Christmas break.
- ❖ The JET team started off their first quarter for Fiscal Year 17 with a record shattering 82 placements, exceeding our goal by 30%. JET plans to huddle and review their best practices and improve on their strategies in preparation for second quarter.
- ❖ H.R. came to Jobs Plus in July 2016 facing many obstacles. He was released from prison in May 2016 with strict parole conditions and had spent the last 24 years in an out of incarceration. He felt rejected, frustrated and hopeless that any program would really help. After some crisis counseling and emotional support from our Social Worker, H.R. transitioned to Jobs Plus' work readiness component and was hired a month later at CM&A Construction as a Laborer, earning \$14.00 an hour. His skills and expertise in the field earned him raise to \$16.00 an hour and a worksite change with more advanced responsibilities. The SW helped him apply for NYCHA and advocated for housing services at BRC. He is now residing in a Tier II shelter for employed adults and is a step closer to obtaining permanent housing. H.R. also now volunteers at an Alternative to Incarceration Program for Youth. "I believe telling my story will help the youth know that with hard work and determination, anything is possible".
- ❖ The Universal Pre-Kindergarten classroom teachers attended their first DOE workshop for the 2016-2017 academic year. The focus of this professional development workshop focused on collecting data. Teachers from across the city learned about and discussed ways to collect students' authentic work, and observe and document their processes of exploration and creativity. Delegate Agency Policy Committee (DAPC) Classroom Elections are underway! On Friday, the Early Childhood staff gathered for a two-part Professional Development opportunity. In the morning, Gail Flowers provided an IT training to the staff, all of whom recently received Henry Street email accounts. Following this orientation, Ramapo for Children held a professional development workshop for all Early Childhood teachers and administration centering developing a common language and tangible skillset associated with high quality Early Childhood Education that is built on a foundation of respect and the importance of maintaining a nurturing, consistent, and inclusive school and classroom culture. As the teachers and administration joined Ramapo, the kitchen staff worked with the center's Nutrition consultant, Shirley Charm. They developed new ideas for meal planning that is responsive to students' home cultures and practiced new cooking strategies and recipes aligned with Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

guidelines.

- ❖ After an extra long weekend, we were really proud that 58 of our 61 AGL students who are in Freshmen Success and Sophomore Scholars were in attendance on Wednesday. We are hopeful that our messages about the importance of being here every single day are really getting through to them.
- ❖ This week at OCA we hosted an engaging Open House for prospective 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families. Students had the chance to learn about our school and programming, participate in several mini-lessons with our teachers, and hear a fantastic student performance in our auditorium. Additionally, students with the most improved attendance over last year were invited to participate in a pizza party to celebrate their progress. Our college department has also been working hard to prepare 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students for upcoming PSAT testing and to support 12<sup>th</sup> graders in writing their personal statements. We were also excited to announce the results of our school mascot contest. Based on voting from the whole school community, we will be the Orchard Collegiate Academy Sharks!
- ❖ This week at MCS, Unit One made their own Autumn leaves! The students were encouraged to use their five senses while making observation, so some talked about how crunchy Autumn leaves are and others were really into the vibrant fall colors. The students had full artistic freedom to create the leaves how they wanted so each student had a unique piece of art. Unit 3 created an art project in honor of Lights on After-School. The Tree of Lights as they call it, was based off the iconic Celtic image The Tree of Life.
- ❖ This week Manhattan Charter School 2 started off the beginning of Cycle One by learning about chemical reactions in their Mad Science class. Grades 3-5 learned about chemical reactions, while participating in an experiment using vinegar and baking soda. Grades K-2 also learned about chemical reactions while participating in a penny cleaning activity.
- ❖ This week at Cornerstone Evening Program, the youth designed their own board for the center. On the board they will display upcoming events. On Friday, to end the week the youth developed a Group Agreement and splatter painted a visual art piece together. They also had a crafty week with making homemade lip balm and popcorn on the stove for Saturday movie night.
- ❖ The startup of Cycle 1 brought about some exciting new activities at P.S. 20. For example, our 2nd graders began Sculpture thanks to Artist Che Min from the Abrons Arts Center. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders started playing soccer with our partners at the City in the Community (CITC) Soccer After-school Program. Unit 5A tackled a Socio-Emotional Learning activity called " Having an Argument: A School Setting" where the students learned good ways to resolve arguments through group skits. The students ultimately had fun playing key roles such as teachers, parents, principals, and school safety to get their points across.
- ❖ This week BGR and Cornerstone, the SONYC middle school group started their City Kids Program and launched with identifying their group as a safe space and introduced meditation techniques to the students. The students also did a toothpick paint activity. Some students thought it was bizarre at first but really got into it once they started.
- ❖ In UNMS SONYC program, we began our video production class. Students were introduced to the film making process, roles and equipment. Students practiced the fundamentals to filming a scene. We had approximately 20 students in the class.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| ❖ October 10    | Stony Brook College Access and Success Trip                      |                        |
| ❖ October 12    | ECE Abrons Arts Classes Begin<br>Workforce 1 Job Fair            | Jobs Plus              |
| ❖ October 13    | Hispanic Heritage Month Sharing<br>Community School Team Meeting | PS 134<br>OCA          |
| ❖ October 15-16 | Manhattan High School Fair                                       |                        |
| ❖ October 17    | Freshmen Success Community Meeting                               | AGL                    |
| ❖ October 18    | DAPC Meeting and Elections<br>Self Care Parent Workshop          | 301<br>BGR/Cornerstone |

❖ October 20	Lights On After-School UNMS Staff Breakfast BLS Acculturation Group Begins		All Sites
❖ October 25	Avenue D Community Advisory Board	6 PM	Cornerstone
❖ October 28	Early Childhood Community Sing and Read Day Apple Picking Perfect Attendance Trip Early Childhood Library Field Trip		301
❖ October 29	Fall Festival		BGR/Cornerstone
❖ October 31	Fall Harvest Festival and Trick or Treating		265
❖ November 1	College Success Fall Newsletter Release		