



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ After excelling as a Case Manager for one year, JET client JS began looking for opportunities to climb the career ladder and was offered an exciting role as a Senior Case Manager at Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center. He is now supervising 3 other Case Managers and working with those who are HIV+, the population for which he is most passionate.
- ❖ The ESOL class began their unit on families by learning vocabulary for family relationships. The students studied different family trees and read a funny story about a family with six daughters. The ESL 1 Job Readiness course talked about symptoms and injuries and talked about their experiences using the past tense.
- ❖ New York Cares math tutors came into our Pre-HSE classroom and did topic presentations, breaking into study groups, working beautifully with the varied math levels in the room. HSE students have wrestled atoms, cells, and molecules to the mat with visuals, as well as group written narratives using new vocabulary. ABE is excelling in their focused and collaborative group work: the creativity is humming! Our new class at our Cornerstone community center continued working on math, social sciences, and started a section on map work and added two new students.
- ❖ The Charles B. Wang Community Health Center hosted a free vision screening for all of our Early Childhood Education students on Tuesday. Each class had a chance to go to the first floor classroom and use the special eye goggles. The Early Childhood Education Program also celebrated Valentine's Day a bit early with volunteers from the United Nations Foundation. The volunteers arrived in classrooms and began by reading the book, The Night Before Valentine's Day by Natasha Wing. When the story was over, the volunteers helped the children create beautiful and original Valentine's to decorate the classroom.
- ❖ This week at AGL, freshmen and sophomores enjoyed a fun pizza party and discussed ways to start off strong for the second semester. A whopping 22 freshmen and 19 sophomores who are seen by HSS staff made Honor Roll for their first semester grades. Additionally, 24 of 34 students enrolled in our program met their outcomes and improved their grades in their targeted subject.
- ❖ This week at BLS, students participated in a number of after-school activities. On Monday, students in the Theater program went to see *I Am Not Your Negro*. On Tuesday, the Community School team and administration held the first semester award ceremony for students with most improved attendance, perfect attendance, and academic honors. Nineteen students had perfect attendance from the first semester, and 39 students had most improved attendance. They received backpacks and Nike windbreakers that were given to the school for winning the Nike attendance challenge back in November. On Wednesday, in honor of black history month, the Theater program showed *13th* and the *N Word* in the small auditorium after school.
- ❖ This week at P.S. 20, Unit KB focused on building a safe environment through dramatic play, dance and song during Social and Emotional Learning. Unit 4A and 4B read the book "I survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001" during this week's book club. The students built their vocabulary skills by reading passages and figuring out the meaning of words in a sentence based on how the word is used. Unit 5A delved into the world of engineering as they created 3D Eiffel Towers out of paper.
- ❖ This week at MCS we welcomed a brand new participant! Tenzin was welcomed with open arms to Unit 1 and wasted no time feeling right at home. Unit 1 created diagrams that showed the makings of different plants. During our class discussion the children learned all about the anatomy of plants. In Unit 2 students were struck by the love bug and spent the week creating different Valentine's Day projects for their love ones at home. In Unit 3, with the help of the Social Work Intern, Ms. Sarah, the children continued their work on bully awareness by learning how to distinguish the different roles they play in bullying situations. The children discussed different situations that they have either witness from a distance or been apart of and how they could have been positive bystanders to help fix the situation.

- ❖ This past Saturday, our Sports and Recreation program hosted our 6th Annual BGR Flag Football League Draft. Over 40 kids participated at this event. Following the draft, we began hosting preseason games for the first time ever. Our preseason season kicked off with League of Shadows defeating Smoove Society, Skyforce Legion defeating Knight Riders and Gridiron Warriors defeating Tropic Thunder.
- ❖ This past Tuesday, the BGR Council held an emergency council meeting to discuss the Annual Candy Grams Valentine's Day Holiday Fundraiser. This bill was presented by Council Member Juliana Jordan and after a brief discussion with the citizens of BGR and Cornerstone, the bill was passed unanimously 8-0-0. All money raised during this event will be added to the BGR and Cornerstone treasury. This past Wednesday, BGR Mayor Pizarro met with Aaron Cummings Director of After-School and Camp Services to discuss how to improve after school programming at BGR and Cornerstone. Some of the ideas that were discussed during this meeting were surveying the citizens about the food that is provided, and better integrating BGR citizens to the Cornerstone site, and visa versa.
- ❖ This week in our Cornerstone Evening program, youth learned about electricity. They built functional models and snap circuits of police sirens, an electric light switch, and an alarm clock. In Boys Group, the young men dissected lyrics of popular songs and identified how media portrays woman and the ways these lyrics may influence our perspective and interactions with the opposite sex.
- ❖ At our After-School Program at PS 134, all of the after-school groups began focusing on Black History Month. The Pre-K/K group participated in a "Read-a-Loud" about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. To reinforce the lesson presented in the book about "inequality", the children were asked to each have a seat on one of the colored squares on the multi-colored rug. The students were then asked how they would feel if only the children sitting on red could get a new phone, while those on purple would get a broken one. Our fourth grade children gathered to listen to Kat (our Education Specialist) recite stories about the civil rights movement, including Ruby Bridges' struggle and how much of a privilege it is to go to school for free without segregation. Our Fifth graders will be taking a more social/emotional approach to their Black History Month sharing. They will focus on what it felt like for African-Americans to live through the Civil Rights Era. As they learn more about Rosa Parks and her contribution to the movement, they will write, cast and rehearse their own original scene about the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- ❖ This week in 301 Sports and Recreation we would like to acknowledge coach, Shirod Ince for being named Athlete of the Month by SBA magazine. Shirod was recognized for his work in the community in the Lower East Side, developing the youth through basketball workouts and coaching High School basketball at the Julia Richman Educational Complex. Shirod also runs a basketball league for LES youth in the summer called 3PBL, which teaches the players the values through the 3 Ps (purpose, poise, and passion).
- ❖ This week our Manhattan Charter School 2 program learned about an inspirational inventor in celebration of Black History Month. The participants learned about Garrett Morgan, the inventor of the traffic light.
- ❖ When D. H. enrolled into Jobs Plus in July 2015, he was having problems at home. He was expected to contribute financially to the household and not being able to do so weight heavily on him. He worked on every lead provided by his Employment Coordinator, and eventually had success with Astor Wine and Spirits. As of February 2017, D.H. made and past his 1 year anniversary with Astor Wine and Spirits and is currently being groomed for a Supervisor position. He loves the job and wants to continue to grow with the company.
- ❖ Our SONYC program at UNMS has been pushing into 7th period, providing structured activities such as basketball, art and coding for the 6th grade class. As a result we work with 60-70 more students 3 hours weekly, providing learning enrichment for the school.
- ❖ This week in our Middle School Success Program we had our first set of school day workshops, surveying 7th grade students on the high school process and gaining an understating of what they expect when applying and attending high school.
- ❖ Expanded Horizons 9th and 10th graders engaged in an actors workshop on Monday 2/6 put on by Sharlee Taylor where they were able to participate in games about voice and diversity. The students were able to interact with each other and have a good time while getting out of their comfort zones and exploring other ways of motion and reality.
- ❖ At our Youth Leadership Council meeting this past Friday, a group of amazing Expanded Horizons young women in our 10th-12th grade cohorts gathered with us to process and discuss the first three weeks of Trump's presidency. We reviewed and analyzed his legislative orders in detail, and then called

legislators to advocate and speak with them about our biggest concerns. On Sunday, YLC facilitators and counselors attended Borough President Brewer’s State of the Borough Event at the Manhattan Center, where hundreds of NYC residents, public officials, non-profit staff, and other stakeholders gathered to discuss the theme of “the New Era of Activism”. The event included an amazing panel and a Manhattan Activist Fair featuring a wide range of social action groups that are doing amazing work throughout the city.

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ February 14	Child Support Workshop Valentine’s Day Dance		Jobs Plus UNMS
❖ February 15	College Transition Workshop		301
❖ February 15, 16	Theater Program Presentation		BLS
❖ February 17	Early Childhood PD Day ESL Orientation		301 WDC
❖ February 20	All Programs Closed for President’s Day		
❖ February 21-24	School Holiday Camp		PS20, BGR
❖ February 22-24	DC College Trip		
❖ February 27	Screening of 13		301
❖ February 28	Financial Aid Parent Workshop		301
❖ March 2	Summer Camp Information Session	530PM	PS 20
❖ March 2, 3	PGC Spring Retreat		BLS
❖ March 13	Stress Less for Test Parent Workshop	5PM	PS 20
❖ March 31	Success Trip to Boston College		