



**HENRY STREET
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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ This week at OCA we received the list of incoming 9th graders who matched with our school, and the number of round 1 matches increased 300% over last year. Additionally, our seniors are busy with college interviews, including HEOP interviews at The New School, Rochester Institute of Technology, Hofstra University, Ithaca College, and a Torch Scholar Program interview at Northeastern University.
- ❖ The best part of this first week of orientation for our new YAIP cohort has been the consistent level of engagement from our new participants. We've begun with ice breakers, team building exercises, establishing group norms, reviewing YAIP policies and procedures, and we have worked on resumes, interviewing, and cover letter writing. Over 90% of our participants have been actively engaged, participating, and showing up on time.
- ❖ ESL 1 Job Readiness students wrote cover letters and talked about what good customer service means. Each student was able to tell a true story of when they were able to provide great service to a difficult customer. Our Basics class learned about housework and cleaning supplies. After practicing vocabulary, the students interviewed each other about how often they do various types of housework. ESL 2 class wrapped up the final week practicing interviews, what to do if asked an illegal question, and polishing their true stories. We then recorded final mock interviews and reviewed them on the last day of class before holding a mini-feast in celebration.
- ❖ Ron Idels, a dedicated Pre-HSE student, left class this week temporarily due to landing a job through JET! We are all very excited for him, and know he will resume his studies once he is settled.
- ❖ The main highlight for the week at Cornerstone's HSE class was that students attended a College Fair at Job Plus March 8. The class continued developing operational math skill and applications to ratio, proportions and fractions. We also continue the Physical Science section focusing on the math formula on the HSE exam.
- ❖ Camp Henry is off to a great start in the registration process. As of Thursday, we have taken in 30 applications and over 6 scholarships have been awarded. Our advertising team has been hard at work - we now have Facebook and Instagram accounts, as well as advertisements in many local magazines.
- ❖ As the weather starts to change from Winter to Spring, the Early Childhood teachers and children are spending more time outside. We are also preparing for March events like St. Patrick's Day and mid-year parent teacher conferences.
- ❖ After over a year of persistent job hunting, JET client RI was able to secure employment as a Shuttle Bus Driver for JFK Airport. RI worked tirelessly to overcome severe social barriers that prevented him from finding work; only through his own persistence, belief in his abilities, and help from his EC, Social Worker, and HSE teacher, was he able to become OSHA certified and land a job with a broad career ladder.
- ❖ This week, Middle School Success Center staff were present for the distribution of high school match letters. Ninety-nine percent of students were matched to one of their top 5 choices, and three students were matched to Specialized High Schools, Brooklyn Tech and Brooklyn Latin.
- ❖ This week at P.S. 20, Unit KB made balloon car racers! Simply using a blown up balloon, a straw, tape and a Styrofoam car, the students had fun deflating their balloons and watching their cars go! The students had fun racing one another, while learning about speed. Unit 2A became Mad Scientists as they tried sticking a pencil through a ziplock bag filled with water without it leaking. With a little practice and patience, victory was theirs! Unit 3B explored "Nutrition for a Healthy Mind and Body", while practicing cooperation and attending to precision. Unit 4/5B had fun with Math making edible pie and bar charts.
- ❖ This past Thursday in our BGR Flag Football League the Gridiron Warriors defeated the Knight Riders

74 to 61. Tynell Lily from Giridiron Warriors was named the player of the game with an outstanding performance with 2 passing touchdowns, 6 rushing touchdowns, and 2 defensive touchdowns to help seal the win. In Drill and Play, Trainer Kassandra Flowers named Joshua Lind and Maddy Ramos as the Drill and Play MVPs and they were awarded \$25 gift cards for their consistent hard work throughout the entire workout. Also Norqui Munoz and Isaiah Miller were named the runner up to the MVPs and they were awarded with a movie ticket each.

- ❖ This past Thursday BGR Self-Government held its first bar class meeting with citizens who were interested in learning about BGR Law and becoming a lawyer. We had 10 citizens join the first bar class meeting. We also held our 3rd council meeting of the year. BGR and Cornerstone Mayor Nathaniel Pizarro presided over the meeting in the Council Chamber at BGR. After the minutes from the previous meeting and the Comptroller's report were read and accepted as read, Council Member Juliana Jordan presented the Tax Deadline Extension Bill. The bill stated since most of the citizens did not pay their taxes when the deadline was over and to avoid sending all those citizens to court for tax evasion they have decided to extend the deadline to April 14th. After a brief discussion Bill #47 was passed unanimously.
- ❖ This week in 301 and Sports and Recreation we had an exciting day at Drill and Play. During the first session the MVP was Dominick Lebron and the MVP for the second session was Jalin Sinclair. Also Taquil and Ja-lik Edmonds (brothers) will be playing in a championship game at Basketball City this weekend on Sunday. They both are members of the Asphalt Green 12U team and are currently undefeated and the heavy favorite.
- ❖ This week at the Cornerstone Evening Program, we had our second round of Latin Dance and Comedy/Performance classes. The Latin dance class had an active group of 5 participants. The Comedy/Performance Class created a story by each participant saying one word at a time. During the rest of the week, participants were asked what classes they were interested in for the spring and summer time.
- ❖ This week our Manhattan Charter School 2 after-school program had its first hip hop/house music inspired dance class. The children were introduced to Ms. Moutfi who is a dance teacher for the Abrons Art Center. The class learned the basic keys to keeping count on the beat and also learned some pretty cool moves.
- ❖ Expanded Horizons 9th and 10th Graders took a trip to Jobs Plus to hear from representatives from CUNY Admissions, as well as the CUNY ASAP program, and learned more about the college admissions process of CUNY. The students were very engaged and left with a plan of how they could do better in high school to become eligible for the many programs, scholarships, and other opportunities CUNY has to offer. In Expanded Horizons' 11th grade programming, Cassie Persaud, this year's Expanded Horizons 12th grade scholar who was awarded a Posse Foundation Leadership Scholarship to attend Depauw University, spoke about her college application process, Posse application and interview processes, and the importance of advocacy and leadership development in her life. Cassie spoke about self-discovery through her college search, her identity as a first-generation college student, young woman of color, activist and community-builder, inspiring our 11th grade scholars to think deeply and critically as they delve into their own post-high school goal-setting and self-discovery. Expanded Horizons 12th grade scholars have continued to receive college acceptances this week. Congratulations to Tyler Correawhite who was admitted to Cornell University!
- ❖ On Monday and Wednesday, College Success hosted college transition workshops on Living On-Campus Vs. Commuting: How do you prepare?
- ❖ At Manhattan Charter 1's After-School Program, Unit 1 had a late celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The children spent the week reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books then created "Cat in The Hat" top hats. In Unit 2 they began work on Mosaic Art pieces! In Unit 3, the children continued to work on their abstract art projects. Students created sketches to build their individual art portfolios.
- ❖ During their "All about Creative Learning" sessions, the students in the After-School program at PS 134 began preparing for their Woman's History Month sharing by learning about several significant female figures throughout world history. Since music is such an important part of our early childhood class's weekly schedule, our K/1 group has chosen to explore the music industry for their Woman's History Month sharing and three significant female vocalists: Whitney Houston, Tina Turner and Nina Simone. The third grade group has been discussing political and social activism and the lives and accomplishments of Malala and Mary McLeod Bethune. Our Pre-K/K group has been talking about women who have made an impact in the medical field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ March 13	Stress Less for Test Parent Workshop	5PM	PS 20
❖ March 14	Engaging Children through Play Workshop		PS 134
❖ March 16	UNMS Parent Teacher Conference From Childhood to Teen Workshop Wear Green To School Day		PS 134 301
❖ March 17	Early Childhood Parent Teacher Conferences		301
❖ March 18-19	High School Round 2 Fair		OCA
❖ March 20	OCA Attendance Trip to Chelsea Piers		
❖ March 22	Open House for OCA		
❖ March 24-27	Expanded Horizons Undoing Racism Training		
❖ March 30	Women's History Month Sharing		PS 134
❖ March 31	Success Trip to Boston College BLS "Her Prom" essay questions due		
❖ April 6, 7	PGC Spring Retreat		BLS
❖ April 7	EES Spring Retreat – All Programs Closed		
❖ April 16	School Holiday Spring Break Camp Begins		BGR/PS 20
❖ May 9	Community School Forum		BLS
❖ May 16	Blood Drive		BLS
❖ May 18	Production of Grease		BLS