



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ In our BGR NBA D-League this past Tuesday the Mad Ants defeated the Thunderbirds 55 to 46 in Game 2 of the 2016 BGR NBA D-League Finals. In our BGR NBA League this past Thursday the Lakers defeated the Knicks 60 to 53 and swept the series 2-0 to become the 2016 BGR NBA League Champions. Ryan Garcia named the 2016 BGR NBA League Finals MVP averaging 14pts a game in the series. Also the Season Awards were presented and the following players and coach were selected: Season MVP, Ramell St. Hilaire; Defensive Player of the Year, Donte Hurley; Sportsmanship Award, Kevin Catalino; and Coach of the Year, Shirod Ince. At the ABC Hoops Junior Basketball League our 16u BGR Bulldogs defeated Mo' Basics 63 to 60 to improve our overall record 2-2. Finally, and so huge, we have now reached 1,000 members in our BGR Sports Group on Facebook.
- ❖ It was a week of goodbyes at AGL, both to our remaining part time staff and our students, who will be back for one or two regents, but then gone for summer.
- ❖ This week at JET, Member G.P. recently began working as a porter after searching for employment for a year. As a result of the support received from WDC, including assistance with resume revisions, OSHA training, and individual coaching, he's been able to successfully transition back into the workforce.
- ❖ The ESL 1-Job Readiness course learned food and kitchen-related English such as fruits and vegetables, food preparation, and quantities and containers. They also went out in to the neighborhood and approached business about job opportunities. The students were very nervous at first but said they felt much more confident after the activity. The ESL 2-Job Readiness class practiced introducing themselves and talking about their experience. The ESL Basics classes discussed a model for thinking about problems and possible solutions, then worked in groups to apply this model to problems involving health and nutrition. They also learned about the people and places shown on U.S. currency and compared it with currency from their native countries.
- ❖ The Expanded Horizons Scholarship Ceremony was held on this past Saturday. Attendees included 74 scholarship recipient and their families, funders, and agency executive staff. Additional speakers were scholarship recipient Elizabeth Valenzuela (Trinity College) and Shaik Jaman (Hunter College). In addition to the Henry Street scholarship, the Success team has nominated four outstanding students (two juniors and two seniors) to be considered for the FPWA scholarship.
- ❖ Expanded Horizons hosted its annual End of Program year BBQ culminating a year-worth of programming and closing out the school year on a high note. Expanded Horizons staff is looking forward to switching gears in the next few weeks by focusing on Summer Henry Street University. Expanded Horizons has also submitted 9 POSSE nominations! Lets wish our students the best in the coming months. Finally, students and staff bid farewell to Judith Belliard who played in integral role in the development of the new program model. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.
- ❖ At PS 134's After-School Program, our annual End-of-Year carnival was so large and exciting that it took up two spaces: the gymnasium at PS 134 (with an inflatable bouncy house & obstacle course and a snow cone machine) and the gymnasium at 301 Henry Street (with a variety of competitive and creative activities from bowling, ring toss, knock the cans and giant jenga, to sand art, bracelet-making, coloring pages and face painting etc.). The older children also had a chance to express their creative selves through graffiti art and stenciling on the playground with colorful sidewalk chalk – while the Pre-k children playfully blew bubbles in the sunlight.
- ❖ This week at P.S. 20 was our annual End-of-the-year Carnivals. The children had fun partaking in the various activities such as sand art, face painting, bean bag toss, hoop/noodle obstacle course, knock down the cans, fishing, ring toss, raffle wheel, bowling, bounce football and playground games to name a few. Unit KA, on the other hand, stepped out of PS 20 this past week to attend a wonderful performance held at SEA: the bilingual theater company. The performance was called "*The King Who Refused to Love*" *The Toothache of King Farfán / La Muela del Rey Farfán*. It was a beautiful performance in English and Spanish simultaneously that incorporated life sized puppets.

- ❖ This week BGR began to wind down the year with some wrap ups and reflections. Our Edible Arts class closed out Cycle III this week by creating an art piece they can take home that represents their spring food experience. Our Book Club received their final books from their sponsors. Most received a book for each summer month to encourage them to read over break.
- ❖ This year Henry Street Settlement went to its 8th NYC Rugby Cup and three of its four teams played in trophy round games. Every team competed with intensity and with great sportsmanship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ June 12 ABC Hoops League Game
- ❖ June 15 W4th Hoops League Game
- ❖ June 16 Day Camp Parent Orientation 5 PM PS 20
- ❖ June 24 Last Day for OST After-School Programs PS 20, BGR
- ❖ July 5 Camp Henry Day Camp Starts
 SYEP Starts
 HSU Starts