



**HENRY STREET  
SETTLEMENT**

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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ This week at P.S. 20 was our first camp trip. We went to the Liberty Science Center in New Jersey. While most of our younger campers enjoyed learning about all of the wildlife that lived there, including being able to touch a live snake, turtle and turtle's egg, our older units enjoyed staying activate while climbing on the Infinity Climber and navigating through the 80 foot long, pitch-black maze known as the "Touch Tunnel." This week, our campers delve into the 1940s and 1950s theme, discussing events important to the era. Unit E and F created posters to promote peace after learning about World War II. They came up with powerful slogans and drew symbols representing anti-violence, which they also related to current events of today and anti-bullying. Units G and H's highlight took place during book club were they are reading the book, "The Entertainer and the Dybbuk" by Sid Fleischman. The campers are really enjoying this book, which is about a young ventriloquist possessed by a twelve-year-old boy who was a victim of the Nazis during World War II. Units A and B used fluorescent paint to make masterpieces come to life in "Free Painting Time." Lastly, Unit C and D used their creativity to make 3D owls. After being inspired by many nocturnal animals shown at the Liberty Science Center, the campers thought it would be fitting to make their own.
- ❖ Expanded Horizons wrapped up the final week of it's Rising Seniors Henry Street University Summer Bridge program this week! On Thursday, students received an information session and tour at Baruch College and were taken to the Columbia University College Fair – the largest college fair in all of NYC. Rising seniors who participated in HSU now have a full draft of their college list, a full first draft of their personal statement college essay, and have received guidance and preparation for the financial aid application process and changes for the 2016-17 school year
- ❖ The producer of the WNET documentary about settlement houses interviewed an Expanded Horizons College Counselor and rising senior student, Rosemary Colon-Martinez, about their experiences in the program and impact of the program on student access to opportunity and higher education
- ❖ LC came to Jobs Plus in 2014, on Disability, SSI and OPWDD. With much time and effort, we were able to refer her to ACCESS-VR and AHRC for their Supportive Employment & Independent Living Program. Through tireless interview prep, behavior modification, constant encouragement, and celebrating small successes, LC has achieved the ultimate goal of working. She is now permanently employed at Marshalls and she LOVES it!
- ❖ Camp Henry at 301 enjoyed another fun-filled, exciting week! This week we continued our journey through time, reaching the 1940s & 1950s. Keeping with the theme of time and how things change as time passes, Unit 1A & 1B continued their project on growing plants. Units 1C & 1D learned about Andy Warhol and his contributions to the art world during the 1950s. They then had an amazing time getting messy while recreating one of his famous paintings using their hands. Units 2A & 2B were very surprised to learn that televisions did not have any color in the 1950s, so they drew two of the exact same picture but one had to be black & white while the other was in color to show how colors can bring things to life. Units 3B & C learned about Rosie the Riveter & Uncle Sam, and how they have impacted both men and women during that era. Unit 4 learned how life for kids in the 50s consisted of Mr. Potato Head, hula hoops and the frisbee.
- ❖ The most recent ESL 2-Job Readiness class ended this week and the team received a really wonderful thank you note from one of the high-level students: "Thank you to all the team at Henry Street Settlement and to Andy [a UPS Volunteer] for all the help and great guidance! You are such a great team and I want to tell you what amazing work you do helping people through their job search process. It's really impressive and incredibly helpful. You provide such an extensive orientation and services, covering everything from doing a job application to knowing how to read your pay stubs or even providing clothes for interviews and work. But really you provide so much more than this. You make us feel as part of a family. So, thank you!"
- ❖ This week, BLS Summer Bridge continued in full swing and we received one more participant. Students are fully immersed in their ELA and math classes, and are working on organizational skills in their

Leadership Class. Students have also started working on a dance piece to show their parents at the end of the summer. The week ended with a trip to Luna Park. We are expecting a visit from Chancellor Farina at some point in the next few weeks; the Chancellor reportedly wants to video tape our students in their Leadership Class.

- ❖ In Early Childhood Education, children and teachers from classroom 303 went on a community walk to the Henry Street Farmers Market outside of the Abrons Art Center. The teachers and students spent time observing the different sizes, shapes, and colors of the fruits and vegetables. One classroom celebrated a student birthday with a picnic lunch on the Early Childhood terrace. After lunch and cake, the students and teachers enjoyed the warm weather and sprinklers! Finally, a first round of new classroom furniture was unpacked and delivered into classrooms this week. Students were intrigued by the new structures and gathered around pieces as they were placed into the rooms. One classroom received a new art trolley and the students were eager to explore the new cups, trays, and baskets that will soon hold tools and supplies for artistic and sensory exploration. When a class received a new baby doll cradle, which was slightly larger than the one that it replaced, the young toddlers soon learned that they could fit inside of it. This discovery opened new possibilities for dramatic play by allowing the children make further sense of their worlds and experiences with caregiving routines. Another classroom received a new dramatic play center equipped with hooks and shelves for props and costumes, and wooden arches over which long sheets of cloth can be draped to create a fort. Clothed as doctors, grocery shoppers, and construction workers, the children experimented with how to secure the cloth to over the arches.
- ❖ In YAIP, Cohort 16A has 29 participants enrolled. This Cohort also had a chance to attend the “Adapting to the Future of Work” workshop hosted by JobsFirstNYC. The participants received information from various guest speakers on topics ranging from entrepreneurship to social enterprising and how it all relates to employment. The participants also attended an Advocacy Networking event in which they met representatives from Swiss Post and Per Scholas. Twelve graduates from Cohort 15A have verbally informed advisors that they have secured employment.
- ❖ Some older workers find it difficult to navigate the job market in 2016 and may even experience ageism due to negative perceptions, but JET Member R.J. was able to land an assignment at the Department of Education through Winston Staffing, thanks to Ms. Jeanie Tung.
- ❖ This week at Orchard Collegiate Academy, summer school and summer bridge classes continued. Participants in summer bridge continued to learn more about each other and build relationships as well as learn skills to enhance self-regulation and build emotional intelligence.
- ❖ This past Saturday our BGR summer basketball leagues officially started. We had two games for our 15u BGR NBA Summer League. After our 15u NBA Summer League games we had two awesome 19u BGR FIBA World Cup League games. In conclusion of the night we had over 40 players compete in our leagues on opening night.
- ❖ 301 Sports and Recreation participant Justin Parris had a marvelous game in the 3PBL basketball tournament. Justin led all scorers with 17 points and chipped in 12 assists and 7 rebounds. He also had a game high 7 steals and added two blocked shots showing his ability to affect both sides of the game. Justin's efforts led his team to a victory and they remain a perfect 6-0 for the season.
- ❖ This week at Camp Henry in BGR and Cornerstone campers went to the Liberty Science Center where they experienced everything from a ninja turtle exhibit where they went through mazes in a replica of New York City sewers to viewing a communications exhibit where they learned about all types of communication from totem poles to sign language. Camp Henry in Cornerstone also attended the Bronx Zoo this week, seeing everything from the peacocks roaming around to the lions, tigers, and bears.
- ❖ Cornerstone has opened its doors and the evening youth program there has hit the ground running. Last Saturday we had a barbeque to invite the neighborhood kids to join our center. Scheduled in tandem with BGR'S Tournament Combine, the Barbeque served over 45 kids from the tournament and the neighborhood! We served burgers and hotdogs, and had a wide variety of activities to keep the youth engaged during the event. Many of the youth who attended the barbeque have now become regulars at the center. With a healthy attendance rate, we have moved forward with our enrichment programing. The Boys Project, a class designed to educate and support young males transitioning into adulthood, had its first session this week. The students who took part in the class discussed what it meant to create a safe space. They also held a forum exploring their feelings about being boys, in addition to the perks and challenges they face due to their gender. This week the youth also had the opportunity to participate in a Jackson Pollock inspired art project. By splattering, dripping, and throwing paint on canvases laid out in the Cornerstone drive way, participants created unique works of art, all while having fun by being messy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ July 25 Early Childhood Center Library Trip  
Early Childhood All Staff Meeting
- ❖ July 27 FPWA Scholarship Breakfast
- ❖ July 28 OCA Movie Filed Trip
- ❖ July 29 Community Sing and Read Program
- ❖ July 30 Henry Street Community Day
- ❖ August 2 Camp Henry Trip to Astoria Bowling
- ❖ August 3 Camp Henry Trip to Hot Skates
- ❖ August 5 Camp Henry BBQ in East River Park
- ❖ August 18th Camp Henry Trip to Splish Splash