



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Week 7 of Camp Henry at P.S. 20 sure was one to remember. The campers kicked off this week with Twin Day and Pajama Day, where they had a blast showing off their style. The campers finalized and produced their End-of-the-Year Presentations. Unit A and B put much effort and excitement into making an end-of-the-year short film for the parents, showing the memories built over the last 7 weeks. The film highlighted how much the campers have grown and how everyone not only worked together as a community, but also how everyone at P.S. 20 treats each other like family. Unit C and D completed their time traveling spaceships! Unit E made colorful posters depicting some of their favorite inventions they learned about from the 1990's and early 2000's. Unit F spent this final week discussing what community means to them and, as a whole, they came up with the word "Unity". Inspired by artist Keith Haring, the campers chose what colors to fill their shaped body in their project banner to symbolize the peace and unity that Keith displayed in his artwork. This project also helped the campers of Unit F realize what the word "activist" means as well as helped them understand that there are numerous social issues going on in today's society. Last but not least, our campers had the best time at Splish Splash!
- ❖ M.P., a young adult, sporadically kept in contact with his Jobs Plus Employment Coordinator. He was encouraged to come into the center for employment services but rarely followed through. With multiple barriers that included law enforcement issues and conflict with family, M.P. eventually relented. The EC, along with the Jobs Plus Social Worker, assisted M.P. with applying for positions and attending job readiness workshops. Eventually, M.P. interviewed for the Houseman position with Wilson Vale Catering Company and got the job. He currently earns \$10.50 an hour and often says how grateful he is for the support.
- ❖ The College Success team concluded its summer melt meetings on Tuesday of this week – together both Success Counselors met with a total of 38 students who will begin freshmen year in college starting next week. The team will conduct phone meetings with the remaining student who were not able to come in and meet with the counselors.
- ❖ Before JET member B.Z. graduated the YAIP program, she was unemployed for two years, living day by the day with her new born son and unsure where her next meal would come from. B.Z. graduated from YAIP, her internship broke her two-year unemployment curse, and recently she was hired at Burlington as a cashier. The skills that B.Z. gained from JET and YAIP turned her cynicism into optimism, and her success is a testament of the successful partnership between JET and YAIP.
- ❖ This week at OCA, incoming freshmen participated in a three-day orientation, building relationships with other students and staff and preparing for the start of high school. During the orientation, students went on a field trip to Chelsea Piers and participated in a park cleanup service project at MLK Park. The orientation culminated with a family BBQ event.
- ❖ A recent participant in the ESL 1-Job Readiness class, Mr. Zhao, had a big week. After months of applying for jobs, going on interviews, and not getting hired, he was hired by a hotel as a houseman! When Mr. Zhao first came to Henry Street, his English was very limited, so he enrolled in both basic English classes and the job readiness class. He worked hard to improve his communication skills and started going on interviews. After every interview, the manager's feedback was that his English wasn't good enough, however, he continued to practice with the staff at Henry Street and go on interviews. On top of that, he enrolled in adult basic education classes at HSS. He finally heard back from a hotel that he interviewed with one month prior. They decided to reconsider him and bring him in for another interview. Finally, the hotel decided to give him a chance and he started work this week. He is overjoyed to have the opportunity.
- ❖ This week at BLS, Summer Bridge students took the math and ELA Regents on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, parents, students, and staff participated in an end of summer celebration for Summer Bridge. Students performed two dance pieces, saw a slide show of pictures from all the trips they took this summer, and watched a PowerPoint presentation that included quotes from participants about the impact of Summer Bridge on their lives. After the show, everyone went upstairs for lunch,

another presentation from the Leadership class, and students received their Summer Bridge completion certificates. Eight students passed the Regents they took after only 5 weeks of solid preparation! We are very excited about these numbers, especially because one student received an 85 on her ELA Regents.

- ❖ In YAIP this week, we changed our venue for the workshops from the classroom to the Henry Street Settlement gazebo, which the participants seemed to enjoy. Participants wrote down short/long term personal and professional goals and ideas. In the afternoon, the participants worked with the Advisors in the ATTAIN lab on completing their PowerPoint presentations.
- ❖ This week in Camp Henry at Cornerstone and BGR campers ended with a fun trip to Splish Splash. For some they have been year after year and for others this was their first time and all they could talk about is how they conquered their fear of a ride and how glad they were that they did. While this awesome event may seem like the highlight of the week, the true magic was happening during regular programming. Unit 2 across both sites worked on their dance performances, bringing our journey through time full circle. Unit 1 made a giant iPhone 400S that was 6 feet tall and created their own futuristic apps. All the units completed their pieces of art, with everything from Basquiat to Warhol inspired pieces; turning both BGR and JRCCC to Lower East Side Art Galleries. Lastly, we said good bye to two of our LITs as they completed their 8th grade year and enter the next stage of life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ August 23	Parent Orientation	MCS
❖ August 24	Parent Orientation	Cornerstone
❖ August 25, 26	Parent Orientation	BGR
❖ September 1	Back to School Night 301 After-School Enrollment	OCA 301
❖ September 6-8	After-School Staff Training	
❖ September 7	After-School Begins	MCS, MCS2
❖ September 8	After-School Begins	Cornerstone
❖ September 12	Parent Orientation	301
❖ September 13	After-School Begins	BGR, 20, 134