



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ It was a very exciting week at the Cornerstone Evening Program. Starting with last Wednesday, the Cornerstone Evening program held its first laser tag night. The whole facility was converted into a laser tag arena complete with inflatable obstacles, fog, and lighting effects. Over 25 teenagers came to participate in the event and had an awesome time. Last Sunday we took 34 participants to Dorney Park in Pennsylvania. This past Thursday the program was blessed with preseason Jets tickets. For many, it was their first time seeing an NFL game. The day after we were blessed again with tickets to the Giant's first preseason game. Finally we ended the week with our second Youth BBQ. Scheduled in tandem with the All Star Basketball tournament, over 30 teenagers showed up. Even some parents and neighborhood kids joined in the fun!
- ❖ The Early Childhood program experienced a physical transformation this week! The Facilities team worked tirelessly Wednesday and Thursday to delivery new furniture to each classroom in the school. Outdated furniture was replaced by beautiful natural wood items reflective of a progressive philosophy of education and a value for aesthetically pleasing spaces that inspire wonder and creativity. As new items were brought into the rooms, the children screamed with excitement and ran to touch the pieces. They ran in circles around the chairs and shelves, crouching and climbing to investigate their properties and determine their purpose.
- ❖ Long-term member, M.H., obtained her early childhood certificate and A.A. degree in security management prior to joining Jobs Plus. Unable to find employment and overall satisfaction in either field, she held several low paying positions in the security field just to get by. However, she really wanted to work with children. M.H. worked closely with her Employment Coordinator and Resource Coordinator at Jobs Plus. She applied for a Vocational Counselor position with the Mental Health Association and got the job! She is now earning \$14 an hour working with at-risk youth.
- ❖ This week at Camp Henry @ PS 20, our campers took their weekly journey back in time to the 1990s where they caught up on current events, popular music, technology and fashion. More than ever during the 90s, hair became a way to express individuality, and men and women alike tried new styles that emphasized fun and originality. To honor the unique hairstyles of the 90s, our campers and staff had a blast kicking off the week with crazy hair day. Unit A and B's highlight touched base on the 1990s and 2016 frenzy, Pokémon! The campers had a blast decorating their own Poké Balls and creating their own Pokémon characters to go with each ball. The campers also enjoyed making clay models of the Nintendo Game Boys used during the 90s and compared them with the technology used for gaming today. Unit C and D had fun using their engineering skills to build a spaceship to reflect the technology advancements in the early 90s after learning about the end of space race. Unit E took a walking trip around the block exploring the wild life when they took a particular interest to dragonflies. After learning some fun facts about the insect, the campers created their own.
- ❖ 8 Expanded Horizons seniors volunteered to mentor and counsel 8th grade students at the Middle School Success Center on the high school application process. Senior Rosemary Colon-Martinez is a finalist for the Youth Justice Board Program. Youth Justice Board teen members will look to foster relationships between foster care, juvenile, and criminal justice system policies and homelessness for young New Yorkers, all while earning a stipend.
- ❖ It was a busy week with the adult education classes at 99 Essex Street. The ABE/HSE classes are growing and this week they focused on US History. The ESOL Basics classes learned vocabulary for family relationships and read stories about families. The ESL 1-Job Readiness class practiced telling true stories to tell on an interview. And, finally, the ESL 2-Job Readiness class started a new cycle. They did mock interviews and talked about how to fill out job applications.
- ❖ This week in 301 Sports and Recreation the trainer from Asphalt Greene was challenged by the participant to make the drills that they facilitate incorporate more basketball, while still including a rigorous strength and conditioning circuit. The trainer more than met the challenge by combing basket dribbling drills and pushing the children physically by adding resistance bands and more cardio. The

participants expressed great gratitude that their comments were taken into consideration and actually implemented.

- ❖ This week at our BLS Community School, Summer Bridge students participated in theme days such as twin day, career day, and pajama day, where they dressed up accordingly. Students went on two trips this week. On Thursday they went to Brooklyn College for a tour of the campus and on Friday they attended a movie. The Program Director is working on collaborating with the Child Mind Institute and their partner organization 375.org to bring in NFL player Brandon Marshall to work with students at BLS around de-stigmatizing mental health issues.
- ❖ This week at JET, after a year and a half of searching and interviewing, N.T. landed his dream job at the Central Park Conservancy as a Facilities Technician. He indicated that this is a wonderful opportunity with lots of room for growth, and he is grateful for the support he's received from Henry Street.
- ❖ This week at Orchard Collegiate Academy Community School, students in the Summer Bridge went on a field trip to Dave and Busters to celebrate the culmination of summer programming. In addition, we hosted a Core Values Assembly to acknowledge Summer Bridge and Summer School students with outstanding performance and attendance over the summer.
- ❖ This week in Camp Henry at BGR and Cornerstone the campers learned about the 1990s. Campers could be seen learning the songs and dances of the 90s. Unit 2's performed the Macarena, and created posters of famous and influential music artist. Unit 3's learned about graffiti and created their own tags with a Camp Henry spin.
- ❖ This past week all the units in Camp Henry @ 301 concentrated on the Decade of the 90's. Unit 2A & 3A focused on the arts from the 90's. Since Graffiti was a big movement of the 90's era, each camper was able to make their own name using graffiti letters. The campers also learned about different Artist such as Keith Haring, Kaws, Basquiat, and the friendly neighborhood artist, Chico. Unit 4 learned all about the way a green screen works in Video Production. Unit 4 also took a trip to the ASPCA. They learned about how this organization rescues animals, sets up adoptions and cares for sick animals.
- ❖ Summer school at Seward Park is coming to a close and students feel very prepared for their Regents. Planning for school year 2017 is going strong with Orientation invites going out.
- ❖ The College Success team continued to meet with rising college freshmen throughout the week in an effort to make sure the students are all set for their fall semester. In addition, the team also met with returning college student to help with FAFSA, transfer, and grad school options.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ August 15-17 OCA Freshman Orientation
- ❖ August 16 OCA Freshmen Field Trip to Bowlmor
- ❖ August 17 OCA Barbeque
- ❖ August 18th Camp Henry Trip to Splish Splash