



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ This week at BLS we focused on continuing to build our parent engagement relative to our upcoming forum. On Monday, several BLS parents met to discuss phone banking for the forum, and 13 more parents came out to our PTA meeting on Wednesday. Parents also hosted a bake sale during the day on Wednesday and raised \$140.00 for PTA. On Friday the program staff took 55 students to laser tag in Long Island City to reward them for 85% attendance or higher. Students and staff all had a really good time.
- ❖ This week in Youth Employment Services, Cohort 15A just completed their 7th week of program and fourth week of internship. One participant from Cohort 14A was hired at University Settlement (PS 134) as a Group Aide and Food Cellar & Co. as a cashier. Also, one of our Project RISE Cohort 10 participants earned the HSE Diploma these week.
- ❖ This week at Manhattan Charter School, Unit 1 worked on spring time collages. Unit 2 played a game designed to use deductive reasoning and critical thinking, as well as practice basic math skills. Revisiting a lesson from earlier this year, Unit 3 worked on KWL (Know/ Want to Learn) charts about strategic board games that have their interest. The students have already practiced playing Checkers but had expressed a desire to learn more about Mancala, Chinese Checkers, and Chess. Once their KWL charts were finished, the staff divided the students into stations based on what they wanted to learn.
- ❖ This week BGR enjoyed the launching of new activities and warm weather spirit. Our Unit 1 citizens learned about bugs. The group discussed why certain bugs are important to our earth and how they help us, not hurt us. Citizens then built their own bug using precut foam pieces. Our Unit 2 citizens took their art class outside this week. The unit has been discussing the idea of perspective and how we as individuals and community members see our neighborhood. The citizens observed their community and then began sketching a significant thing that stood out. Unit 3 citizens enjoyed a small cast party to celebrate their showcase preview last week. Citizens played theatre games, enjoyed snacks and lots of laughter. Finally, our LIT's have been working on becoming young mentors. This week many of them spread out to different units to support their staff in activities and engage with our young citizens.
- ❖ This week at the Henry Street School, the Settlement Success Squad went to see Wicked on Broadway and dinner at Carmine's to celebrate their attendance improvement. In addition, the Community School team launched an attendance initiative for May to encourage students to arrive to school on time every day.
- ❖ A group of 10 ESL-Job Readiness jobseekers went to Percolate to participate in mock interviews. The students rotated between Percolate staff members for three 15-minute interviews. The jobseekers said the practice and feedback was very helpful and will better prepare them as they continue to apply and interview for jobs.
- ❖ This week at BOSS the student council organized a school-wide minute of silence. This quiet but powerful, student-led action raises awareness about the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and discrimination. 15 OST students attended the New Visions College Fair to get early exposure to the college process and learn more about requirements to get accepted to schools, speak with alumni and gather information on schools and majors of interest.
- ❖ Project Rise and Hospitality Skills Academy Graduate D.B. recently landed a part-time position with Citibike as a rebalancer making \$14.50 an hour.
- ❖ This week at our After-School Program at PS 20, our Pre-K classes conducted a fun and colorful experiment called "The Walking Water Rainbow." Unit 1A made their own vanilla ice cream from scratch. The students were able to mix vanilla, salt, sugar, evaporated milk, milk, and ice to make the ice cream. The students had a lot of fun shaking their bags for 2-3 minutes to see results. Although the final product was not in its normal ice cream consistency, the students were looking forward to freezing their bags at home. Unit 2/3B did a visual arts lesson called Cola Art where the

students became exposed to the art style of Pop Art and learned about the imagery, styles, and themes of advertising, mass media, and popular culture.

- ❖ Due to such beautiful weather this week our CASTLE middle school participants took a break from their regular scheduled programing and went outside to play some old childhood games such as hop scotch, jump rope, and scooter races. Though these activities sound simple, they allowed our participants to feel like kids again in sense that they did not feel the need to check their phones or take a selfie or even snap a quick video of the moment.
- ❖ At our After-School Program at Manhattan Charter 2, participants enjoyed a creative way to paint in their art class by using shaving cream.
- ❖ This week, Expanded Horizons College Success visited alumni at Hunter College for a mid-semester check-in. We are happy to announce that the combined average GPA of our alumni is 3.2 with the highest being a 3.9. Congrats to our alumni for maintaining academic success!
- ❖ At our After-School Program at PS 110, the second and third grade class went for a walk around their community. The walk was aimed to get their creative juices flowing for a paper-mache community they will present at the end of the third cycle. The Unicorn House has been hosting mini fund raisers for Animal Haven. The students are looking forward to their trip to Animal Haven where they will be able to meet animals in need and drop off the money that they have been collecting. The Phoenix House is getting down and dirty with composting!! They have set up a three compartment plastic bins with dirt, apples, and foam. Each week they take out the plastic bin to see and discuss the progress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ April 25-29	School Holiday Camp	8 AM	BGR, PS 20
❖ May 3	Community Schools Forum		Corlears
❖ May 6	STEM Day	4 PM	PS 110
❖ May 10	ESL Whitney Museum Event		
❖ May 19	Anti-Bullying Workshop ESL Mock Interviews with Lloyd’s Bank		PS 20 WDC
❖ May 30	Memorial Day – All Programs Closed		
❖ June 6	Accepted Freshmen Night		BOSS
❖ June 10	Last Day of After-School		PS 110, 134