

HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2016

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- This week marks the final week before 11<sup>th</sup> grade Expanded Horizons scholars take their official SAT exam. They have worked extremely hard the entire school year and we wish them the best of luck! Junior, Derek Hernandez received an acceptance into the Carleton College Summer Program. This marks the third summer college program he has been accepted to thus far. Three Expanded Horizons seniors participated in College Decision Day sponsored by the Harlem Educational Activities Fund. Students from across the city came together to celebrate their college acceptance and enrollment decisions.
- This week at BLS has been very busy. In preparation for the Community School Forum next Tuesday, Community School staff has been coordinating phone banking and facilitator workshop preparation discussions. BLS had parents come out on Tuesday and Friday to call other parents to tell them about the forum. On Friday, 7 BLS students attended the trip to the Twitter offices and were very excited for the trip. Back at school, the Bengali students group had a guest speaker who is completing medical school come to talk to them about the process of applying for medical school and about her life trajectory. 21st Century Elective classes continue to go well. There are currently 75 students attending electives. Upcoming trips include a trip with the cosmetology class to visit Ulta Beauty in order to purchase supplies, the film and music classes will be going to see the Lion King on Broadway on May 18th, and the computer class will be taking a trip upstate to go hiking in cold spring.
- From the Seward Park campus, six students to Twitter headquarters this week and they all chatted about how inspiring the trip was on the train ride back! Freshmen Success Students are working hard to keep their attendance going strong through this last stretch of the year. They will be rewarded next week with a field trip on "The Ride".
- ✤ At BOSS, 71 of 82 OST students on track to matriculate to the 10th Grade, and 20 OST students have achieved perfect attendance in the past 20 days! Four OST students joined the High School Initiatives team at the NYC Twitter offices on Friday. Students were treated to an informational session and career panel with Twitter employees who stressed the importance of higher education and identifying passions as a means for successful careers.
- Approximately 15 JET members attended the Helix Hotel Event last week. For many, it strengthened their resolve to launch a career in hospitality and to one day have an opportunity to work for a brand such as Helix Hotel.
- This week at P.S. 20, Unit KA and KB focused on Mother's Day-themed activities. Unit 1B and 1C worked on many different engineering activities this week, including making a car and the Empire State Building out of popsicle sticks and making pompoms out of yawn. Unit 4/5A and B delve into the exciting world of vortex cannon making! First, the class discussed what a vortex is and the physics behind how it works. Then, the students used plastic cups, balloons, scissors, and a smoke machine to make this experiment possible.
- This week the College Success counselors facilitated a time management workshop for the rising college freshmen. Of the 27 students in attendance, 24 have already made their decision as to where they will attend school in the fall.
- The Youth Scholarship committee met this past week and decided on the winners for this year's Abrons/Aranow, Tannenbaum and Sobie scholarships. There will be two Tannenbaum Scholars, one Sobie Scholar and 45 Abrons/Aranow Scholars for the 2016 -2017 academic school year.
- This week at the Henry Street School we hosted our Community School Forum, and it was a great success! Parents engaged in meaningful discussion about different aspects of the school, while students participated in activities like cookie-decorating and games. Students also got a chance to perform some original songs and poetry for their families and peers. In addition, a group of students nominated by their teachers had the opportunity to tour the Twitter headquarters and attend a digital

citizenship/internet safety workshop and a career panel. Two seniors at the Henry Street School participated in College Decision Day sponsored by the Harlem Educational Activities Fund.

- This week BGR practiced positive perspectives. Our Unit 1 citizens worked on defining what it means to be a positive peer. They shared words to describe what positive means, including leader, compliments, sharing, etc. Citizens then played a game where they practiced using these words and actions. Our unit 2 citizens celebrated important women in their lives with our volunteer event. Citizens worked with volunteers to pot small plants as gifts. Our Unit 3 citizens also focused on writing messages and designing cards and DIY pieces for important women, including their staff leaders, teachers and family. Our LIT's have been learning about the importance of service. This week they overhauled the learning center in preparation for summer camp and learned more about the space in order to be key players in maintaining and sharing the space with our younger citizens.
- In Youth Employment, Cohort 13A participant Nelda Roman obtained her HSE diploma this week. Also, Cohort 14A participant Natasha Huntley was officially hired to work at PS 134 as a group aide.
- At PS 134's After-School Program, Unit A has been going over letters of the alphabet along with learning more words that start with every letter. This is helping the children to get ready for kindergarten for making sentences and being more comfortable with various words. Unit B is preparing for the end of the year show. Students are planning their own art gallery. Students would be recreating art work from famous artist. Several units engaged in Mother's Day activities and Unit E talked about Sibling Day.
- PS 110 threw a STEM Day last week. Families, staff, and students were able to get together for super fun activities!! The cafeteria and gym were transformed into place of predicting, constructing, questioning, and experimenting. Students were able to visit as many booths/tables that piqued their interest throughout the afternoon. The Cafeteria housed snack, drinks, and science activities: Magic Milk, Volcanoes (Land/Underwater), Polymers, Chromatography, Silly Putty, and Explosion!! The gym housed Technology: Robot Turtles, Conditionals, My Robotic Friends, and Circuits in Seconds. Students in the gym were also able to participate in Engineering: Marble Run, Toobeez, and Time to Build (Bit O Blocks, Builders, Benders, and More, and Zoobs). Lastly, the gym also contained Math activities: Sumoko, Dominoes (Multiplication/Picture), Clumsy Thief, Math Marks the Spot, I Have, Who Has... (Time, Addition, Multiplication, and Number Identification), Math Fun (Roll and Cover, Number Identification with Clay, and Teddy Bear Patterns). To say the children enjoyed themselves was an understatement!! The Square Root of Success was able to join in the fun and join YIU students in obtaining prizes for completing tasks, creations of snow and slime, laughter, smiles, and conversations!!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*	May 10	ESL Whitney Museum Event Parent Teacher Conferences		BOSS
*	May 18	SONYC Brooklyn Marina Field Trip		
*	May 19	Anti-Bullying Workshop ESL Mock Interviews with Lloyd's Bank		PS 20 WDC
*	May 20	SONYC Fashion Show		
*	May 26	Behavior Management Workshop UNMS Talent Show	530 PM	PS 20
*	May 30	Memorial Day – All Programs Closed		
*	June 3	Talent Show End of Year Sharing Soccer Tournament		BOSS PS 134
*	June 6	Accepted Freshmen Night End of Year Carnival		BOSS PS 134
*	June 10	Last Day of After-School		PS 110, 134

June 11 Rugby Cup
June 16 Day Camp Parent Orientation 5 PM PS 20