



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT  
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2017

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ At the Jacob Riis Cornerstone Community Center the week began with each unit creating community agreements and team building. To promote camp spirit, every unit came up with an original name, mascot, and chant to be used during camp events and competitions. The campers also had the opportunity to meet with each of our Activity Specialists and participate in an introductory lesson. In Engineering, the campers were challenged to make the tallest structure possible using only marshmallows and toothpicks. During Heroes and Villains, the campers chose random story elements from a basket, wrote a story using those elements, and then acted out their story in front of their peers. In Fun Foods, the campers learned about the food pyramid and created artistic portion plates. These are but a few of the fun activities the campers enjoyed this week.
- ❖ Cornerstone Evening Program started out their week with workouts at the FDR, dance class and the youth made fruit kebabs which they shared with the police officers on site. The youth were able to make and take home their own personal slime while learning about diffusion. The Youth said their highlight (LIT) was the nail and salon class. Many of the young men got one for their fingers painted bright colors. Some of the young ladies tried to learn how to do acrylic nails. For the end of each day, the Reading Room turns into a Karaoke mad house. Youth, staff and police officers jam-out to music and do some crazy lip singing AND DANCE!
- ❖ This week at the Brooklyn Lab School we started our Summer Bridge program. We have 19 students for the summer. They are taking 3 hours of math and ELA per day, engaging in a Leadership class, and then they have lunch and do Peer Group Connection activities with our student leaders and with Katherine and Julissa. They will receive credit for their classes and will be taking the regents in August. This year's group seems eager to learn and have already become close after only two days. We are very excited to be working with them for the summer.
- ❖ Early Childhood Education Summer Camp started this week, and so far we are off to a great start. The children are having fun playing in the sprinklers, learning new games in the gym and making new friends. Next week we will decorate our summer camp t-shirts and design our hats for Silly Hat Day. Jumpstart volunteers were with us this week and we love having them. The children are getting comfortable with the volunteers and enjoying all the new classroom literacy activities.
- ❖ WDC held orientation for the HSE/ABE courses and had nearly 40 students attend. A graduate of the program spoke to its effectiveness and a near-graduate talked about how helpful the courses have been. It looks like we should have a good cohort. The ESL 2 Job Readiness Training course began last week and all other courses began on Monday 7/10.
- ❖ This week at PS 20, we welcomed our campers with fun group chants, ice breakers, and team building activities. Each unit created their group promises and even participated in a door decorating contest. The units specifically chose a different movie theme to decorate their doors. For example, Unit B decorated their doors "Finding Dory" themed and Unit C decorated their doors "The Incredibles" themed. Our units even created their personalized desk mats and made self-portraits to decorate their classrooms. Unit A practiced team building through "Build-A-Bear Elephants" while Unit D learned to work together to construct a stable and secure structure using only tape, glue and Popsicle sticks.
- ❖ Although there was a slow start up for PS 20 Wrap-Around, we are happy to have 21 new campers on board. In the next couple of days, we will keep recruiting more campers to our program. In the meantime, our campers made group banners to build their group's morale. The campers also had a fun indoor field day in the gymnasium (due to weather) that included mini golf, limbo, and obstacle courses. Altogether, the children all got to better know each other and had a blast making new friends.
- ❖ This week, MSSC staff recruited rising 8th grade students for the Peer Leadership program. Students have committed to a 6 week training where they will cover the NYC High School Application process, personal and professional leadership skills as well as teambuilding activities. Peer Leader training will start next week.

- ❖ We are very proud of a recent addition to the YAIP family. A participant who lived life on her own most of her life. With limited access to resources, she had to use nontraditional means to gain income. She took an opportunity with SYEP, and discovered mentors who helped bring her to the next level professionally. She recently came to JET and immediately fell in love with the Workforce Development Center. The inclusiveness, respect for her background and past decisions, and the prospect that WDC offered inspired her to enroll in the YAIP program.
- ❖ At WDC this week, we integrated ice breakers and fun activities into our recruitment sessions and revamped the structure of our application process. The new format proved a great success, with applicants actively saying they could not wait until the program started because they saw how our services were both fun and relevant to their work. We met with 12 applicants during our Thursday open house and successfully met 50% of our application completion goal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ July 12th	UPS Interns begin placements	
❖ July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kipps Bay Theater “Cars 3”	PS 20
❖ July 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	DOE Assistant Principals Workshops for CSDs	BLS, OCA
❖ July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Central Park Field Day Trip for Summer Bridge	OCA
❖ July 19 <sup>th</sup>	ECE Jam with Jamie Music Class	301
❖ July 20 <sup>th</sup>	UPS vs. Staff Basketball Game	BGR
❖ July 21st	ECE Wild West Carnival in the gym	301
	Jacob Riis Cornerstone BBQ	FDR Park
❖ July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Trip for Summer Bridge	OCA
❖ July 31	YAIP Summer Cohort Launch	99 Essex
❖ Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	End-of-Summer showcase and BBQ	BLS
	Last day of Camp Henry	301, BGR, PS 20
❖ Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Camp Henry	JRC

### Resource links:

#### Work Life Balance –

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/deborahlee/2014/10/20/6-tips-for-better-work-life-balance/2/#68e7bddd52a1>
- [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-5-ways-to-feel-more-relaxed-in-just-30-seconds\\_us\\_57e2c69ce4b0e80b1b9fbf67?utm\\_hp\\_ref=well-being](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-5-ways-to-feel-more-relaxed-in-just-30-seconds_us_57e2c69ce4b0e80b1b9fbf67?utm_hp_ref=well-being)
- <http://www.muih.edu/tending-ourselves-self-care-strategies-sustainable-work-life-balance>

#### Work Flow –

- <http://www.success.com/article/7-shortcuts-to-work-smarter-not-harder>
- <http://www.lifhack.org/articles/work/dont-work-harder-work-smarter-with-these-12-tips.html>

#### Trends and Info about Education

- [http://www.chronicle.com/interactives/moocs\\_stats](http://www.chronicle.com/interactives/moocs_stats)
- <https://www.luminafoundation.org/news-and-views/rising-to-the-attainment-challenge-states-target-data-equity>
- <https://www.acacamps.org/sites/default/files/downloads/Briefing-Paper-Homesickness-Separation.pdf>

#### Trends and Info about Employment

- <https://www.sparkrock.com/blog/nonprofit-workforce-management-trends>
- [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/maureen-conway/will-workforce-developmen\\_b\\_9168964.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/maureen-conway/will-workforce-developmen_b_9168964.html)
- <http://www.gallup.com/businessjournal/201719/dwindling-female-labor-force.aspx>

#### **\*\*Featured Tool of the Week:**

- [www.asana.com](http://www.asana.com) Asana is the easiest way for teams to track their work—and get results