This week at Jacob Riis Cornerstone Camp Henry, we had our first field trip. The elementary participants journeyed to AMC Lowes, where they enjoyed watching Cars 3 in luxury recliner seats. During Poetry Arts, the campers were able to complete two parts of a three day activity. The activity began with creating an original line poem and then designing their dream car, keeping in line with this week's Cars theme. Next week the campers will sculpt their dream cars out of modeling clay to complete the unit. In Engineering, the campers had even more fun with marshmallows by creating a marshmallow toothpick suspension bridge and competing in a marshmallow catapult contest. During dance, the campers began choreograph their routines for the end of camp show. Looking ahead, they've submitted a list of materials they'll need in order to create their costumes for the event. Going into week three, I'm proud to say that the Activity Specialists and Counselors of JRC Camp Henry are stepping to the plate to create an awesome, unforgettable experience for our participants. Tune in next week for another exciting update from JRC Camp Henry!

DodgeBall Sundays is what is up at Jacob Riis Cornerstone. For two hours, participants, cops and staff played Doctor Dodgeball. We are not sure who won, but it was a good time. During our second week of program Shirod took a group of young men to the FDR. He was asked if he was training police officers. He responded “no, just Cornerstone.” On Thursday Kandace had participants make ice cream parfaits, and after they made homemade oatmeal face masks. She shared a diagram about the reasons why we have acne on our foreheads for example is because of the digestive system, stress and sweat. Charisse was one of our special guests in the class. She was able to relax and come out with smooth skin after her oatmeal mask treatment and get in some NBA2K playing time with participants. Anthony Ramos also celebrated his 12th Birthday at Cornerstone which was a sweet treat for us all, plus the chocolate cake.

This week at PS 20 was “Cars” Week! Each unit used their creativity to construct car related crafts to honor the new movie “Cars 3”. Unit A created an intricate 3D banner representing everything cars. The students had fun making race car flags and paper plate cars on a highway. The children each personalized their cars with their names and own unique style. Unit B made street lights out of paper plates and construction paper. Unit C made car models using cardboard, plates, cups, straws and balloons which they each took turns racing in friendly competitions. Lastly Unit D learned about and created their own blueprints of cars that they then built using cardboard boxes, paint, scissors and a hot glue gun. Some groups created cars big enough for one camper to fit in. Unit D also recycled water bottles and bottle caps to create race cars. All of the units each got the opportunity to present their hard work in front of the rest of their peers in this weeks Friday Camp Sharing. Our campers also had their first field trip this week to see the “Despicable Me 3” movie in which the campers all had a blast. Overall, the first “theme” week had all the campers ready to dive into next weeks Pixar theme.

This week Wraparound got a total number of 30 campers enrolled! The group all worked together to complete their groups banner. “The Champions” also recycled milk cartons which they decorated and transformed to look like cars. We are also still in the works of finalizing fun trips for our wraparound campers so they are looking forward to what trips they will have in the weeks to come.

ESOL: This was the first week of class for the fall term and the class started with the largest number of students ever for new classes. The course spent the week getting to know a little bit about each other. They also reviewed some basics such as the alphabet and numbers and started to learn the vocabulary of the things we use in the classroom.

ESL Job Readiness: The ESL JRT 1 course did introductions and learned sentences to use when they don’t understand something in English. Students also learned cleaning vocabulary. The ESL JRT 2 discussed interview to-do’s, phone etiquette, and the course recorded and watched mock interviews. Students also benefited from an informational interview held with Suzy, the UPS Intern working with the ESL program.
HSE/ABE: Thirty new and returning students attended the first-ever orientation for the summer cycle of the HSE program. Everyone enjoyed the bonding activities, digital resources, and introduction to the various programs at 99 Essex Street; many sought out supplemental supportive resources. During the first week of classes, students contributed to an enthusiastic classroom feeling, with lively participation and mutual support. An exciting launch!

Cornerstone: The course began with a class discussion on what topics will be discussed on which days. The class read the text, “Lies My Teacher Told Me.” They finished out the week of studies with a presentation on the power or language.

This week in Early Childhood Education the children and teachers had fun designing and decorating hats for Silly Hat Day. Each class made something different and we had shark hats, paper plate hats with buttons and feathers, and colorful and glittery hats. There was a mini parade at 301 and the children were excited to share their hat creations with everyone in the building. Our new intern Astou N'Diaye started working at ECE. Astou is a sophomore at The New Life School and she would like to pursue a career in education when she is older. She spent time in the 3 year-old room and each week she will be getting to know all the teachers and all 96 children. We are excited to have Astou with us for the summer. Dave, our librarian from Seward Library, joined us for story time. Dave read “The Red Eyed Frog” by Joy Cowley and “Twelve Rubber Ducks” by Eric Carl.

LES native B.L. came to the Workforce Development Center last October after being terminated from his position as Warehouse Associate. Having a felony, member was uncertain of what his next move would be and had concerns about working with other programs like Fortune Society. B.L. took advantage of WDC’s supportive services, professional development workshops and construction training this past June. His diligence along with the support of the WDC team paid off. Member completed construction training earning OSHA, Flagger and Scaffolding certifications and was offered a position as Electrical Assistant with Delco Electrical Corp. for $26 an hour. B.L. is excited about his future and grateful the support that he received here at WDC.

This week, YAIP intern D.T. has made huge strides in her life. She recently had a criminal charge overturned and has been receiving ongoing medical treatment so she can see through her right eye again. She just landed a position at Whole Foods and is now paying off her school loans so she can return to school in Spring 2018 to complete her dream of being an engineer.

In the Expanded Horizons College Success Program Session A of our rising 12th grade summer bridge program kicked off this week and students hit the ground running with their college research with the goal of completing draft 1 of their college lists by 7/13. On Tuesday, a representative from CUNY central provided a thorough presentation for them about the variety of admissions, opportunity, honors, and other support programs offered in the CUNY system. On Thursday 7/13, a group of our 11th and 12th grade scholars visited Hunter College for a tour of campus. Meanwhile, rising first year students are coming in for individual transition meetings in addition to current alums reaching out and connecting.

At the Urban Assembly Academy of Government and Law we’ve been working hard, trying to reach out to all students who have summer school and explain the importance of coming and earning their credits. Several kids who missed the first few days ended up coming in after a little bit of coaching and a lot of promised support. We are excited to help them get through the summer so they won't be too far behind their peers.

This week at the Brooklyn Lab School, Summer Bridge continued in full swing. Students received their first pop quiz in their Algebra class and had to write their first essay for ELA. Many students received high grades on the pop quiz. Students began their leadership class on Monday, and are learning how to set goals for the upcoming school year. We have consistently had 20 students attending every day. They are becoming close friends and seem to be enjoying the program thus far. On Friday, students attended their first trip to see Spiderman. They were very excited, especially because some scenes in the movie were filmed on our campus.

This week at Orchard Collegiate Academy, we started our Summer Bridge program for incoming 9th graders! We have an amazing group of students, who are interested in sports, art, gaming, law, students who want to go to NYU one day; who are from Jamaica, Belize, DR, Puerto Rico, Bangladesh, Germany; who are shy, funny, motivated and brilliant. During the first week of program, students began learning about schoolwide writing strategies in their ELA class, participated in a workshop on mindfulness and affect regulation run by our School-Based Mental Health team (Nicole Lee and Stephanie Rojas), and began creating "Maps of Myself" to get to know each other better. Outside of Summer Bridge, all 18 10th, 11th and 12th graders enrolled in summer internships via Expand Ed attended program, learning more about New Media Arts and attending field trips related to green jobs.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 12th: UPS Interns begin placements
- July 13th: Kipps Bay Theater “Cars 3”
- July 17th & 18th: DOE Assistant Principals Workshops for CSDs
- July 17th: Central Park Field Day Trip for Summer Bridge
- July 19th: ECE Jam with Jamie Music Class
- July 20th: UPS vs. Staff Basketball Game
- July 21st: ECE Wild West Carnival in the gym
- July 27th: OCA Movie Trip for Summer Bridge
- July 31st: YAIP Summer Cohort Launch
- Aug 3rd: Tenement Museum Trip
- Aug 9th & 10th: 9th Grade Orientation
- Aug 18th: End-of-Summer showcase and BBQ
- Aug 25th: Last day of Camp Henry

RESOURCES

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

Workforce Development
- WPTI | TRAINING Retention Strategies that Get Results - [http://workforceprofessionals.org/program/retention-strategies-get-results/]
- WPTI | TRAINING Facilitation Essentials - [http://workforceprofessionals.org/program/facilitation-essentials-2/]
- WPTI | TRAINING Performance-Based Contracts - [http://workforceprofessionals.org/program/performance-based-contracts/]

Education
- Early Childhood Webinars - [http://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/presentations/]
- New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute - [http://www.earlychildhoodny.org/]
- Partnership for Afterschool Education - [https://pasesetter.org/professional-development]
- Goddard Riverside Options Institute - [https://www.goddard.org/grcc/programs/ChildrenYouth/optionsinstitute/]

Interesting Reads

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Undoing Racism Training - [http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2949047]
- Understanding the impact of your curriculum on student learning - [https://tinyurl.com/ybxqbxwf]
- Teaching Tolerance - School Climate Resources - [http://www.tolerance.org/school_climate_resources]

**Featured Tool of the Week: Vyte: [https://www.vyte.in/]

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