



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EDUCATION:

Early Childhood Education:

- ❖ We are excited to welcome two new staff members to the Early Childhood Teaching Team. Nicole Lopez will join us as a part-time Teachers Aide in the young 3s classroom. Nicole previously worked at the D.O.E and also has a daughter enrolled in our UPK class. Pashen Hutton will be our new Lead UPK Teacher working with the 4s & 5s. Pashen is an experienced early childhood teacher and we are looking forward to getting to know both Pashen and Nicole.
- ❖ All Early Childhood staff –teachers, administration, kitchen staff, porter – participated in a second installment of the Trauma Smart program. This workshop centered on self-care and attunement. Staff learned about the common causes and symptoms of stress, burnout, and secondary trauma experienced by individuals responsible for the care and education young children. We learned and practiced steps for recognizing our own emotions and managing our emotional expression. Macy's joined the Early Childhood Program for a holiday volunteer event. The volunteers brought gifts for the students, and celebrated by reading books and making small gifts: ornaments decorating and bracelet making.
- ❖ On Friday, December 15th, the volunteer department hosted our annual Macy's Holiday Event. Each year the volunteers come to do different holiday arts & crafts with the children, and they also bring treats and a goodie bag for each child. The event was a big success and everyone had a great time. We also had our first Delegate Agency Parent Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 19th. We introduced our new chair people and spoke about some upcoming ECE events. Our next DAPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd.

After-School & Camp:

- ❖ This week at PS110 the students and staff began exploring holidays around the world and discovering the delights of diversity. Keep an eye out for our art exhibit at the end of the month. The PS110 team enjoyed playing the "elf on the shelf" game as a large group during snack time, On Monday we welcomed some new members to our team. The students have completed their projects in representation of holidays around the world. and as they close the day they will enjoy a live performance at the Art center today.
- ❖ This week at PS 20 was a fun and festive week for both the students and Staff. December 19th and 20th was our Gingerbread Event for our kindergarten to 5th graders thanks to the volunteer department, Guggenheim Partners and JP Morgan volunteers. Our students were more that excited making their gingerbread houses and then eating them too. Also, this week was our gift hand out to all of our students. Our students got to pick from a variety of age appropriate toys donated to our site which was a pleasant and very much appreciated surprise. In the words of one of our 2nd graders Xandre, "This is the best Christmas Ever". Lastly, this week was our annual Staff Secret Santa at PS 20. As a thank you and Happy Holidays to our staff, they all enjoyed opening their gifts over some pizza and beverages. On behalf of our PS 20 family, we wish everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
- ❖ Cornerstone Evening Program is getting ready for their holiday party. The Youth Council has been working hard to planning a dance contest and desert treats. The holiday party is on December 14th from 7:30pm-9:30pm. We are also preparing with new classes for January-March. There is be a drama class, debate class and some other really cool stuff.
- ❖ This week at the JRC After-School Program, the candidates for self-government gave their campaign speeches in front of their parents and prospective constituents. Each candidate tried their best to persuade their fellow citizens to vote for them. The election, which will take place next week, will decide who will take office in JRC's first independent student government.

- ❖ This week Cornerstone and BGR Evening programs held a holiday party. There were over 50 participants eating a catered buffet from Allen & Ovary Law Firm. After the yummy food, participants headed over to the Cornerstone dance party. We had over 40 youth eat ice cream and dance a bit. Many of them were wall flowers.

High School & College Success:

- ❖ This week at Orchard Collegiate, Ms. Sho celebrated our Seniors: 100% of on-track seniors submitted their first college applications! Additionally, students took part in our annual Vision Screening via Community Schools in which all students were screened for glasses.
- ❖ This week, we finished up strong before the break. =25 students and staff members went to see Star Wars on IMAX in celebration of their good overall attendance, while two classes enjoyed a hot breakfast as a prize for their first period attendance. Our Abrons dance students put on an incredible dance performance for the entire school and the Lunch Bunch group threw a party for their final group meeting of the year. Seniors applying to private colleges completed supplemental essays. Finally, our school has officially shed its Renewal status and is now considered a "RISE" school-- showing the success and hard work of the entire school community over the last 2.5 years.
- ❖ This week, all students participated in Student Led Conferences with Henry Street staff participating as their advocates on their panels. Stephanie and Trina led a "Winter Blues" workshop for 25 students. Additionally, all 170 students had their vision tested in our annual Vision Screening and 50 STUDENTS will be receiving free glasses from Warby Parker. In our college department, seniors have been working diligently on supplemental essays and common applications.

Youth Opportunity Hub

- ❖ This week the HUB hosted its first HUB Dinner. Young people from across all 9 sites showed up to eat, make connections, and have fun. At the event the young people voted on a new name for future dinners which will be "L.E.S. Eat!"
- ❖ This week the HUB hosted a convening of all of the Manhattan HUB Directors to share best practices and learn about the various models. Additionally, our social workers continue to build relationships with young people and connect them to resources throughout the LES. 2 Hub participants started their internships in YAIP this week, and Social Workers at BGR and JRC facilitate the first meeting of the Boys Project, working with middle school boys on issues of identity and development.

EMPLOYMENT

Jobs-Plus:

- ❖ December has been a busy month for Jobs Plus. We have held weekly onsite hiring events that were highly attended not only by Job Plus Members but other Workforce Development Programs such as YAIP, JET & ESL. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Job Essentials Training (JET):

- ❖ N.R came to the doors of JET 6 months ago. He was a new father with very little work experience but has a heart of prize fighter. N.R enrolled into YAIP and was placed at One World Observatory as a Customer Service Intern. N.R took the internship seriously and put action into the lessons that he learned from his Employment Coordinator that first impression is everything and always build relationship with staff. N.R took the time to know his managers and colleague. When his internship ended, he was disappointed that he was not offered a position. N.R. had an amazing review for his performance, but he was told that they didn't have the budget to hire him. Regardless, N.R. pulled himself by the bootstraps and landed a seasonal position with UPS. On a Thursday morning, he received a call from One World Observatory to come on board as a customer service representative that pays \$15 an hour, a living wage.
- ❖ J.S., an administrative professional came to Henry Street Settlement at the suggestion of a friend. Up until six months ago, J.S. had been employed with the same company for 10 years. She needed help updating her resume and enhancing interviewing skills. The very same day she walked into the workforce development center, she received a resume consultation, one-to-one instruction on job search strategies and attended an onsite job fair. J.S. also met with the Business Development department regarding employment opportunities and received financial counseling. As result of the services she received within two days, member reported that she is feeling more confident and hopeful about her search and that she's been invited to interview for a position.

Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP):

- ❖ This week at YAIP, we invited in representatives from the Lower East Side People’s Credit Union and from Chase Bank to speak to our applicants about banking. They presented on the benefits of credit unions versus banks, and they helped participants directly open savings and credit accounts. LESPCU and Chase have also formed partnerships with Henry Street to waive the initial enrollment fee and lower the monthly maintenance fee. On Wednesday, 13 participants opened their first bank accounts and were excited to start direct deposit.

English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education:

- ❖ Our Youth HSE students signed up for IXL to help reinforce math instruction and the class is continuing with the uses of fractions, decimals, and percentages. A review was scheduled for December 6 and a writing readiness test was given on December 7.
- ❖ Our ABE/HSE students are working on first and second drafts of research projects in science and social studies for final presentations at our holiday party on Tuesday December 19. We also have four students taking the TASC test tonight – good luck, guys! Some of our ABE/HSE students are finishing up their culminating presentations for next week. These will be posted on our bulletin board. We are looking forward to our holiday/end-of-cycle pizza party on Tuesday – stop by! One of our Youth HSE students passed the HSE test on November 17 and 18. In class, this week was used for assessing with the readiness test in writing, science, and social studies. Several students took the TABE reading to assess progress.
- ❖ The ESOL Basics classes continued their unit on shopping and money. The students read a short story about a shopping trip and wrote sentences about what they and their classmates want or don’t want for a birthday present. The students also watched a video about money and banking. The ESOL Basics classes finished the fall term this week (12/15) and each class had a party to celebrate. The final topic of the term was goals – the students shared their short-term and long-term goals and discussed the steps to achieve them. The new term starts the week of January 8.
- ❖ The ESL Job Readiness 1 class learned about and practiced using restaurant vocabulary. They were also introduced to the concept of group interviews and participated in a role play activity when one student acted as the manager and interviewed classmates as a group. The ESL Job Readiness 1 class practiced interview questions that begin with: What would you do if...? For example – What would you do if a guest was unhappy with the way you cleaned their room? What would you do if a customer was upset? They worked in pairs to brainstorm possible correct answers.
- ❖ The ESL Job Readiness 2 wrapped up the current term with a pot-luck party on Thursday. The next term will start on January 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Rolling	HSE & ESL enrollment & orientation, Fridays at 1	99 Essex St.
❖ Jan 2 nd	Programs resume	Division Wide
❖ Jan 11 th	Community School Team Meeting at 10am	OCA
❖ Jan 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (agency closed)	
❖ Jan 17 th	Parent Workshop with PS 20 PTA at 5pm	PS 20
❖ Jan 16 th	Teacher Mental Health PD by Henry Street Staff	OCA
	Stress Management Awareness Campaign	OCA
	Early Childhood Education Trauma Smart	
❖ Jan 22 nd	Youth Opportunity Hub meeting at 6:30pm	Chinese American Planning Council
❖ Jan 19 th	Early Childhood Education Magic Show at 10am	301
❖ Jan 23 rd	Delegate Agency Parent Committee meeting	301
❖ Jan 25 th	Early Childhood Education Art Classes begin	301
❖ Jan 26 th	Early Childhood Education Story time	301
	with Librarian Dave of Seward Park Library	

RESOURCES

Important Calendars:

[ATTAIN Lab January Calendar](#)

[ATTAIN Lab Course Offerings](#)

[DOE School Calendar](#)

****Featured Tool/Resource(s) of the Week:**

- [Wolfram Alpha](#) - Wolfram|Alpha is more than a search engine. It gives you access to the world's facts and data and calculates answers across a range of topics, including science, socioeconomic data, nutrition, history, geography, engineering, mathematics, linguistics, sports, finance, music...

Professional Development Opportunities & Resources:

Leadership

- [The Support Center](#)

Workforce Development

- [WPTI | TRAINING Retention Strategies that Get Results -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Facilitation Essentials -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Performance-Based Contracts -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Employer Engagement: Securing Quality Job Leads and Making Placement Outcomes -](#)

Education

- [New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute](#)
- [Preparing Families for the First Day of School - Webinar Training for staff working with homeless families -](#)
- [Early Childhood Webinars –](#)
- [New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute -](#)
- [Partnership for Afterschool Education -](#)
- [Goddard Riverside Options Institute -](#)
- [NCAN Advisors Toolbox –](#)
- [The IEP in Parts – A Guide to Components of the IEP](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- [ICE Raids Toolkit:](#)
- [A Comprehensive LGBTQ Resource List -](#)
- [Unrealized Impact The Case for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion -](#)
- [Undoing Racism Training -](#)
- [Understanding the impact of your curriculum on student learning -](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance - School Climate Resources –](#)
- [What Do I Need to Know if DACA Ends?](#)
- [Ten Ways to Fight Hate](#)
- [The Charlottesville Syllabus](#)