

# 176 Afterschool

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## Reflection of Black History

Throughout history many people have dedicated their lives to the progression and advancement of African American culture. Martin Luther King, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, and Malcolm X are some civil rights activists that have fought for liberty, justice, and equality for all races and genders. We owe a special thanks to the strength, courage, and compassion of the people that put their lives in danger to ensure a better future for the people of today.

By Malana Monfort



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### Music Club

#### Interview of Music Club by Madison Degrasse

**Madison:** Why did you decide to become a music teacher?

**Specialist- Mr. Jeremy:** I decided to become a music teacher to teach and organize kids to make music.

**Madison:** Did you ever have to take music lessons yourself?

**Specialist- Mr. Jeremy:** Yes, I took music lessons for a long time. Doing this helped me to better understand how to read and play different songs.

**Madison:** As a student, what is your favorite instrument and why?

**David (student):** My favorite instrument is the drums. It is fun to play and I like the different sounds that it makes.



### Arts Club

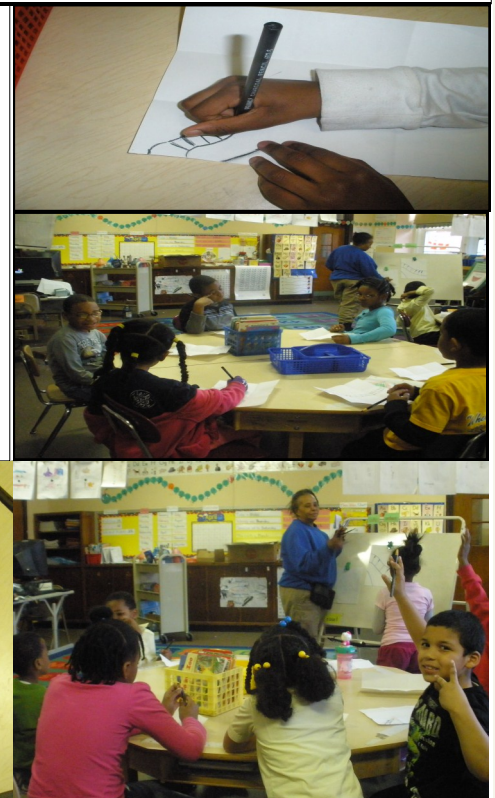
#### Interview of Arts Club by Brandi Guy

**Brandi:** What is your main goal in the Arts Club?

**Specialist- Ms. Lori:** I want this club to help students be creative and express themselves through art.

**Brandi:** What pushed you to become an art teacher?

**Specialist- Ms. Lori:** Art is something I have always been interested in.



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## Robotics Club

### Interview of Robotics Club by Malana Monfort

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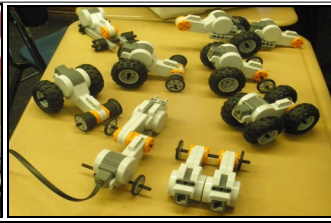
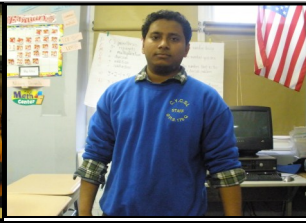
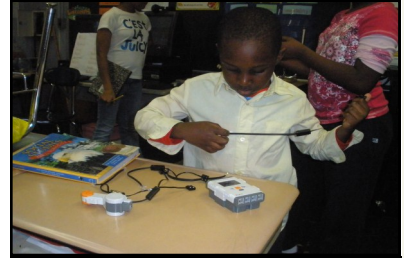
**Specialist- Mr. Newaz:** Since technology is always changing, we focus on the current technology trends.

**Malana:** What do you want your students to get out of this club?

**Specialist- Mr. Newaz:** I want my students to learn about new technology, how to use them and how they affect the world.

**Malana:** Are there any special projects that the Robotics Club is involved in?

**Specialist- Mr. Newaz:** Right now we are working on making Gearwheels, airplanes and cars.



## Theater Club

### Interview of the Theater Club by Kayla Ali

**Kayla:** Did you as a specialists choose to teach this club because you have acted in a lot of plays?

**Specialist-Mr. Eric:** Not necessarily. Theater and being on stage is just something that we like so much that we, try to share that experience with our club members.

**Kayla:** On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you like teaching theater to students?

**Specialist-Mr. Eric:** I would give a rating of a 10. It is a good feeling to know that students can express their different talents in the form of acting.

**Kayla:** To the students of the Theater Club, what do you enjoy most?

**Students:** This club is very fun. It is great to act out different scenes



# Who is Community Youth Care Services @ PS 176Q?

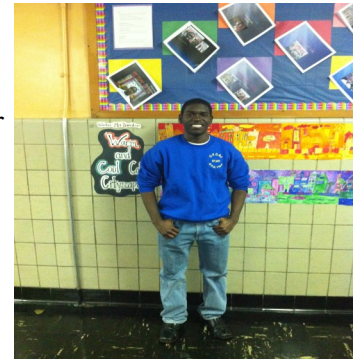
**Who we are:** Community Youth Care Services, Inc. (CYCSI) was founded in 2009 in collaboration with the Principle of P.S. 176Q Elementary School, the PTA Board and parents. It is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization that is licensed by the Department of Health to provide Out of School Programs to School age children between the ages of 5 and 11.



**Mission:** The mission of the organization is to help educators improve students' learning and contribute to their lifelong success. As a result the organization is committed to providing quality services that promote the social, physical, intellectual and emotional development of students.

## Mission of the Journalism Club

The Journalism Club, launched in September 2011, serves as a venue for our students to express themselves and their talents in a variety of artistic ways. Mr. Omari Wright started this club with the intention of having the talents of our students expressed through illustrations, photography and poetry. In addition participants of our club have the opportunity to learn how to properly record and document information through interviews of some staff and students of Community Youth Care Services. In addition, students learn how to properly use digital cameras and other recording devices. For students who may have an interest in pursuing a career in Journalism, this club will further build that interests and provide them with opportunities to write on subjects that are important to them.

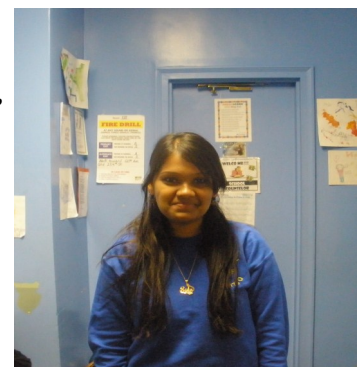


Emmanuel Thelusma

Hello Parents and Students of P.S. 176,

I'm glad to introduce myself to the After School Program Team, the parents, and the students. My name is Rida Fatima, and I am also President of the Jamaica NAACP Youth Council in St. Albans, Queens. When I was on my way to my first day here, I didn't know what to expect or how the students would react but I walked through the hallways of P.S. 176, I felt the most warming welcome from the students and the staff. All the students had big smiles, and were very friendly.

Then before I knew it, Friday came and it was Club Day. Without hesitation, chose to be a part of the Journalism Club. When in school, journalism was always my favorite class. Now as a high school senior, my journalism class has created three school newspapers. These school papers, consisted mostly of interviews done by students. Therefore, I was excited to be apart of this club. Working along with Mr. Emmanuel and the students on finishing their second newsletter is a great experience. enjoyed seeing how the students worked diligently on their work, while also having fun. I'm happy I can be apart of this afterschool program and I look forward to working with P.S. 176 Afterschool.



Rida Fatima

# Black History Month/Valentine's Day Celebration February 10th, 2012



On February 10th, members of our Journalism Club had the opportunity to document a number of performances by students at our Black History Month/Valentine's Day Event. Our club participants took photos throughout the event. This event showcased the various talent found within the students of Community Youth Care Services. Performances during this event consisted of singing, dancing, poetry as well as a reflection of what Black History Month meant to the students.



# Top Choices From Our Students!

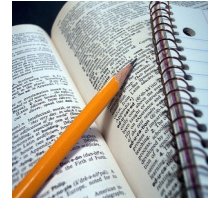
## Top Books

1. Geronimo Stilton
2. Books of Elsewhere
3. Books of Elsewhere: The Shadows
4. Books of Elsewhere: Spellbound
5. Books of Elsewhere: The Second Spy
6. Clifford the Big Red Dog
7. The Cat in the Hat
8. The Monster Who Ate my Peas



## Top Study Tips

1. Study frequently for at least 20 minutes.
2. Pick a quiet study spot.
3. Take breaks while you study.
4. Have study materials ready beforehand.
5. Never be afraid to ask for help.



## Top things to do when going green

1. Turn off water when brushing teeth.
2. Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.
3. Always remember to recycle.
4. Instead of watching television, do an outside sport activity.



## Top Current Events

1. Presidential Race 2012
2. Film maker James Cameron sets world record for deepest solo dive.
3. New frog species discovered in New York City.
4. Girl Scouts of America turns 100.



# Chad's Sports Column

My name is Chad Evariste. I love to play basketball and football. I am playing on the basketball team this year at P.S. 176. On the team, I play as a Point Guard. During each game, I make good plays and score points for my team. I believe that with the team I am in this year, we will win the championship.

Last year when I was on the team we made it to the championship but unfortunately lost the final game. This year I hope to make my friends and I better basketball players. During the last season, my number was 11 and thankfully it will be the same this year. Basketball means everything to me, but I know that if I want to stay on the team, I have to keep my grades up by doing well in class.



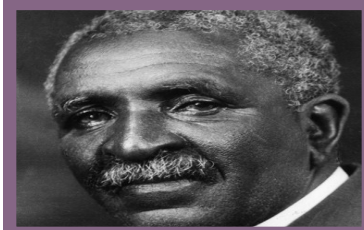
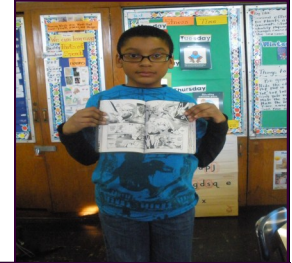
Chad Evariste

# Reflections on Black History Month

The importance of Black History month is to commemorate all of the African Americans who made a positive change in the world. When I think of certain African Americans, who have made a change, there are a few who come to mind:

- Benjamin Carson, who was the first neurosurgeon to successfully separate Siamese twins who were conjoined by the head.
- George Washington Carver, an agricultural chemist who discovered hundreds of different uses for the peanut and soybean.
- Jackie Robinson, who was the first African American baseball player to play in the major leagues.

By David Reid



The meaning of Black History Month is to honor the many African American civilians that have given us the rights we now have. For example, African Americans now have the right to vote. If we hadn't achieved this, the opinions of African Americans would not have been counted. African Americans were enslaved and oppressed for many years. If it wasn't for the many civil rights leaders, there still wouldn't be equality.

By Cheyenne



## Top Choices From Our Students!

### Top Websites

1. Pbskids.org
2. Scholastic.com
3. Dragoart.com
4. Kidzpage.com
5. Starfall.com
6. Funbrain.com



### Top Movies

1. The Lorax
2. Mirror Mirror
3. The Secret World of Arrietty
4. Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
5. Big Miracle



## Women's History Month!

### Principal Arlene Bartlett, Our Woman of The Month

On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, a member of our Journalism Club; Rene Alloko and I were able to speak with and interview the Principle of P.S. 176, Arlene Bartlett. She was very eager to sit down and speak with us. Principal Bartlett's 10 year service to the students of P.S. 176 goes beyond the classroom. She is greatly interested in character development. This is demonstrated in her continued efforts to familiarize herself with her students. Mrs. Bartlett can often be seen aiding students cross the street as a cross guard or attending Sunday service with some of the families of P.S. 176 students. It is safe to say that P.S. 176 Afterschool is thankful to Principal Bartlett for her continued leadership and dedication to the education of our children.



**Emmanuel:** As a child, what did you dream of becoming when you grow up?

**Principal Bartlett:** When I was a child, my dream was to become a lawyer. However, as I got older my interest turned more towards teaching.

**Emmanuel:** What words of wisdom would you give to the students of P.S. 176 Afterschool?

**Principal Bartlett:** One thing I would like to say to our students here in P.S. 176 is that they must always think of their actions and its consequences. Students must also remain true to themselves and be comfortable in their own skin..

*Emmanuel Thelusma*

### Meet the Members of the Journalism Club



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