

The 2012 Olympic Games

This summer all of our brilliant students were required to participate in the **Director's Essay Contest**. The essay topic was the 2012 Olympics. Students were asked to include the history of the Olympics, key elements of the Olympics, highlights and their favorite moments from the 2012 Olympic Games. The students did a wonderful job with their submissions, from the kindergartners to the 5th graders and summer youth volunteers. Read the following excerpts from some of the submissions, you might learn a thing or two!



From left to right Gabby Douglas, Oscar Pistorius, Serena and Venus Williams, Misty Treenor, Kerri Walsh, Michael Phelps, Tiana Madison, Alyssa Felix, Bianca Knight and Carmelita Jeter

"According to legend the ancient Olympic Games were founded by Hercules... a son of Zeus"
Zahmir.W, 2nd Grade

"This year the Olympics was held in London...it was held in Vancouver for the winter games in 2010"
Tiana.J, 4th Grade

"My favorite part was watching Gabby Douglas become the first African American woman to win gold for overall team and individual in gymnastics"
Kendall.F, 1st Grade

"In 2016 it [the Olympics] will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil"
David.R, 3rd Grade

"Olympia was the site of the Olympic Games in the ancient times, the western part of the Peloponnese"
Arianna.S, 3rd Grade

"Michael Phelps broke his own record"
Kayla.M, Kindergarten

"The USA athletes won a total of 104 medals in all... China came 2nd place with 88 medals"
Mori-ah.P, 2nd Grade

"Oscar Pistorius did not win a medal, but was amazing by qualifying and competing in the Olympics without legs. His courage was as big as a gold medal"
Erica.E, 5th Grade

"USA women's beach volleyball teams played against each other for the gold medal"
Bianca.L, 2nd Grade

"Venus and Serena Williams won gold medals for the USA in women doubles"
Quintin.P, 2nd Grade

"The United States relay team set a new world record with a time of 40.82 seconds"
Alexandrya.B, 4th Grade

The Games of the XXX Olympiad
London, England



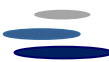
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It's a Beautiful Thing!



"It's A Beautiful Thing" was the theme this summer at P.S. 176 summer program. It impresses the beauty of our children using their academic abilities and their wonderful gifts to truly showcase the beauty of learning and self expression as they executed the project based learning curriculum.



The students had the opportunity to participate in many different and fulfilling clubs which include **Robotics, Aviation, Science, Photography, Sports, Media Arts, Step, Music and Dance**. Below are some reflections from interviews students and staff had with **Media Arts Club Reporters**.

"We focus on getting the kids to exercise and work on strengthening their bodies and we play different sports" - Mr. Duane, Sports Club

"Step is a movement of your body creating a story"
-Kianna, Step Club

"We will be learning to show our parents what we've learned so far in music"-Zoe, Music Club

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Summer Adventures

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Goodbye Taj,
We are going to miss you!
The music club will not be same without you. We know you will do well at your new school, Fiorello H. La Guardia High School.
Your CYCSI family

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The Media Art Club Report

Our Media Arts Club reporters were fortunate enough to speak with the Sports, Music and Step clubs to discuss what their clubs are about and what the students have learned so far. (Watch the full interviews on the PS 176 CYCSI website!)

Sports

Brandi Guy: In sports, what do you do?

Mr. Duane: We focus on getting kids to exercise.

Tahir Peel: What is the Sports Club working on this week?

Mr. Duane: This week the Sports Club is working on kick ball drills and we're working on upper body strength. I will teach them lower body strength next week.



Step

Rahshad Townsley: What is your favorite thing about the club?

Tianna: My favorite thing about the club is that you can express yourself in many different beats.

Malik Hill: How do you teach the kids how to step?

Ms. Nicole: I teach the kids how to step by showing them the step I've prepared for them. Then I break it down piece by piece until they've caught on to the first part and then I move on to the next part.

Music

Brandi Guy: On a scale of one through ten how much do you like music?

Zoe: I like music very much and I would give it a ten because you can really learn more things.

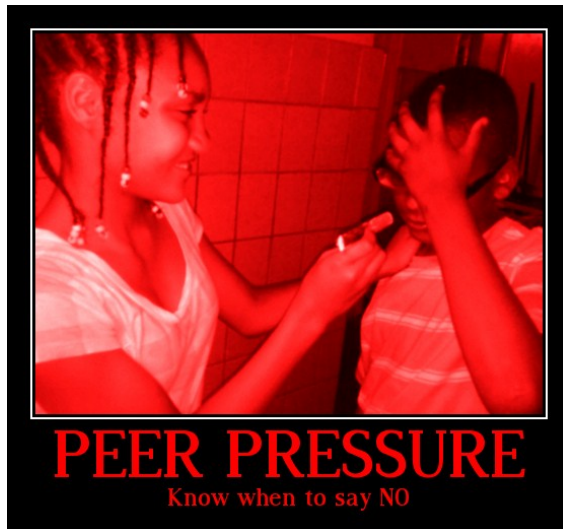
Brandi Guy: Why?

Zoe: Because I think kids love playing music and as I know some kids like to go home and start singing and playing their instruments.



Building Awareness..Our Voices

This summer the students in the Media Arts Club learned how to use media art communications and technology such as posters, cameras and graphic design to express their concerns on various issues in their communities. The program incorporated the project based approach learning with STEM overlay implemented in CYCSI this summer.



Peer Pressure
Know when to say NO
By: Erica Exum



Media Arts Film Review

By: Nicholas Oscar

"Monster VS Aliens Mutant Pumpkins From Outer Space" is a mini film based on the movie Monsters VS Aliens. The film starts off with a mysterious Alien ship dropping gunk on a pumpkin patch on Farmer Jed's farm. The pumpkins began to mutate and eventually start to terrorize the town during Halloween. The superhero team of monsters save the day, but there is a twist at the end. You'll have to watch the film to find out what it is. I like that the film had action, but I did not like pumpkins being the enemy. I recommend this film to everyone because it is very amusing.

Summer Adventures



This summer the PS 176 summer program had many fun-filled and enriching adventures which include trips left to right to: Sony Wonder Lab, Discover Children's Center, Vaughn Aeronautics and Engineering College, New York Transit Museum, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Federal Aviation Administration and Cabbell Park.

