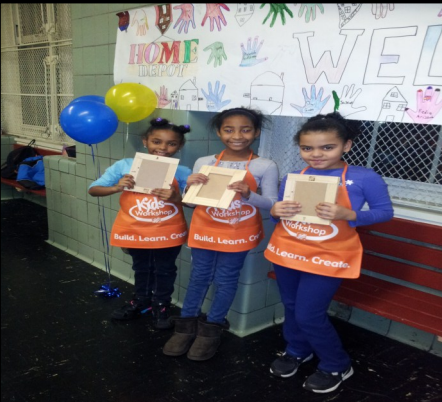


## Home Depot Visits PS 176 Afterschool



On Friday, December 7, the Home Depot organization hosted their Kids Workshop at PS 176 Afterschool program. Led by Vinette Coleman, Supervisor and Kaydian Dodd, Associate,. The students screwed, hammered and glued on the way to completing their thanksgiving napkin holder and lovely picture frame. Some of them even displayed creativity in designing and painting their picture frame. Thanks Ms. Coleman and Ms. Dodd. Looking forward to your next visit!



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## The Holidays is a Time....

As you all may know it will be CHRISTMAS soon. Christmas time is a time to "stuff your faces" with food, spend time with your family and vigorously rip open your presents. But most of all it's having an "OMG, it's SNOWING" moment. Have a happy holiday and great New Year everyone!

By Sherique, 5th Grade

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. People eat and decorate Christmas trees with family and friends. Some people have a Christmas party and go to church and light the 4th candle. Other people say their prayers before eating and then open presents. Happy Xmas to all our parents and the kids!

By Devon R., 1st Grade



## President Barack Obama, Four More Years

The students of PS 176 Afterschool shares their thoughts on President Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, winning the 2012 presidential elections and holding on to the white house for another four years.

"I feel that it was right choice for people to vote for him" - Jordan B., 3rd Grade.

"Obama has better plans and he's honest" - Praise, 5th Grade

"I think it's the best decision people have ever made ever besides electing him the first time".—Koleah, 5th Grade

"Awesome" - Enysia, 5th Grade

"I feel good about Obama winning because Mitt Romney wanted to lower taxes for the rich people and raise taxes for the poor. Also, Obama isn't superficial and respects the other party" - Christabelle, 5th Grade



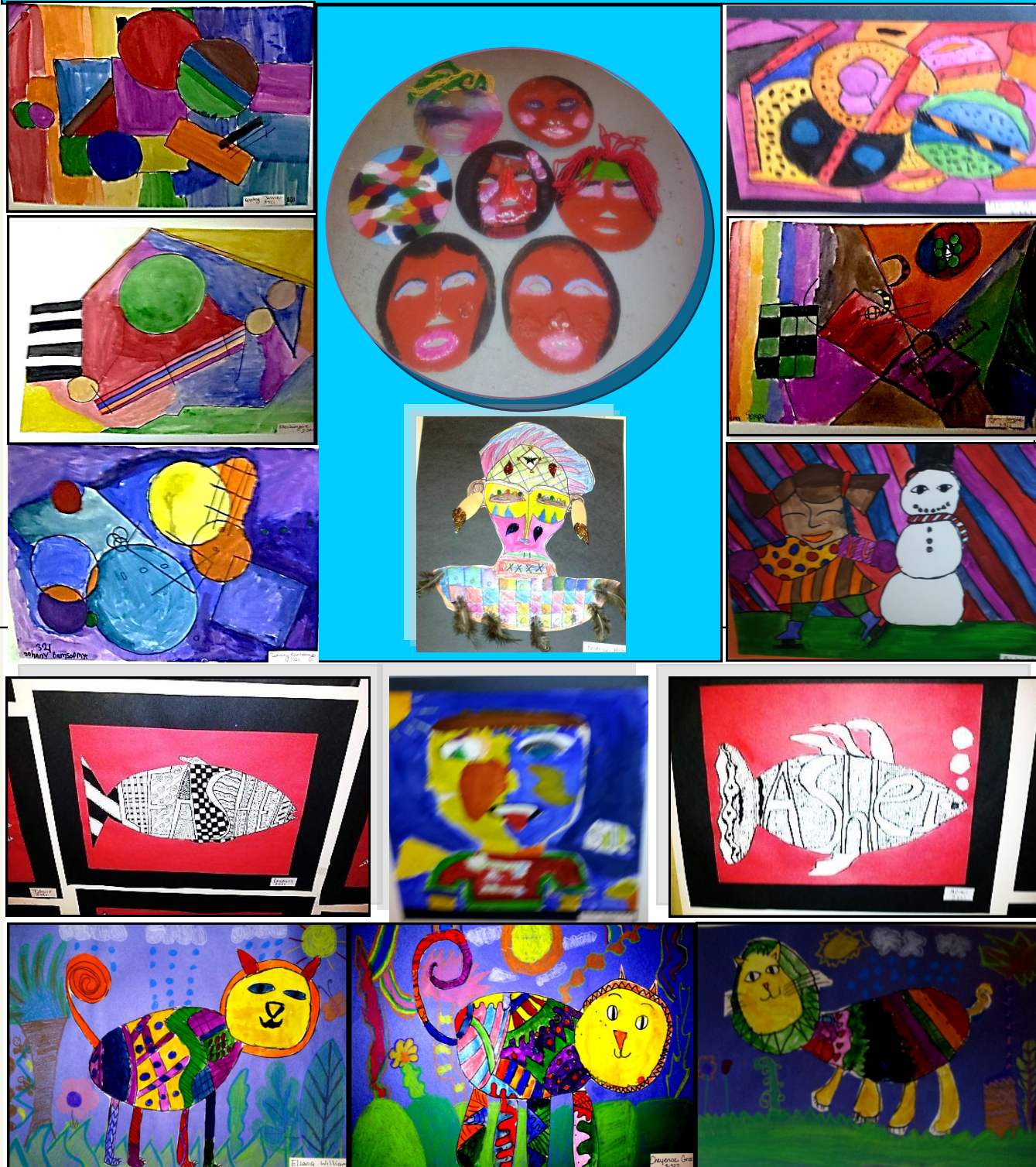
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# In Loving Memory of The Students & Staff Of Sandy Hook Elementary School

from PS 176 Elementary School Community

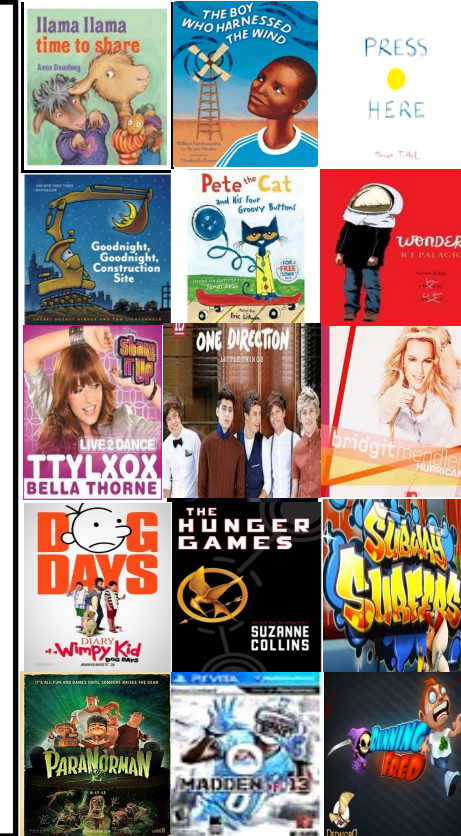
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## 2012 Best of The Best

### Best Seller Books

1. Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site, S. D. Rinker & T. Lichtenheld
2. Henry's Freedom Box, E. Levine
3. Llama Llama Holiday Drama, A. Dewdney
4. Pete the Cat: I Love My White-Shoes, E. Litwin
5. Pete The Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons, E. Litwin
6. Press Here, H. Tullet
7. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, W. Kamkwamba, B. Menlen, E. Zunon
8. The Night Before Christmas, C. C. Moore
9. Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad, H. Cole
10. Wonder, R. J. Palacio



### Best Music Songs

1. Blonde, B. Mendler
2. Don't You Worry, B Mendler
3. Gangnam Style, B, Mendler
4. Home, P. Phillips
5. Hurricane, B. Mendler
6. Little Things, One Direction
7. Oath ft. Becky G, C. Lloyd
8. Ready or Not, B. Mendler
9. Red, Taylor Swift
10. TTYLXOX, B. Thorne

### Must See Movies

1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
2. Frankenweenie
3. Hotel Transylvania
4. Men in Black
5. ParaNorman
6. The Hunger Games
7. The Lorax
8. The Misfit Pirate
9. The Secret of the Wing
10. Wreck-It Ralph

### Top Video Games

1. Hello Kitty DS
2. Just Dance 4
3. Madden 13
4. Mario&Sonic,2012 Olympics
5. Mario Kart 7
6. NBA 2k13
7. New Mario Brothers 2
8. Nintendo Land
9. Paper Mario Sticker Star
10. Pokemon Black &White V2

### Top Iphone Apps.

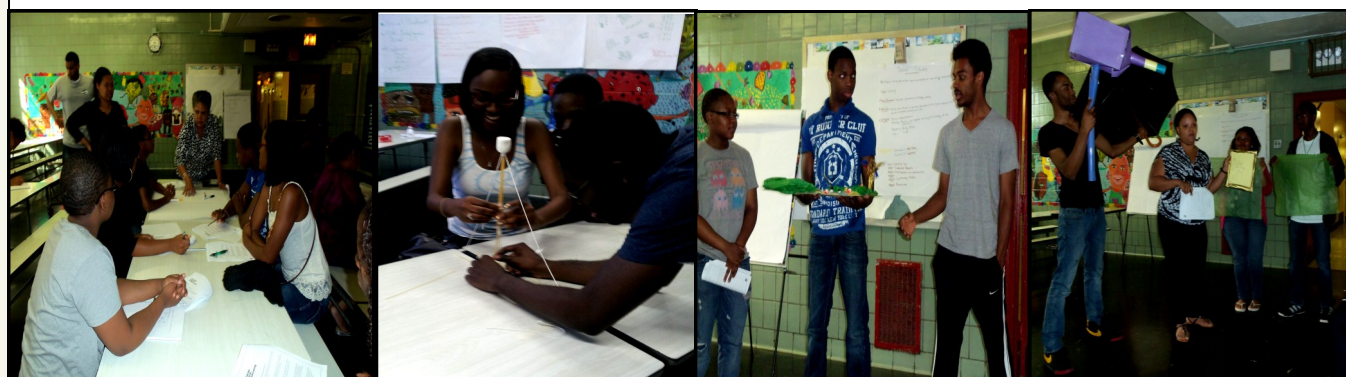
1. Angry Bird Call
2. Nbank12
3. Netflix
4. Pandora Internet Radio
5. Running Fred
6. Sims
7. Skater Nation
8. Subway Surfers
9. Tap Tap Revenge
10. Where Is My Water
11. Words With Friends
12. Youtube



Thanks to the parents and staff who donated toys for the children of that were affected by the Sandy hurricane in October 2012. We know the children are very appreciative. We will donate the gifts to Councilman Leroy Comrie's holiday party on Saturday, December 22 where he will host victims of the Sandy Hurricane.

## Afterschool Coaches to launch Project Based Learning

Project-based learning (PBL), a comprehensive approach to classroom teaching and learning, is designed to engage students in the investigation of problems and encourage divergent thinking. It has the potential to help children learn, affect motivation and thought. CYCSI was coached on PBL with a STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Art Mathematics) overlay as we prepared for the 2012 summer program. This approach, tested in the Spring in preparation for the NYC testing was very successful, was then launched over the summer. Projects included building robots, airplanes, creating books (from designing of the cover to writing and editing), "The Body" Exhibit, and a movie in the photography segment. Both the staff and students enjoyed the PBL experience and we plan to integrate PBL in our 2012/13 program offering.



..?? ? ? ? ? Advice Column ? ? ? ? ?? ..??

Q. What do you do when a bully is being rude? From Bullied Brian.

A. You ignore him/her and walk away or you reverse the pressure and say a "conversation ender".

Q. What to do if you get called on in class but you don't have the answer: From Clueless Casey.

A. First of all you can only get called on if you're not paying attention or if you have your hand up. To not get called on look like you're paying attention or actually pa attention".

Q. What do I do if I have an annoying substitute but I want to be on their "Good Side"? From Awfully Annoyed Arnold..

A. If you don't like the substitute ignore them, be quiet and avoid them. But most of all you must listen for their assignments.

By Ms. Know It All.

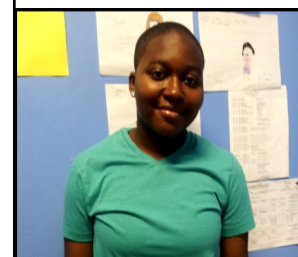
## Community Service Learning/Interning At CYCSI

### What Students Are Saying...

In the 2011/12 school year a total of eight students were official volunteers in the CYCSI Community Service Learning Program. These students come to us from York College, Queensborough Community College, Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), Benjamin Cardozo High School, Queens Preparatory Academy and Francis Preparatory School. Over their volunteer tenure they accumulated an average of 150 service hours with most completing well over a 100 hours. Their contribution ranged from assisting in the class room, heading clubs such as Arts & Crafts, Dance, and Journalism and supporting the Project Based Learning with a STEM overlay launched this summer in Robotics and the Social Studies segments.



The reward for their volunteer/internship experience range from personal satisfaction, college and high school credits, CYCSI stipend and /or full time part time employment. Suffice it to say that these students had a great time volunteering/interning at CYCSI. Below are a few of the feelings expressed by students that were vocal enough to share them.



Rachel, York College

"It's amazing to me that an opportunity for growth existed in my community and I did not know. I learned a lot in the past 10 months I spent at CYCSI. I've gained knowledge in childcare, business, and education. One of the more important part of my job was the relationship I build with the children I work with. I always knew that being an educator is about more than just passing on information that will help a child pass a test. In order to teach a child, we must take time to know and understand them. This experience has made me understand that more than ever. I was able to see children make miraculous progress in only a few months. ....I've always been interested in helping others but his job has helped me more than I expected. I will take the skills I have learned at CYCSI with me as I go into the Navy and I know these skills will allow me to be the best sailor I can".



Emmanuel, York College

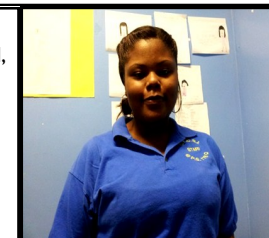
"The opportunity at CYCSI provided me the creative freedom on the various ideas I had..... which included activities to develop reading and writing skills".



Leana, Benjamin Cardozo HS

"My experience volunteering was great. It not only gave me an insight on working with children and their parents but also working as part of a team...the experience gave me a chance to discover what I'm best at which is working with children...I can be a role model while having fun doing it...."

"The organization can be described as host setting because it provides more than a normal social service agency would, in providing educational services throughout the year; afterschool, spring break and summer programs. Their mission is to enhance the learning opportunities for the children in the community. Additionally, the organization offers community service opportunities and a place for students like me to obtain field experience....Entering my second year at BMCC, in the Human Service discipline, I have acquired the chance to choose an internship to gain experience, which I have found to be a difficult task. Looking for an internship that is appealing and finding an organization willing to accommodate the student requirements of BMCC has been challenging".

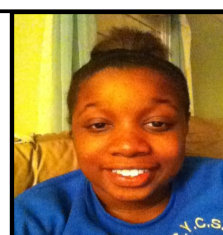


Ivory, BMCC



Jonathan, Queens Preparatory Academy

"The volunteer experience was fun and educational. I was able to develop my organizational skills and learned patience and responsibility..It taught me a lot about kids".



Deandre, Benjamin Cardozo HS

"The experience volunteering with CYCSI helped me develop more work experience and help me expand my career opportunity to Child Education.



Brian, York College

"It helped my character because I was immature among other things, but when a student says hi to you on the street it makes me stand little straighter, do better, and want to be a positive role model".

## Our Children .....



As I reflect on the past year, the accomplishments of our children continue to inspire me in "Thinking **BIG** for Our Children". Thanks to the parents for believing in the vision of Community Youth Care Services (CYCSI), providing many new experiences to promote growth and learning in designing our Out of School Programs; Afterschool, Spring Break, and Summer, and to Mrs. Bartlette, PS 176 Principal, for trusting us.



We also thank Councilman Leroy Comrie for his ongoing support and our community partners; Kangel Moore, Community Board 13 for sponsoring the FAA field trip, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology for donating Robotics software and hosting a field trip, and Mr. Bill Briggs, CEO, Youth and Tennis for adding tennis to our sports segment this year.



## .....Truly Inspiring

As we move forward this year we will continue to leverage technology to increase operational efficiencies, integrate project based learning (PBL) with a STEM/STEAM overlay to excite children about learning and expand our relationships to support new experiences for the children and enhance the quality of our programs.

CYCSI and the PS 176 school community appreciates all your contributions this year and beyond.

Season's Greetings  
From the  
CYCSI Board, Staff and Students  
of PS 176 Out Of School Programs

