

PS 176 Afterschool Treats Sandy Victims

In December 2012 Councilman Comrie hosted a toy giveaway community event and invited the Sandy Victim children. Thanks to our parents and students who donated toys to this and our staff who volunteered. I'm sure the toy helped place a smile on these children faces during the year-end holiday celebration.



Valentine's Day Poem

*I REALLY LIKE YOU OH, YES I DO!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK
I'LL GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU (WINK, WINK)
IT'S VALENTINES DAY
SOMETIMES I'LL SIT BY THE BAY
AND THINK ABOUT HOW WE'LL PLAY
THEN WE'LL GET UP AND RUN
AND JUST HAVE FUN!
WHAT KEEPS MY ENERGY GOING*



*AND LETS MY BLOOD KEEP FLOWING
IS MY LOVE FOR YOU:3
OH, HOW THE COWS GO MOO
AND EVERYONE MAKES POO
I REALLY, REALLY LOVE YOU
OH, YES I DO!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
SO I'LL END THIS POEM IF I MAY.*

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Presidential Inauguration 2013



Barack Obama's second presidential Inauguration took place on Sunday, January 20th, 2013, and was celebrated on Monday, January 21st, 2013 in Washington D.C.. January 21st is also recognized as the national holiday for the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. The Inaugural celebration

made the day even more significant and remarkable because we were able to witness Dr. King's dream manifest itself through Obama's victory, a victory that defies discrimination against one's ethnicity and signifies America's ability to change for the better. The journalism club met with several of P.S. 176's out-of-school program students to capture their reflections on this historic event.

"It made me feel happy because when black people and white people were apart it was sad. He [President Obama] helps people by changing things"

-Daniel N., 1st Grade

"I watched the inauguration with my mom, dad, and granddad. During the inauguration I saw Kelly Clarkson and Beyonce. My parents thought the right person was chosen because the country needs a good leader. -Jaden B-H., 1st Grade

"My favorite parts of the inauguration were Barak Obama's speech and Beyonce singing the national anthem. -Esther B., 3rd Grade

"My favorite part of the inauguration was the parade".

-Esther O., 3rd Grade

"I thought it was really good and I am excited that Barak Obama can be our president again. I feel sad that he cannot be our president for another four years after this time."-Kimora D., 5th Grade

"I like the inauguration because it was a good way for Obama to connect with the country. It gives you hope to know that black people made it this far"

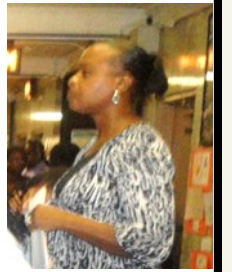
-Alexandrya B., 5th Grade

"I felt good about it as I watched it."-Christabelle F., 5th Grade

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Mrs. McPherson

was passionate, loving and kind. She helped us learn how to use place value blocks, add, subtract, and borrow correctly. She helped us develop writing skills such as creating summaries and using creative vocabulary to write poems and stories. She taught us how to be calm in stressful situations, how to be a role model and how to behave properly. We use to have fun on Fridays watching movies and eating snacks. She also gave out treats for good behavior. We enjoyed helping her an being class assistants. We will miss you dearly Mrs. McPherson.



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Advice Column

Dear Ms. Know it All,

I am going to Middle School in September and I don't know what type of clothes to wear. I am afraid that kids will tease me because I think that my clothes are boring. I want a new style for the new school year. - Unfashionista

Dear Unfashionista,

I think you should wear what ever type of clothes that make you feel awesome. Do not let fashion boss you around, just be yourself. Who knows maybe people will start dressing like you.

Dear Ms. Know it All,

I really like this friend but I don't know if they notice me. This person always makes me laugh and we have so much fun together when we do hang out at school. What should I do to get their attention?
- Shy1

Dear Shy1,

I think you should tell "this person" that you want to be friends. They may not know that they mean that much to you. Just play it cool and be yourself and they will definitely notice you.

Dear Ms. Know it All,

I am a technology addict and I can't stop. I am always on an electronic device. Everybody tells me I need to get off and go play. But I just can't stop! What should I do? -Tech Master

Dear Tech Master,

I think you should get off your electronics and go interact with other people. You don't want to be anti-social person when you grow up and not talk to anybody. You should have fun while playing with your friends and remember to enjoy being a kid.

By: Ms. Know It All

2013 New Year's Resolutions

C.Y.C.S.I. out-of-school program students share their dreams, wishes, and goals for the new year!

"I want to talk less in class."- Justin W., 4th Grade



"I want to have a new hairstyle."-Rashad T., 1st Grade



"I want to travel to Florida."-TyJohn B., 2nd Grade



"I want to be a better student."-Sincere H., 4th Grade



"I want to improve on my dancing."-Koleah W., 5th Grade



"I want to earn high grades and to do my best in everything that I try."
-Deborah O., 4th Grade



Sports Column

In the **Super Bowl XLVII 2013** the Baltimore Ravens played against the San Francisco 49ers in New Orleans. It was the first time the championship was held in the city since hurricane Katrina. The Louisiana Superdome was destroyed by the huge storm.

The 49ers were having a good season but that didn't help them in the Super bowl. Many people thought the 49ers were going to win. During the game the Ravens were leading but in the 3rd quarter the 49ers came back. Also during the 3rd quarter the power went out turning off the lights and the air conditioner. All the players, coaches, and staff waited 34 minutes for the power to return.

In the end the 49ers looked like they were going to make the biggest come back, but Ravens were victorious. It was the 6th time they won the super bowl. It was 49ers first time ever losing the super bowl. Every time they were in the super bowl they won.

Other highlights from Super Bowl XLVII 2013 include Jennifer Hudson, who started off by singing "America the Beautiful" with the kids from Sandy Hook Elementary School. Alicia Keys sang the national anthem and Beyonce did one of the best half time performances ever. She even brought on Kelly Roland and Michelle Williams, her group members from the former R&B singing group Destiny's Child.

By: Leah W., 4th Grade

Dance Club

This month the journalism club interviewed the new



dance club instructor Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Leana and the members of the Dance Club.



Interview with

Ms. Jasmine

How did you get involved with dance?

"My mother was teaching and I was three. She went to the bathroom and I went on stage. I started to do the same movements she was doing."

What types of dance do you do?

"I like to fuse all genres into one, hip hop, jazz, ballet, modern, tap, and African."

What types of dances are you working now in dance club?

"In my 3:30 club with the older girls we are doing a jazz/modern piece. In my 4:30 club with the younger girls we are doing a hip hop/pop piece."

How do you like working here at C.Y.C.S.I Out-Of-School Program?

"I enjoy the kids and their different personalities. I am happy to be here and I enjoy teaching the kids."

Interview with

Ms. Leana

How did you get involved with dance?

"I started dancing at a young age."

Do you like dance?

"Yes, I love it actually."

What dance styles do you like to do?

"I enjoy ballet mostly."

What dance are you currently working on in the dance club?

We are working on choreography for the musical in June."

What do you teach in dance club besides

dance?

"We teach discipline and help children build self esteem."

Why do you like this club?

"I am able to see everyone's various talents."

Interview with members of Dance Club

Why do you like dance and dance club?

"I like dance because it is fun and I get to express myself. I get to be myself." -Cristabelle, 5th Grade

What types of dances do you do?

"I do Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop."-Mya, 5th Grade

Which type of dance do you like the best?

"I like Hip Hop the best because I am not a slow person."-Kimora, 5th Grade

How do you like the new dance club teacher Ms. Jasmine?

"She is strict but in a good way."-Koleah, 5th Grade

Women's History Month

Women have contributed greatly to the development of technologies, societies and nations around the world. The historic accomplishments made by women would take a life time to explain so every year in March we take timeout to celebrate these incredible and inspirational achievements.



"Oh, I see" is something **Helen Keller** never said. Actually she never really said anything. You see, Helen Keller, who lived from June 27 1880- June 1st 1968, was blind and deaf. That seems like a horrible life right? Well even though Helen Keller was unable to function like most people hope was not lost. Under the guidance of her special teacher Anne Sullivan, Keller started to learn techniques that could help her communicate. One of those techniques—as weird as it may seem—was touching other peoples lips so she could know what they were saying. She learned how to read Braille and soon she was able to communicate with others even though she could not see or hear.

Helen Keller went on to be the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She became an author and a political activist. Keller's achievements landed her in the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame and earned her "Helen Keller Day" a day made to commemorate her every year on June 27.

Helen Keller is one of those awesome women that we should all look up to for being determined and for overcoming her disabilities.

By: **Sherique M.**,
5th Grade



Mary Jane McLeod Bethune is a leader who took charge during the civil rights movement. Bethune was born on July 10th, 1875 in Maysville, South Carolina. Bethune was an American educator and civil rights activist. Her parents were slaves so she took her education into her own hands. She later opened a college called Bethune-Cookman School. It was changed from six students to an all boys school. Mary died on May 27, 1955. Her contribution to he civil rights movement will always be remembered in history.



By: **David R.**, 4th Grade



Shirley Chisholm was born as Shirley Anita St. Hill on November 20,1924 in Brooklyn, NY. At three years old her parents Charles and Ruby sent she and her sisters Odessa and Muriel to the West Indian Island of Barbados. They went to live with their grandmother on her farm. Her Grandmother Emily enrolled her in school at the age of 4, which was located in the village church. Shirley later on said it was very important that her parents made sure she went to school from a early age.

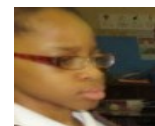
She returned to New York city at the age of seven. Shirley went on to graduate high school, college, and graduate school. She got her Masters in Elementary Education. In 1964 Shirley was elected to the New York State Legislature. She later on became

the first black woman to be elected to Congress.



Shirley said that in her career she faced a lot of discrimination because she was a woman and because she was black. In the 1972 U.S. presidential election she ran to be the Democratic presidential nomination. She lost in the primaries to a man but Shirley put up a good fight.

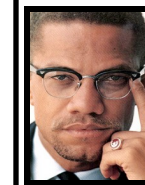
Shirley Chisholm is an amazing woman. She inspired me by showing me that you should fight for what you believe in. You should fight against race or gender discrimination. She taught me that as a woman I can work towards being who I want to be. Her story inspired me so much that I would like to run for president one day.



By: **Wisdom I.**,
5th Grade.

Celebrating Black History Month

In honor of the celebration of Black History Month, Students of the Journalism Club have shared how they feel about black history through poems, commentaries, and biographies.



Malcolm X is another great African-American superhero that we all look up to. He showed us that if

Black History Month is about all the courageous African-American people that were brave enough to stand up for what they believe in. Like how Martin Luther King Jr didn't say his dream was about pizza and how Rosa Parks didn't just get off at the next stop. Black History is even about things that are happening right now! Like Presidents Obama's second term!

So just remember: Its not Yellow History Month, its not Red History Month,

ITS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!!!!!!!

Poem By: **Sherique M.**, 5th Grade

you want something done then you have to get it done by any means necessary.

Every awesome African-American hero had a personal catch-phrase, from "I have a dream" to "Yes We Can". Malcolm X's catch phrase was "By Any Means Necessary". He was Dr. Martin Luther King JR's friend although they shared different view points on how to handle the issue of racism. While Dr. King protested in peace, Malcolm protested in VIOLENCE! It was total COM-

plete and utter chaos back then. But hey, *BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY* right? I think Malcolm X's use of force was a great idea even though it resulted in his death.

Malcolm X's real last name isn't "X". it's actually *Little*. He changed it because it was given to him by white people. He didn't want to have the name of his ancestors slave master, he wanted to decide what he should be called. He wanted to stand up! He wanted to stand out! He wanted to have his rights! He was Malcolm X, a freedom fighter! Commentary

By: **Sherique M.**,
5th Grade.



Harriet Tubman was born a slave in 1820 on a Maryland plantation.



Her mother's name is Araminta Ross. During her lifetime, she helped free slaves in the Underground Railroad, and freed herself. The Underground

Railroad was not a railroad. It was a secret trail that runaway slaves followed from the South to the North or into Canada. After freeing many slaves she became a nurse, a spy, and a scout for the Union army in the North during the Civil War.

Biography By: **Kamille G.**,

5th Grade



Michael Jackson was born August 29, 1958 and died June 25 2009. He was one of the biggest pop sensations in the world. He was even called the King of Pop.

He started singing at a very young age. He first started as the lead singer of the Jackson 5. The Jackson 5 was a group made up of him and his brothers.

He accomplished so many things during his lifetime. He was a dancer, entertainer, dancer, arranger, producer, choreographer, and actor. Michael Jackson did it all.

He won many awards and wrote many albums. His albums sold millions and his concerts were always

sold out. Michael Jackson is a very important part of black history.

I look up to him because he was awesome and incredible. He was an amazing performer. He was also a very humble and giving human being.

I relate to Michael Jackson because I love to dance and sing. I

want to become a professional dancer or singer one day. He motivates me because he came from nothing and became one of the greatest.

Biography By:
Leila C., 5th Grade



Vive Le Vent, French Jingle Bells

Students celebrated their 2012 Holiday with some performances in French and a five course dinner. Thanks to the parents and staff for making this event a success.



Spring Is In The Air

PS 176 students spent five days reviewing their ELA and Math Core Standards and teaming up to work on science projects with topics such as volcanoes, sources of energy, states of matter and the solar system. After that they explored various clubs and were awarded the ultimate prize of a field trip. They boarded buses and visited an amusement center in Long Island. Many of them left with treats from their huge winnings. Thanks to all the teachers and staff who took time from their spring break vacation to support the 2013 PS 176 Spring Break Program.

