

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

Thinking BIG For Our Children

176 SUMMER

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School is over and summer has begun! Even though afterschool is over, we still get to enjoy PS 176 Summer Camp. We get to enjoy learning with a twist, go to various clubs and venture off into other parts of NYC!

During this summer program, we were introduced to a different way of learning our favorite subjects.



In Extra, Extra, Read All About It (ELA), Daria C. said she "Enjoyed learning dif-

ferent songs in French, it was fun!" In Science Explorations Jamel S. explained how he "got to build volcanoes and learned about the weather". In Math Games, the students were "allowed to create a secret language using numbers"



added Victorya F. Jordan M. gives her incite on the new club, wood-working, that has been added to the line up

this summer." it is very fun because we get to use saws and tools". And last but, not least is the infamous Robotics "the students were allowed to build cars and towers", Daniella S. commented. The clubs that we enjoy so much are back in action! We get to spend more time in our favorite clubs. In Sports club Alonzo F. expressed that he



enjoyed "playing games and exercising". Madisen E. expressed her excitement about the Dance club saying, she "has fun learning the Lion King dance and about dance history". Mikayla R. who goes to Music Club "gets to play instruments such as the drums, keyboards, and recorders". Brandon H. cant wait to go to Art because he "gets to play with clay".

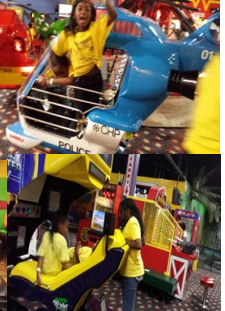
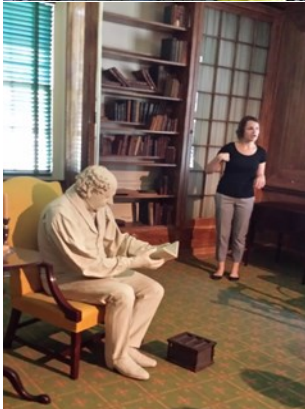


Despite all the stress that the school year brings, all of it pays off when we get to summer camp.

Summer Adventures!



This summer the PS 176 Summer Camp had many fun-filled and enriching adventures which included trips to: New York Hall of Science, Central Park Zoo, Kings Manor, Sony Wonder Lab, Fun Station Entertainment Center, and Cabbell Park.



Eat Well!

During this summer program, we introduced a new club, Cooking! The students were given an opportunity to participate in making their own healthy foods with the assistance of Ms. Tasha and Ms. Kayla. Jasmine M. gave her review on how she feels about this new addition to Summer Camp.



"Cooking class is fun! We get to make different foods and learn lessons. These foods don't just taste good, they're also good for you. In one class we learned how to make a healthy wrap. We used turkey breast, cheddar cheese, and baby spinach. I thought at

first that I wouldn't like the baby spinach but it actually tasted good. We also learned why we should wash our hands before preparing food. It's important because you don't want to get any bacteria on your food and then eat it. It may make you sick. Next week we get to learn how to make pizza. I can't wait! When I get home maybe I can teach my parents how to do it too!"

Cooking class sounds like a great addition to the CYCSI Summer camp. Your child is not just learning how to make their own food but, he/she is also creating healthy food for themselves to eat. Thanks *Ms. Tasha* and *Ms. Kayla* for teaching our children the right way to eat!

Feel Better!

Most children today aren't into exercising. They rather play video games, talk on the phone or surf the internet for the latest gossip. Faith G. however, is one of our campers here at CYCSI that enjoys exercising in a different way, through tennis. Hear what she has to say about keeping your child in shape and fit without having to force them to workout.

"Tennis is a fun sport.

You learn the two types of strokes, forehand and backhand. The best way to do a back hand is (with the racket) face flat, swing, and exaggerate the finish.



Backhand is the same but, with two hands. There is also volleys in tennis. Tennis can be very challenging. You have to run for the ball but, it's not that bad.

Must See Summer Movies



This summer the Kindergarten class gives the scoop on the must-see movies the summer. From scary movies to funny movies they watched it all! The top movies according to the summer program students are Epic, Monsters University, Despicable Me 2 and Turbo.

Noel B. described her favorite part of Epic as "Beyonce's singing" as she loves singing. Jordan B. was "amazed to see the monsters were learning" and Katrina "didn't know that monsters went to school". Tyler S. thought said that Despicable Me 2 was "too scary" while Malia W. thought it was "exciting to watch". Aden M. wondered how Turbo "moved so fast, he's only a snail".

These movies all have mixed reviews but, they were the top on the must-see movies lists. Which one is the best? According to CYCSI Summer Camp

the number one movie goes to Despicable Me 2!

Parents, if you have time in your busy schedules make sure you take your child to the nearest movie theater to catch one of these movie flicks! Enjoy!



It is a good sport to teach your child because it's very competitive. After a while you will want to play tennis all the time if you can teach your child how to play tennis."

Get your children active! Whether it's in tennis or any other sport, allow your child to feel not just good about their health but, GREAT!

Students Speak Out on The Trayvon Martin Case



In Sanford, Florida on February 26, 2012 Trayvon Martin was shot by 26-year old George Zimmerman. This 17-year old high school student was walking back from the store while Zimmerman, night-watch coordinator, proceeded to follow him home.

He suspected that Trayvon was going to commit some sort of crime. He called the police as a part of his protocol and the dispatcher told him to stop following the young man. Even though the dispatcher requested him to stop he continued to follow him. Zimmerman later hangs up on the dispatcher and gets into a scuffle with Trayvon. Moments later, when the police arrive Trayvon Martin was found shot dead. Zim

merman was brought up on charges but, pleaded not guilty. He claimed self-defense under the Stand your Ground law and was found not guilty of the murder of Trayvon Martin.



Students' Opinions

"I think the Trayvon Martin case was unfair. It was unfair because he wasn't doing anything wrong. Just because Trayvon was black and walking around the neighborhood with a hoodie on shouldn't make him suspicious of any crime. I think Zimmerman should have gone to jail. It doesn't matter if he didn't mean to do it, he should have to pay the price of killing Trayvon."

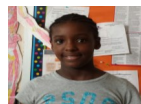
Jaleah T., 5th grd.



"My opinion on this case is that George Zimmerman should have gone to prison. I think he should have gotten a life sentence without parole.

Why should he be able to freely walk the streets after killing an innocent young man? Zimmerman knew what he did was wrong. He called 911 and the dispatcher asked him to stop following him, but he did anyway. Even if Trayvon defended himself, I still think that Zimmerman was the aggressor.

Kimberlee C.,
5th grd.



"All Trayvon Martin was carrying was a bag of skittles and iced tea AND automatically he was marked as a potential threat, which I feel,

was because he was black making the case to me, unfair. If Trayvon was white, maybe George Zimmerman wouldn't have felt the need to pursue him. Zimmerman was told to stay in his car and not pursue Trayvon but he still did, and now Trayvon is dead. Although Zimmerman was found not guilty, I still feel Trayvon's parents should take this case to civil court to give Trayvon some type of justice. If it was the other way around where Trayvon killed Zimmerman or Zimmerman was black and Trayvon was white, this case would have been opened and closed in no time! Overall I feel that Trayvon should at least receive some type of justice for what Zimmerman did."

Leilah C., MS



Students Speak Out on Trayvon Martin Opinions Cont'd

"My opinion on this case is that it was controversial. Some people think that Trayvon played a significant role in the outcome of this situation but, I don't think that's true. George Zimmerman went to court and was found not guilty. How is that possible? He killed an innocent boy and was found not guilty. I think that he should've served time in prison for what he did."



Andrew T., MS

"I feel badly for Trayvon Martin. He was shot for no reason. George Zimmerman should have been found guilty for what he did. What he did wasn't right. What if that was my

brother that was killed? I would've been really sad. George Zimmerman should not be a free man.

Kayla M.,
3rd grd.



"Trayvon Martin didn't have to be killed. George Zimmerman had no right to take his life. He should have listened to the dispatcher and left him alone. I feel justice wasn't served in this case. With one bullet George Zimmerman took the freedom of this boy and now he's a slave to the grave. He really didn't deserve to die."

Lucaya B.,
3rd grd.



"Zimmerman should have been guilty because Trayvon Martin wasn't committing any crime. He was minding his own business. Why was he labeled as suspicious when he was just walking home from the store? For him to walk free even though he committed a crime is wrong. The justice system should have resolved this in a different way.

Charmaine W., MS



"Trayvon Martin's killer, George Zimmerman, should have been found guilty for murder. I feel this way because he didn't deserve to die like that. I don't think it's fair that George Zimmerman gets to be a free man. This will make it worse for people that also commit the same crime. If George Zimmerman can kill for no reason then what will stop everyone else from doing it?"

Koleah W.,
5th grd.



Market Day!

This summer four amazing students from the Art Communication Technology Club (A.C.T.) were chosen to head the C.Y.C.S.I event planning committee. Jasmine M., Faith G., Kamille G., and Alana K. showcased exceptional leadership and organizational skills through the planning, promoting and execution of Market Day. The committee created a proposal for several event ideas including a fashion show and a food tasting to coincide with the summer program's culminating event to help generate income. Market Day won the vote. Through the planning process the students learned the fundamentals of budgeting and

managing finances for event expenses and they came up with several fundraising ideas to generate income.

C.Y.C.S.I youth were grouped in vendor teams depending on the goods and merchandise they planned on selling.



The teams were responsible for promoting and selling their products, communicating with their customers,

assisting with the cash register transactions, making sure that they brought in their products and that their products were properly displayed and restocked.

After the Market Day activities the Event Planning committee hosted a talent show. Overall Market Day was a success. The students over exceeded their fundraising goal and everyone enjoyed their bargains and the entertainment.

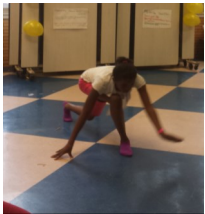
Eric NM. A.C.T Club

Express Yourself!

My Passion

It's the passion I feel when I'm moving
To the fast or slow tempo of music
It makes me feel
So different when I move to the beat

It's the passion I feel
Of dancing within me



The passion makes my
body feel free

Free to express myself

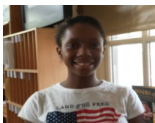
The dance spirit is with-
in me

Its always the feeling
That keeps me in the air
Or low to the ground

This passion will move me in every direction
In every position
And from place to place
In each type of dance

African makes me wanna move
Modern is the core of dancing
From Alvin Ailey to Martha Graham
Ballet is pointed toes
Having posture giving it your all

Dance is my passion
I shall not lie
This is my life and
MY PRIDE!



Tiana J., 5th grd.

Feelings

Feelings tell how you feel
It helps your heart heal
Your feelings help things seem real
That's my feelings

There are many ways to express yourself
You can be sad, happy, mad, what else?
If you show how you feel
People will help

If you have hope and trust , you know
You can go to and fro
To high heights and depths so low
There will be no worries, no, no, no!

So trust me guys
Its okay to feel shy
I feel shy all the time
I'm just afraid to speak out that's why

So keep feeling
Its good for you
Stay true to yourself
And I will too!

Morireoluwa A., 3rd grd.



Butterflies

Butterflies are nice
They make me happy
All the time
They fly so nice
They are really pretty
They fly all day
And never get tired
I love butterflies!



Aniya W., 2nd Grade

My Wonderland

My wonderland is Jamaica
My pride is Jamaica
My family is from Jamaica
I love it because
That's how I became me!



The way I dance
The way I walk
The way I talk
I have a passion
For my wonderland

Everybody has their own feeling
And my feeling is Jamaica
My world is Jamaica
No one can tell me otherwise
Because I am Jamaica

No one can take this away from me
I love me
And this is what I am
I love my wonderland
And it loves me back

This is the way
I express myself
I love my wonderland
Called Jamaica
Do you love yours?



Bianca L., grade 4

Express Yourself!

Ancient Egypt

So ancient
Deep below
Hidden with sand
And gold

Pretty dresses
Manly clothes
Worn by ancient Pharaohs

Jewelry
Worn by the King and Queen
So beautiful
You'll see pretty pearls
And diamond rings
They would fit me perfect
Don't you think?

But I'm okay
I think I just stay
In the modern days!

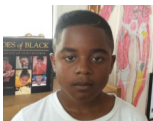
Jasmine M., 3rd grd.



By Myself

When I'm by myself
And close my eyes
I am a bee flying
Just going by
I am a room full of toys
In a room full of noise
I am whatever I want to be
Because by myself
It's all about me!

Zahmir W., 3rd grd.



Born Suspicious: Tribute to Trayvon Martin

People say
Some are born to win
But with this skin
I was born under another title
Suspicion



From my dark skin
To my aggressive tone
My mannerisms
To my tough backbone
I was born suspicious

I came into this world
A dark-skinned girl
Trying to figure out
How I can stop
This constant doubt
But I was born
Suspicious

Then as I became old
All the things I was told
I began to see
That it's hard living

Up to this undesirable
Level of being
Born suspicious

I was born into this skin
So why should I be judged any different?
Why should my children
Have to deal with these emotions?

Of clutched purses
And nappy hair
Of lonely walks
And deadly stares
Whyyy?

Why
Should a boy walking at night
Automatically be judged
For his skin not being light

What if his hoodie
Was a suit and tie
Would this young man
Still have died?

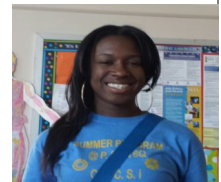
We as a people
Must embrace the skin we're in
And stop blaming it
On trying to compete with differences

We must acknowledge
That we're born under another degree
And train our children
To surpass expectancies

Because despite the frame I was put in
I'm glad I was born under suspicion
It made me the woman I am today
So I am proud to say

That I was born to win
Despite my setting
Type of education
And my skin

Being born under suspicion
Only set me up
For God's position
For me to win!



**Jeanna B.,
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PS 176 Summer Campers Join The Teen Center Celebration!

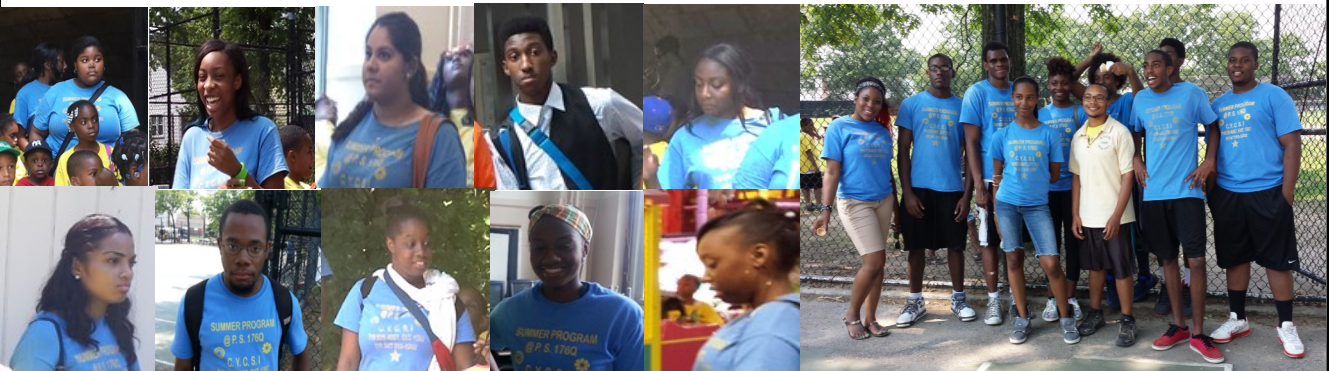
On Friday, August 12, 2013, PS 176 Senior Campers attended the breaking ground celebration for the Teen Center at the Cambria Heights Library. They met Councilman Comrie and the Cambria Heights Friends team, Angela Sinclair, Vice President, Phillippe Hogarth, President, and Pascale Hogarth, Secretary, who along with the Library team were key to this project coming to fruition. In 2008 the Councilman committed to provide programs at the library to engage the many community teens who use the library for afterschool services in the absence of a community center. At a price tag of \$1.3 million the teen

center will boast a cyber center with a recording studio that will require teens to learn the software before usage. . The Councilman was surprised when he was presented with a Proclamation from the community. Thank you Councilman Comrie for continuing to serve the needs of our community. The students thank you for the treats G.C.A.



Thank You SYEPS!

Again this year we had the opportunity to partner with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and La Guardia Community College to recruit youth that could support the staff members of our summer program. Twenty very talented SYEPs joined our team this year ranging in age from 14-22. While they learned best practices for working in teams and communication strategies they supported both our academic and club segments daily. We greatly appreciated your assistance this summer and wish you much success in your future endeavors.



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