

176 Afterschool

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Thinking BIG for Our Children

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Holidays Around the World!

Samhain is a Gaelic (Scottish, Irish) festival that is celebrated from October 31st until November 1st and marks the end of their harvest period.

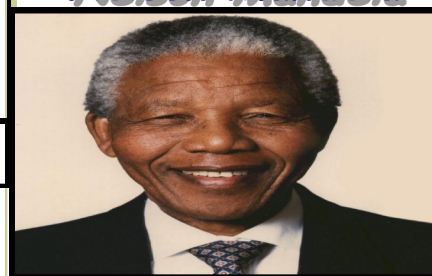
Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday celebrated on October 31 until November 2nd to remember friends and family who have passed away.

Diwali is a Hindu festival that is greatly celebrated in India during Autumn and signifies knowledge, hope, goodness and light over darkness.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday celebrated for eight days between late November and late December. It is based on the Hebrew calendar.

Day of Reconciliation is a holiday celebrated in South Africa on December 16 to honor national unity.

Chinese New Year is an important traditional Chinese holiday celebrated between January and February of every new year.



The 1st President of South Africa, Nobel Peace Prize winner and Social Activist who fought against racism, inequality and poverty will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Students Reflect on 2013 Government Shutdown

The students of A.C.T. Club voiced their opinions during the 2013 Government Shutdown. In October of 2013 the United States Government was shut down for 16 days due to congress's inability to pass legislation for funding the 2014 fiscal year. This difficulty was caused by disagreements on funding the Affordable Health Care Act mistakenly known as "Obamacare". The Affordable Health Care Act was signed into law on March 23rd of 2010 by President Barack Obama in order to increase the quality and affordability of health care for Americans.

"If you cut off your arm, instead of having to worry about paying a lot of money you have coverage! I don't think the government shut down is fair because people don't have the opportunity to work" - **Tai Chandler 4th Grade**



"I feel that the Affordable Health Care Act is what this country needs because people don't have money for health care these days" - **Kessley Janvier 5th Grade**
"I don't like Obamacare because you have no choice over paying for health insurance. I feel badly for people who work for the government and for people who can't visit the statue of liberty" - **Jermaine Washington 5th Grade**



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It's the Holidays!

New Years Resolutions 2014

Students tell us their goals for the New Year.

"To not act foolishly"

Justin Woolard 5th Grade

"To be better at math by studying"

Mikalya Robinson 2nd Grade

"To learn how to program video games by improving my math skills" **David Providence 2nd Grade**

"To do 200 sit-ups in a year" **Jaden Davis 4th Grade**

All I want for Christmas is ...

iPod- Olanna Iwu 1st Grade

Kindle Fire- Brandon Howell 2nd Grade

Beyblade- Daniel Neptune 2nd Grade

Barbie Doll- Angela Agbi 1st Grade

'Playstation 4- Dahnte Wright 5th Grade

"I don't want anything."
Morir Adetunji 4th Grd



Getting and Giving

By: Buyisimi Adetunji
Kindergarten



The holiday isn't only about getting gifts. It is also about giving gifts. Giving is better than getting gifts. Giving and getting gifts are both good and you should buy stuff too. It is always good to get and give on Christmas.



Don't be mean, it's Christmas!

By Marissa Meadley
5th Grade

A group of friends went to the outdoor mall to buy gifts, decorations and most important of all a Christmas tree!



Sheldon: Hold it steady Marcus!

Marcus: I'm trying man!

Sheldon: If you drop this, it will take another...

Elizabeth: Relax Sheldon!

Zack: If you get a tantrum it won't help.

Leonardo: You can say that again.

Zack: If you get a tantrum...

Leonardo: Not literally!

Zack: Sorry, but don't be mean, it's Christmas.

Leonardo: Whatever!

Elizabeth: Come on guys, finish putting the tree in the car. We still need to go to the bakery for the cake.



Top 3's of 2013

The votes are in for the top 5's of 2013. Did your favorites make it?

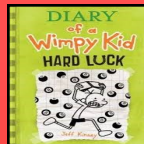
Top 3 Songs of 2013

1. Roar- Katy Perry
2. Best Song Ever-One Direction
3. Harlem Shake- Baauer



Top 3 Books of 2013

1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck
2. This Is the Rope: A Story From The Great Migration
3. Poems to Learn by Heart



Top 3 Video Games of 2013

1. NBA 2K14
2. Super Mario 3D World
3. Pokémon X and Y



Top 3 Movies of 2013

1. Despicable Me 2
2. Percy Jackson Sea of Monsters
3. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2



Top 3 TV Shows of 2013

1. The Legend of Korra
2. Sam & Cat
3. The Amazing World of Gumball



Top 3 Apps of 2013

1. Angry Birds Space
2. Temple Run 2
3. Candy Crush Saga



New Clubs and Team Members At CYCSI

C.Y.C.S.I has many fun and engaging clubs that allow students to learn and gain experience through a variety of arts and sports activities. This year's clubs include **Sports, Music, Dance, Art, Board Games, Crochet** and **A.C.T.** Every year we keep things fresh by offering a new club by recruiting new team members with diverse expertise. The A.C.T. Club interviewed the **Double-Dutch** and **Robotics** clubs to learn about

Double Dutch

New Club!



Ms. Jeanna

How did you get involved with double-dutch—what inspired you to start a double-dutch club? *"My niece does competitions, so she suggested it and she'll be here to help in a volunteer position"*

Why did you choose double-dutch? *"It gives girls a chance to do something active and to gain a new experience"*

What are the students learning in double-dutch? Are they going to do any tricks or splits while they double-dutch? *"Hopefully, but right now we are working on single rope because most students do not know how to jump rope"*

Are they going to do a special presentation? *"We want to have them do tricks but right now we are focusing on the double-dutch skills."*

How did you get your start here with C.Y.C.S.I and how did you get involved with the Robotics Club?

Mahendra: *"At a college job fair I saw a list that asked for volunteers who were interested in working with a Robotics Club at C.Y.C.S.I. . I said why not because my background in high school was basically in robotics. I am an engineer in training and I figured it would be a great opportunity to share what I know with my community so I applied and got the job."*

Alice: *"I got involved when Mahendra came and asked me to help and join him in teaching kids how to program and build robots."*

Where do you attend school?

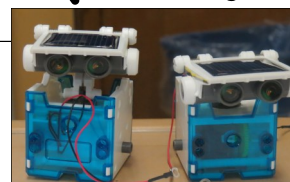
Mahendra: *"Vaughn College of Aeronautic Technology and I plan to graduate with a Bachelors of science in electrical engineering"*

Alice: *"I attend Thomas Edison High School. I'm studying robotics and I'm interested in a career in medical assisting."*

What are your expectations for working with C.Y.C.S.I.?

Mahendra: *"I expect to gain a high level of experience through teaching other people what I know. It was difficult at first but after a while I got use to the teaching environment. It's refreshing to do this kind of job, teaching kids something as complex as robotics lets you know how good you are at your job, and it's amazing because these kids are smart..."*

robotics



Mr. Mahendra and Ms. Alice

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). We would also like to thank Mrs. Bartlette, PS 176 Principal, for trusting and supporting the management team.

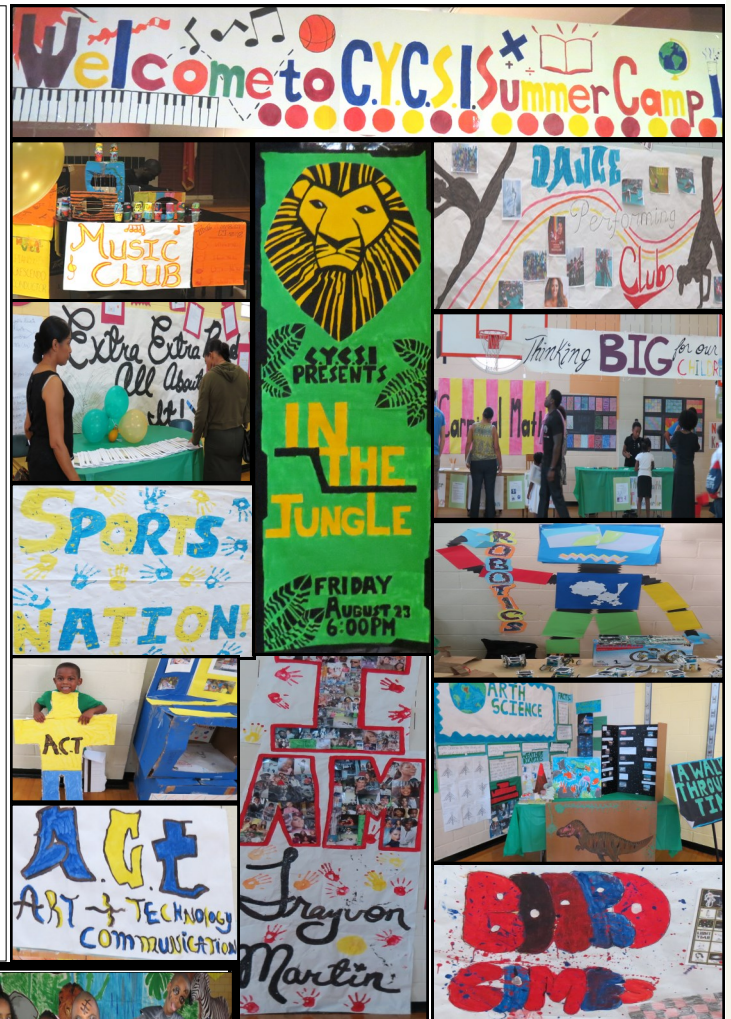
We thank Councilman Leroy Comrie for his ongoing support and our community partners: Cambria Heights High School, Home Depot, Queensborough Community College, Saint Frances Prep High School, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, Youth and Tennis Academy and York College for providing human resources and programs to enhance our OST programs.

..... Truly Inspiring

As we move forward this year we will focus on improving the quality of our academic segment. We will recruit partners in an effort to provide engaging programs for our children. We will also continue to leverage project based learning (PBL) with a STEM/STEAM overlay to excite children about learning in the technology and science areas.

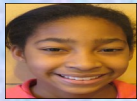
We look forward to your continued support!

Happy Holidays!
From the CYCSI Board,
Staff and Students
of PS 176 Out Of School Programs



Safari Costume Party!





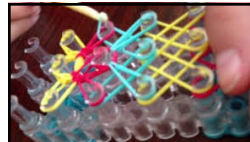
Girl Power Column

By: Kessley Janvier and Daria Chandler



New Rainbow Loom

Everyone wants a Rainbow Loom for Christmas. It came out over the summer and became extremely popular! It's the complete rubber band bracelet making kit! You can also buy already made or custom order them from *Kessley's Kreative Bracelets* also known as *KKB*. This is another great trend that's catching on. You can get your bracelet making kit at Michael's.



Winter Fashion Trends

Brightly colored vests are now in season again!

You can find them at Justice, Children's Place



and other stores. Uggs are also now in season. There are a bunch of new styles and sizes

that are all available at UggsAustralia.com.



They start at \$70. The popular colors to wear this season include

white, glitter, red, green and black.

Cool New Show: Liv and Maddie

Have you seen *Liv and Maddie* on Disney Channel? Two identical twins Liv and Maddie move back in together after Liv just finished her hit TV show. The thing is, they are exact opposites. Maddie loves sports while Liv loves the glitz glamour. One doesn't mind being dirty while the other will have a heat attack. Can they turn the Rooney family upside down? Watch this show on Disney Channel.



GAME ON!

Video Game Review

By: Jordan Harris

My favorite video game is *Need for Speed Rivals*. That's my favorite racing video game because you can change your car and you can add cool designs like a *bwnuter* with fire and lights on it. You can even put lights on top of the car and at the bottom of the car. The game was released in November 2013 and was developed by Ghost Games. It is available for the PS4, Xbox1, PS3, Xbox360 and Microsoft Windows.



MIAMI HEAT VS THE BROOKLYN NETS

The Heat



"I Like this team because *Lebron James is on it and the Heat has the number one overall in 2013.*"

-Dhante Wright



The Nets



"I like the Nets because it has *Darren Williams* and they would not do well without him." -Jasean Sutherland



Councilman Leroy Comrie: A Trusted Community Leader

Councilman Leroy Comrie was elected to represent the 27th Council District in 2001 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2005 and 2009. He grew up in the Southeast Queens communities that he represented. Comrie attended P.S. 116, I.S. 8, Jamaica High School and the University of Bridgeport, where he developed his passion for politics and government. He is a lifelong member of Saint



A Leader



- L:** Love and compassion that you continue to show for the community.
- E:** Encouraging us to be confident that our voices will be heard.
- A:** Accomplishments many, you've helped us achieve.
- D:** Dignity and pride in which you've represented our community.
- E:** Empowering us to make a difference.
- R:** Responsibility in pledging our soul and energy towards the preservation of our community.

By: Eric Normil-Mendez,
Journalism Club Activity Specialist

Albans the Martyr Episcopal Church, where he serves as a layperson, vestryman and chalice administrator.

Deputy Majority Leader Mr. Comrie knows government and has provided opportunities for positive interaction with citizens. He was focused everyday on providing quality education, guidance and support for youth. Additionally, he ensured quality healthcare and services for seniors, and created economic development projects that led to increased employment opportunities and affordable housing for all New Yorkers.

Thank you Councilman Comrie for all your contributions to the community. Your outstanding work has paved the way for many. Congratulations on your new position as Deputy Borough President.



Queens Residents Pay Tribute to Councilman Leroy Comrie!

Many residents of the Queens community came together on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at PS 176Q to pay tribute to the District 27th Councilman, Leroy Comrie. While students danced, sang, recited poems representatives of community organizations such as the Beth-



say Foundation, Cambria Heights Civic Association, Cambria Heights Library, CIC Learning Center, NAACP, IGBO, United Black Men, PS/IS 116, PS/IS 147, PS 176, IS 59, Students Real Friends Network, Track Star Tutoring, Youth and Tennis Academy thanked him for his many contributions to the community during his 12 year tenure, 2001-2013.

Home Depot Visits PS 176 Afterschool



On Friday, November 7 2013, the Home Depot organization hosted their second **Kids Workshop** at PS 176 Out-of-School Program. Led by Vinette Coleman, Supervisor and Kaydian Dodd, Associate the students screwed, hammered and painted their way to completing their boats and trucks. They displayed creativity when designing and painting their models. Thanks Ms. Coleman and Ms. Dodd. We are looking forward to your next visit!



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