

Summer Camp 2014 @ PS15

Sponsored by PS 176 Afterschool Program

Time

7 week program, 8:00am to 6:00pm
Monday, July 7 to Friday, August 22, 2014

Program

Breakfast: 8:00am-9:00am

Academics: 9:00am-12:00pm

(Integrated curriculum: Common Core Standards, Project based Learning and STEAM. All instructed by our qualified staff of licensed teachers and college students.)

Lunch: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Clubs & Snacks: 1:30pm-5:30pm

Breakfast and Lunch provided by USDA through School Food, NYC DOE

(Clubs Include: Art, Board Games, Cooking, Dance, Music, Robotics, Sports, Theater, Woodworking)

Reflection & Pick-Up: 5:30pm-6:00pm

Bonus: FREE T-shirt • 5 Field Trips • Culminating Performance



Registration Requirements

Updated medical, copy of birth certificate, passport size picture and

\$100 non-refundable deposit due March 31, 2014

Balance Due: \$1,025 per student due by June 1st, 2014

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April is National Poetry Month!

April is National Poetry Month! In honor of this celebration, members of the arts-communication-technology club, or A.C.T., have worked on collaborative poems. We start with a title and one line. The poem is then passed on several times to other people who will add a line based on the title and subject matter of the previous line. Below is one of the poems the students have worked on. Additional poems will be featured throughout this issue.

Basketball

Basketball is my favorite sport.

I like it when we play across the court.

Just like the king on the microphone—

We win whether we're away or home.

I started winning on the winning team.

Now I'm in the NBA with the getting-money team.

Basketball is good exercise, you have to use your body well.

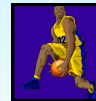
I love bouncing my basketball outside so I can show the world my skills.

Basketball is my favorite sport.

I like to dribble around the court.

I shoot 3's right from the start.

Through the sweat, I'm shooting hard.



By:

Jasean Sutherland, Mr.Eric,
Morine Adentunji, Daria Chandler,
Jermaine Washington,
and Mr.Josh.



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Black History & Valentine's Day Celebration



On February 14th, 2014 C.Y.C.S.I. out-of-School program held their 5th Annual Black History and Valentine's Day Celebration. Students enjoyed music, dancing and food as well as various performances by the Dance Club, Music Club, and a wonderful display of paintings and drawings presented by the Art club. Students also worked on projects and performances within their weekly groups to honor African-American Heritage and history.

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Black History & Valentine's Day Celebration



Garrett A. Morgan
The Inventor of the
Traffic Light

Garrett A. Morgan is a famous African-American inventor who recognized a need for an invention that would improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians. Morgan invented the traffic light so drivers and pedestrians would not be confused when crossing and turning on roads. This invention limited the number of accidents that occurred and it is now a significant tool used worldwide to protect everyone on the road. Below, first grade students express why Garrett A. Morgan is important to them:

Garrett A. Morgan invented the traffic light so people can be safe. People are happy now that they are safe, thanks to Garrett A. Morgan. He is important because his invention keeps us from having accidents and keeps us safe.

-Jahzara Emeli, 1st Grade

Thanks to Garrett A. Morgan, I feel safe because the traffic lights keep cars from having accidents. He invented the traffic light and because of him, people don't crash a lot.

-Kennedy Jacobs, 1st Grade

Garrett A. Morgan is the first person to make a traffic light so people could get around safely. Thanks to Garrett A. Morgan, people can have a safe life and be happy.

-Olanna Iwu-anyanwu, 1st Grade



Nelson Mandela
South Africa's First
Black Chief Executive

The picture book biography entitled *Nelson Mandela* talks about Mandela's history as well as his goals and purpose in life. It was written and illustrated by award winning author and illustrator Kadir Nelson. Read Olanna Iwu's summary of the book to learn some key facts you might not know about Nelson Mandela.



Nelson Mandela was born on July 18th, 1918 in South Africa. He was the youngest son and also the smartest child. Nelson Mandela's given name was Rolihlahla. Rolihlahla translates to 'trouble maker'. Nelson Mandela voted for Freedom and spoke up against unfair laws. Nelson



Mandela is important because he helped the South African people.

By: Olanna Iwu-anyanwu, 1st Grade



Dr. King Nasheem
Coleson 5th Grade



Malcolm X
Angela
Agbi
5th
Grade



Malcolm X Terry Jackson 4th Grade



Sam Jackson Mr. Dwight

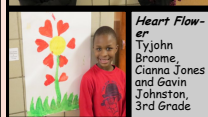
**BLACK
History**

Nelson Mandela Renee Lebrun K.

Black History & Valentine's Day Celebration



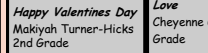
Heart Flower
Tyjohn Broome,
Cianna Jones
and Gavin Johnston,
3rd Grade



Valentine Art Brianna Jones,
1st Grade



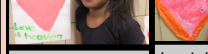
Valentine Art Mackenzie Breg
Kindergarten



Happy Valentines Day
Makyah Turner-Hicks
2nd Grade



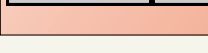
Love
Cheyenne Gross 5th
Grade



Valentine Art Tyler Smikle,
Kindergarten



Valentine Art Tyjohn Broome,
3rd Grade



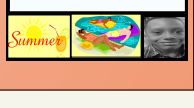
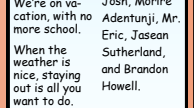
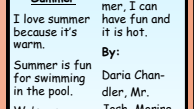
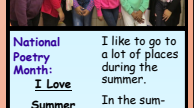
Love is Heaven
Kierra Hammond
4th Grade



Love is Heaven
Serenite Olvsygy
2nd Grade



Valentine Art Rashad Townsley
2nd Grade



National Poetry Month:

I Love Summer
I like to go to a lot of places during the summer.

Summer
In the summer, I can have fun and it is hot.

By:
Daria Chandler, Mr. Josh, Morire Adentunji, Mr. Eric, Jasean Sutherland, and Brandon Howell.

Summer
I love summer because it's warm.

Summer
Summer is fun for swimming in the pool.

Summer
We're on vacation, with no more school.

Summer
When the weather is nice, staying out is all you want to do.



Community Service Learning/Interning At CYCSI

What Students Are Saying Part 1....

In the 2013/14 school year a total of 20 students signed up to volunteer in the CYCSI Community Service Learning Program. These students attend Saint Francis Preparatory School, Cambria Heights Academy for New Literacies, Farmingdale State College, Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical High School, The Mary Louis Academy and Institute for Health Professionals at Cambria Heights. To date they've accumulated an average of 50 service hours with many of them completing over 80 hours. Their contributions include home work assistance in the classroom and supporting clubs such as Robotics, Dance and Sports. Their reward for their volunteer/internship experience range from personal satisfaction, high school credit and stipends, and part time employment at CYCSI. Below are the feelings expressed by four students, who will receive high school credit for their service.



"...Surprisingly, volunteering came with many more benefits than I thought. I felt a sense of accomplishment when I helped others and it was great to give back to the community..." Sabrina

"...My experience this past school year at CYCSI has taught me about patience, creativity and responsibility. I am grateful to have gained so much from giving..." Margaret

"...This program plays a major role in preparing me for my future career as a pediatrician. The interactions I had with these children helped me understand how to handle kids..." Myrtchena

"...I've volunteered at a lot of places, but I've never had an experience quite like the one I've had here. The children brought out the kid in me and they've taught me so much..." Tracy

Staff Development Key At CYCSI



In January and March this year the CYCSI staff continued their self development. Led by Chandra Llewellyn-Travis of Advancing Potential, LLC, they were coached in School Age Care Health & Nutrition and Child Development Stages. In addition to complying with the Department of Health mandated training requirement these self development sessions are critical to the staff providing quality out of school care services in a safe environment.



Ask A.C.T.

Several members of C.Y.C.S.I.'s out-of-school program have anonymously submitted their questions regarding school and issues affecting their friendships. Students of the A.C.T. Club discussed suggestions for the students facing these dilemmas. Read on to see if your question was answered or to discover a solution to a similar problem you may be facing.

My best friend and I fight too much. What should we do?
-Zebra

If your friend keeps bothering you, I suggest that you tell the teacher and the teacher will solve the problem.
-Buyisimi A - Kindergarten

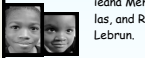
How can I improve my grades in school?
-Anonymous

You should be nice and kind to your friend.
-Renee L-Kindergarten

There are 3 girls who are very annoying. What should I do?
-Anonymous

National Poetry Month
Bad Hair Day
My hair smells bad like something died.

By: Devon Guthrie, Mr.Eric, Alieana Menelas, and Renee Lebrun.



Make them dance with music
-Renee L

If they keep bothering you, talk to them about it. If that does not work stay away from them
-Jordan B-4th Grade

On the bus, people are being inappropriate what should I do?
-Anonymous

Tell an adult.
-Olanna I-1st Grade

Tell them they are being inappropriate.
-Daniel N-2nd Grade

A way to improve your grades in school is to always stay on task.
-Angela A-1st Grade

Go get tutoring!
-Jordan B

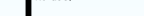
Finish your HW and study.
-Daniel N

No Ears
It's like they have no ears.

Some people need hearing aids.

They don't listen at all.

By: Morire Adetunji, Mr.Eric, Mr. Josh, and Daria Chandler.



Zoe's Health Tips



Are you trying to get in shape? You should participate in fitness activities and eat healthy food. If you take my advice, it should be very helpful. I suggest that you exercise at least twice a week or more. You could also eat more fruit and less junk food. This will be helpful because if you eat a lot of fast food you can get diabetes or become overweight. Becoming overweight or having diabetes is not good for your health. We have to make sure that our health is important to us. I also advise eating more salads and joining a family fitness fun night.

-Zoe Stevens, 4th Grade



Hot Flicks

A.C.T. Movie Review by: Kimberlee Childs

The Blind Side (PG)

- Released on November 20th, 2009
- Directed by John Lee
- Written by Michael Lewis
- Produced by Broderick Johnson, Andrew Kosove, Gil Netter
- Main Cast Lilly Collins, Quinton Aaron, Jae Head, Kathy Bates, Kim Dickens, Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw



Summary: Michael (Quinton Aaron) was living on the street. A woman named Leigh Anne Tuohy (Sandra Bullock) took him inside her home along with her family. He turned into a great football player and became famous. He led his high school to their first championship.

On a scale of 1 to 10, I would give the film a 10 because of the way that Michael cared for a family he barely knew. One example of how much he cared was when he saved S.J., one of the family members, from an airbag.

My favorite parts of the film included when Michael stopped the airbag, when Michael threw another football player over a barricade, and also when he received many college offers. Critics of the movie gave the film a rating of two and a half out of five stars. The film made \$20.4 million in the box office. -Kimberlee Childs, 5th Grade



Girl Power Column

By: Kessley Janvier and Daria Chandler

Instagram: Yes or No! This season, everyone has an Instagram, especially older people! Instagram is an app available for your phone, computer, and even your tablet, but many parents are saying "no" to letting their kids use Instagram. The Girl Power Column asked students, staff and parents at C.Y.C.S.I. how they feel about this matter:



"I think that Instagram is appropriate for children because we can post pictures of ourselves to become famous."

-Catherine Bertell, 4th Grader

"Children should not be able to use Instagram because they are being exposed to too much information."

-Mr. Brian, Activity Specialist

"I would not recommend any child use Instagram. There are more child-friendly programs available. Instagram is more for adults."

-Ms. Doreen, Parent



Spring Fashion Trends
Spring is here and so are new fashion trends for the warmer weather! The Uggs can go into the closet and stay there until next fall! The best stores for smart spring shopping include **Justice** (shopjustice.com), **Target** (target.com) and the **Children's Place** (childrensplace.com), for smaller children of course. The right colors for this season include bright colors such as light shades of pink, orange, yellow, and of course light green! Also, you should wear pastels and neons! Flats are a must! Easter celebrates cute colors and patterns so remember that!



GAME ON!

Video Game Review By: Elijah McCulloch
NBA 2K14 was released in October 2013 and was developed by 2K games and published by Visual Concepts. NBA 2K14 is playable on Microsoft Windows PC, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, Playstation 4 and Xbox One.

NBA 2K14 is a video game based off basketball. The game is rated E for everyone. The cover features star athlete LeBron James. This edition has NBA 2K14 mode, Career mode, and Path to Greatness. Critics give the game a four and a half out of five star rating.

The most challenging part of the game is competing in Career mode against the rival team. You get double skill points, but if you lose, you have to fight the press.

Three reasons why others should play this game:

1. It has a high rating
2. It's fun and good for people interested in basketball
3. It's popular, many other people buy it.

Here's a good tip for game play:

When an opponent inbounds the ball, go behind them and press "□" (square) to steal it.



Video Game Review By: Justin Woolard
Minecraft for Xbox 360 was released on May 9th, 2012. The game was developed and published by Markus Natch Persson, Jens Jeb Belgensten, Kristoffer Zetterstrand, and Markus Junkboy Toivonen.

This game is also available on other platforms such as Windows PC, IOS iPhone, Android, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, and Xbox One. The game title is rated E for everyone. A critic gave the game a 9 out of 10 point rating.

The game is about making your own world. You can play the game with your friends online.

One challenging part of the game is trying to survive mobs of spiders and creepers.

A good tip for playing the game is to spend time mining underground in order to find nice things.



C.Y.C.S.I. Staff Spotlight



Mr. Akeino
Asst. Activity Specialist

Meet C.Y.C.S.I.'s new highly motivated and dedicated team members!

Students from the A.C.T. Club were interested in learning about the new staff members. Below are questions posed by several students of A.C.T. Club to the new staff members:

Why did you decide to work with children?

-Renee Lebrun

I always loved working with children. As a teenager, I worked with kids at a nearby theatre company. However, what really cemented that desire was organizing a dance showcase at PS 109K in Brooklyn. After that, I knew I was destined to work in this field. -Mr. Josh



Mr. Josh
Activity Specialist
Theatre Arts

I decided to work with children in order to have a lasting positive effect on the community. I also considered the importance of teaching the next generation values like patience and honesty. -Mr. Dwight



Mr. Dwight
Activity Specialist
Art

What are some things that you like to do?

-Devon Guthrie

Computer programming and designing electrical circuits. Apart from things related to the technology field, I also enjoy playing soccer and being a fan of basketball and track & field. -Mr. Akeino

I like reading, writing, cooking, singing, dancing, acting and walking around my neighborhood. -Mr. Josh

I enjoy reading novels, working out, and watching action movies. I enjoy meditating and learning hacky-sack tricks. -Mr. Dwight

What do/did you study in college?

-Huntley Swaby

I am studying electrical and computer engineering. -Mr. Akeino

My original major in college was art. Now, my major is criminal justice. I also have an interest in theological studies. -Mr. Dwight

I was an undergraduate student at Mercy College majoring in English. -Mr. Josh



Congratulations to Ms. Katrinka! Ms. Katrinka was awarded the Community

Youth Care Services, Inc. (CYCSI) Employee Excellence Award for the 2012/13 school year. This award recognizes outstanding employees who show exemplary individual achievement, contribution, and performance in their jobs and other related duties beyond their own job description.

Here is Ms. Katrinka's statement about how it felt to receive the award:

"It felt good. I felt like I accomplished something. I feel like all my hard work paid off and I had no idea I was going to get it. I'm very thankful to Ms.



Caddie, Ms. Linette, and Ms. Brandie for recognizing all the hard work I have done."



A Farewell to Paul

Paul Hicks has been a fixture at CYCSI since its inception 5 years ago. He's worn many hats during that time, including martial arts club advisor and management team member. Though he is leaving us to pursue a full-time career, he will still be near us in PSI76Q and has surely left a legacy.

Staff Question: What will you miss most about Paul?

His flexibility, leadership, and mentoring.—Ms. Linette

His handy homework help—Jasmine (Grade 2)