

176 Afterschool

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Thinking BIG for Our Children

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What Are You Thankful For?



Art work by Tyrell Jackson

I'm thankful for my life and my family because that is all I need to be happy. -**Paige Hall**

I'm thankful for food, my family, and friends. -**Jayda Philips**

I'm thankful for food and police, because we need the police and food to survive and to live. -**Mackenzie Breg**

I'm thankful for my life. Without it I would not have my family and friends. I'm also appreciative of my parents since they are leading me through the journey of life. Lastly, I'm thankful for education. Education will help me have a better future. -**Faith Grinion**

I'm thankful for food because it makes you grow, my family because they help me and love me, and my friends because they keep me company. -**Kennedy Jacobs**

I'm thankful for water. I'm thankful for family because they take care of me. I'm thankful for food because without it I could not survive. -**Aniya Campbell, ACT Club Journalist**

Students Comment On Recent Black Killings!

Black people are being killed for no reason. They are probably afraid of us.

-**Cameron Mells Jackson**

Racism is mean. I do not like the way people kill others. It makes me feel sad. I hate racism! Don't choke people anymore, it's not funny. I do not like racism. Why are people racist? Does anyone wake up not wanting to kill somebody?

#BLACKLIVESMATTER! Please do not arrest or kill me, thank you.

-**Marissa Michel**

I think what has happened is not fair. We may even be the next to die.

-**Kene Isiofia.**

As a young black person this breaks my heart. It breaks my heart to see the

killing of people. They don't care about their rights.

-**Shanice Bradley**



Murals made in Honor of Eric Garner "I Cant Breathe" and Michael Brown "My Hands Are Up", recent African American victims of police brutality.

Happy Holidays



Rest In Peace

Legendary Actress Ruby Dee



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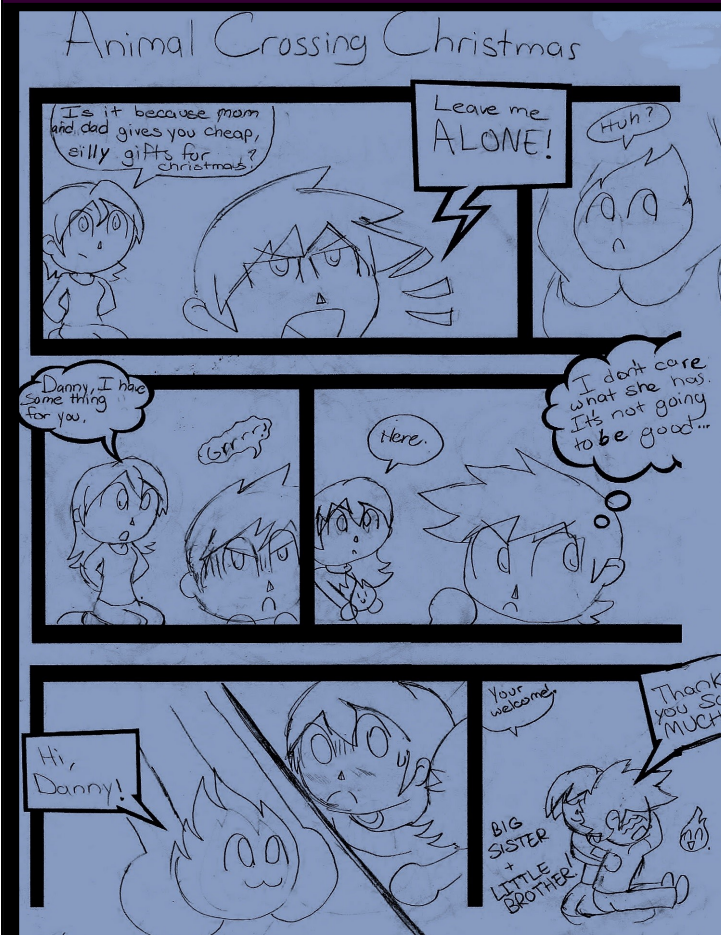
Thank You PS 176 Community Service Volunteers!



Holiday Greetings!

Animal Crossing Christmas By Tyrell Jackson

Holiday Party 2014



We had a great time, enjoyed food, gifts, and live entertainment provided by students and staff!

I Love Christmas Song By Aaliyah King & Aniya Cambell, Jada Philips, and Oghosa Aigbogun



Singing Verse—Aaliyah:

Jingle bells ringing, I love Christmas.
We're all around the Christmas tree.
Presents wrapped with Bows.
Oh, I love Christmas.

Chorus—All: I love Christmas (4x)

Rap Verse—Aniya:

Christmas is the best and the best is here!
We always have fun with our friends and family.
Tree, presents, naughty or nice?
Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho!

Chorus—All: I love Christmas (4x)

Holiday Greetings!

The Christmas Party Before Break by Alicia Ford, Paige Hall, Antonelle Coley, and Jasmine Mayers



It was the day before Christmas Break and Paige, Tyjohn, Jasmine, Faith and Emily were doing the *Shmoney* dance at the Christmas party in the gym. All of a sudden the lights began to flicker on and off until it finally blew out. Unamused by the unusual activity of the lights, a parched Paige yells out "I'm thirsty!", slowly turns towards the exit, and begins to walk out. Jasmine interrupts Paige's departure and says, "Are you kidding me it's about ten degrees outside!" Paige ignores Jasmine and quietly sneaks out to the water fountain without anyone knowing. Emily, hearing a loud crash, walks over to the window to investigate. To Emily's surprise she sees a glint of red and hears a "HO HO HO", and dramatically screams out, "Santa crashed onto the window."

Jasmine overhearing Emily blurts out, "Oh my gosh! Emily and her lame imaginations, right Faith?" Faith not paying Jasmine any mind yells out, "I smell cookies" and Jasmine just shakes her head. Realizing that Paige is missing Jasmine asks Emily, "Where is Paige?" Emily says, "She was just here, let's spilt up and look for her." As the rest of the students continue to greedily gorge on sugar cookies, Faith, Jasmine, Emily and Tyjohn set out to look for Paige. As they exit into the hallway Emily aggressively begins to search for Paige. Within a few seconds she locates Paige's sneakers, points towards the basement, and rushes towards the steps leading downstairs. "Emily!" Jasmine cries out, "Emily oh my gosh such a drama queen, wait for us!" Faith says, "I guess we're going to play Sherlock Holmes and ring Paige" and they both follow Emily. Tyjohn was in the bathroom the whole time during the commotion. He steps out the bathroom and says, "Hey where is everybody?" and then walks back into the bathroom.



As soon as Emily arrives at the basement she discovered a trail of cookie crumbs leading towards a half-eaten gingerbread man and a happy Paige at a table eating cookies and drinking milk. Emily excitedly runs over to Paige, trips over a candy cane and says, "Where were you?" Paige swallows the milk in her mouth and jokingly replies, "I was with Santa." Emily starts to turn red, but then hears heavy footsteps behind her. She quickly turns around and

sees that it was only Jasmine and Faith trying to scare her. Jasmine noticing Paige rushes over screaming "PPAAIIGGEEEE like oh my gosh I found you!" Emily covers her mouth and does a sarcastic cough, and Jasmine corrects herself saying, "I meant we found you." Taking advantage of all the unclaimed cookies left on the table, they stuff their pockets, grab some milk, and began to walk towards the steps.

Before they could take one step up the stairs Santa appears blocking them. Faith then pulls Santa's beard saying, "Is it really you? The fat man that eats our cookies and leaves us gifts?" Santa replied, "HO HO... NO, aren't you guys supposed to be in the gym at the party!" Then Emily says, "OH NO! I know that voice from anywhere." Santa then starts to take off his mask, but to everyone's surprise it was Ms. Linette. Emily shouts, "I knew it was Ms. Linette!" Jasmine then says, "Duh it's not even Christmas yet." Ms. Linette escorts them back to the gym. Tyjohn pops out the bathroom and says, "Hey I found Paige!" In unison Faith, Jasmine and Emily say, "OH BROTHER!" Then Ms. Linette turns around and says, "What are you guys waiting for? Let's do the *Shmoney* dance" and begins to do the dance in the center of the gym with the students.

In the end Paige never got to drink her water, Faith ate all the cookies, Jasmine continued with her smart comments, Ms. Linette continued with her *Shmoney* dance and Tyjohn... well I guess you can say Tyjohn never left the bathroom, but everyone can conclude that it was the best Christmas party ever.

Art Communications & Technology Club Members



Our Children



WE
LOVE
YOU!



CYCSI Salutes our former Chairman Herman Bagley 1939-2014

This year we celebrated our five year anniversary. Unbelievable!! In September 2009 we launched PS 176 Afterschool Program. Subsequently our service offering expanded to include spring/winter break programs and summer camp. Thanks to support from the school community, parents, staff and volunteers. The countless hours they expended in developing quality activities, ensuring enhanced learning through exposure to new experiences, enabling us to continue "Thinking **BIG** for Our Children".

As I reflect on the past five years, the capabilities of the children continue to inspire me in *Thinking BIG*. Whether they are acting, dancing, painting, sewing, playing a game, building a robot or proudly showcasing their completed science projects, they are truly amazing.

We appreciate Mrs. Bartlett, PS 176 Principal and strong advocate of our children, for fully supporting us over the past five years. And while we mourn the loss of our Chairman and great Community Leader Herman Bagley, because of his belief in our children as well we will continue to design quality programs for them.

We also thank our partners: UPS, Home Depot, Girls Scout, NYPD, NAACP, FAA, NY Nicks, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, La Guardia College, Queensborough Community College, Cambria Heights High School, Institute for Health Professionals High School, Saint Frances Prep High School and Youth & Tennis Academy for providing funding, human resources and programs that enhanced



..... Truly Inspiring

our out of school time service menu.

We also thank Leroy Comrie, former NY City Council Member, District 27, for his support over the past five years and wishes him much success as a candidate for NYS Senate, District 14. We welcome Councilman Daneek Miller to the district and thank him for supporting the program.

As we move forward we will focus on improving the quality of our academic segment. We will recruit partners to continue providing 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



Thank You Girls Scout



Staff & Clubs Spotlight!

CYCSI's fun and engaging clubs include: **Sports, Music, Dance, Art, Arts & Crafts, Crochet, Robotics, Double-Dutch, ACT & Sewing Club.** The A.C.T. Club interviewed the crochet club to learn about their prospects for the school year.

Crochet



Aniya: When did you start crocheting?

Ms. Katrinka: I started crocheting when I was 6 years old. My mother is a master at crocheting. She taught me and I've been crocheting ever since.

Mackenzie: Why did you pick up crochet as your first/second club?

Mikayla: I picked crochet as my first club because I wanted to try something new that I never did before.

Oghosa: Why did you want to teach the kids in after school crocheting?



Ms. Katrinka: Crocheting is something that I enjoy and like and when you do something that you enjoy it makes you want to teach others how to do it too.

Jada: How would you rate this club? 1, 10, or in between?

Courtney: I would rate it a 10 because this club is full of creativity and I enjoy it.

Mackenzie: Why do you want others to experience crochet club?

Ms. Katrinka: I want others to experience crochet club because it's new and fun. A lot of people don't have the time to put effort into crocheting, but if you try hard and work at it, it becomes easier.



Thanks to all our staff members for working effortlessly in "Thinking *BIG* for our Children". Special thanks to the staff members who are recipients of this year's service awards. Recipients include Ms. Jeanna Buchanan and Ms. Valerie Weston-Farrington for the best Summer 2014 booth and Mr. Eric Normil-Mendez for designing the most creative programs in 2014. The awards are given to reward staff members for their contribution to the improvement of the program. They implemented innovative and creative programs/activities to aid in the academic, social, and artistic development of the students.



Speech Presentations



Cultural Dinner



Market Day



2014 in Review



Top 3 Songs

1. Happy

- Pharrell Williams
- 2. Am I Wrong- Nico and Vinz
- 3. Let It Go—Demi Lovato



Top 3 Apps

- 1. Minecraft Pocket Edition
- 2. Candy Crush Soda Saga
- 3. Fun Run 2



Top 3 Books

- 1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul By Jeff Kinney
- 2. Sisters By Raina Telgemeier
- 3. Mine Craft Essential Handbook By Scholastic



Top 3 Websites

- 1. Google.com
- 2. Youtube.com
- 3. Unblock games.com



Top 3 Video Games

- 1. Tomodachi Life
- 2. NBA 2k15
- 3. Pokemon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire



Top 3 Music Artist

- 1. Ariana Grande
- 2. Pharrell Williams
- 3. Taylor Swift



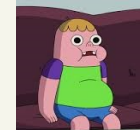
Top 3 Movies

- 1. Big Hero Six
- 2. Alexander
- 3. Maleficent



Top 3 TV Shows

- 1. Max & Shred (Nick)
- 2. Ricky, Dicky, Nicky, Dawn (Nick)
- 3. Jessie (Disney)



Top 3 Cartoons

- 1. Clarence
- 2. Stevens Universe
- 3. Teen Titans Go

The Best and Worst of 2014 by: Huntley George Swaby 2nd Grade

The best singer of 2014 is Arianna Grande. Grande made history this year with her hit songs. The worst singer of 2014 is Jessie J because every time she makes a song with her friends she wants to be the main singer on the song.

The best live show of 2014 is Motown the play. It shows how Michael Jackson started his music career. The worst show is Illusion because it bamboozles people into thinking that unreal things are true.



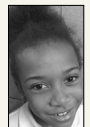
The best soccer team of the year is Barcelona. They have a lot of good players. The worst team is Manchester United. Manchester United has many disadvantages. Plus, the teams they actually beat are just letting them win.



Honorary Mom By: Aaliyah King 2nd Grade



KaShawn Braxton is not only a manager for Spring Creek buildings, but she is also a great mother. Being the oldest of two siblings, I admire my mother because she is a hardworking, humble, and caring mentor. She is always willing to take care of me when I am sick. I especially love when she shows me new things. My mom deserves to be honored not only today, but every day.



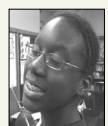
Great Year at My Afterschool By: Lemaj Engleton 2nd Grade

My afterschool program is a fun place to be. We get to play a lot. I started afterschool when I was in kindergarten. The people are nice and help educate us. Currently, I am in the second grade. The clubs I am apart of are music and sports. In afterschool, we have shows, parties and workshops. At my afterschool I learn the meaning of fun.



Video Game Review By: Faith Grinion 5th Grade

On November 21, 2014, *Poke'mon Omega Ruby* and *Alpha Sapphire* was released for the Nintendo 3DS and 2DS. In these 2 role-playing games rated E for Everyone, you can collect, battle and trade Poke'mon. The goal of the game is to defeat a team of rival members going after the legendary Poke'mon. Team Magma from Omega Ruby goes after Groudon, while Team Aqua from Alpha Sapphire tries to trap Kyogre. In the beginning you are allowed to choose one out of 3 Poke'mon to use in battle from the start, and you may catch more on your journey. The trickiest part of the game is to defeat the leaders of Team Magma/Aqua. One reason why you should buy this game is because it is full of adventures and excitement. Tips and hints for exciting and successful gameplay: The grass types defeats the water types, fire can burn grass types and water types can put out fire types.



Join us for Winter, Spring and Summer Break



The **Winter**, **Spring** and **Summer** Breaks programs are designed to reinforce their learning to date as they prepare for the New York City standardized ELA and Math Exams. During the Summer, Monday through Thursday, we provide a curriculum review in the mornings to reinforce student learning over the school year. In the afternoon the students participate in clubs such as Art, Cooking, Dance, Music, Technology, Science and Athletics. Field day is on Friday. Students visit key sites in the New York area such as museums, entertainment centers and parks. This year a swimming field trip is added to the trip schedule.

Winter



Spring



Summer



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