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Meet The Zeta Phi Psi Sorority Club!



Zeta Phi Psi is the sorority club at CYCSI Afterschool Program. The club was established in February 2015 by CYCSI activity specialist Jeanna Buchanan and facilitated by DeAndrea Barnes and Jasmine Warren. Students from the A.C.T. club met with the Big Sisters to discuss the purpose of starting the sorority.

"Why did you start the sorority club?" - **Aaliyah King**

"I started the sorority club to offer leadership opportunities to children in the community. The goal is to join one of the Divine Nine sororities in the future. The Divine Nine sororities are the top non-Paleolithic sororities. Out of the Divine Nine I would like to join the Delta's. I decided to create a sorority similar to the sororities that have set precedents to help young ladies in the community reach their full academic potential and participate in serving the community." - **Ms. Jeanna**



Valentine's Day & Black History Celebration



At this year's Valentine's Day and Black History celebration students participated in black history trivia games, read poems, danced, sang and more! Continued on page 2.



Congrats to Loretta Lynch, the first African-American Female Attorney General.

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Valentine's Day & Black History Celebration



Coollest Moments at the Valentine's Day & Black History Celebration by Paige Hall, 3rd Grade

One of the coolest moments at the celebration is when we performed the African dance. We had a dance contest for each grade to show off our awesome dance moves. After we danced we ate pizza, drank juice and water. We also played the Black History month trivia game, the winners won small prizes. Overall, I had an amazing time.



My Favorite Moments by Alicia Ford, 3rd Grade

My favorite part of the Valentine's Day and Black History celebration was when we danced. All the grades danced together. We also had a contest and made a conga line. I also like when we ate cookies, pizza and candy. The dancing was really fun. We danced to the song *Happy* and did the *DJ little man* dance. Even though there were specific dances, I was able to create my own dance.



Black History Song By Aaliyah King, 2nd Grade

Black History is the best. Its a special celebration. Martin Luther King is a king and we believe in him. Oh yeah, we believe in him. There was a women named Rosa Parks. She went on a bus

and sat down. A person came on the bus and said get up, and Rosa said no, no, no, and she got locked up. Black Americans learned from that and started a boycott. They walked to many places and started carpooling.

Life is Beautiful By Faith Grinion and Jasmine Mayers, 5th Grade

Life is so beautiful now. With everyone together, but we all wonder how it became like this forever.

Our country used to be full of hatred and death, and no one thought that it would end.

The unnoticed became protesters sharing throughout the country. Sharing how we could come together to live as one, happily.

Martin Luther King Jr. always kept his dream and Rosa Parks kept the buses free.

Althea Gibson broke the barriers in tennis, and Jackie Robinson was our black baseball legend.

Barack Obama was the first black president and he had a successful consecutive election.

So now that you know about our black heroes we have to continue treating people with one hundred percent love and respect—not zero.



Remembering Hattie McDaniel By Cameron Mells-Jackson, 5th Grade

Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American to win an Academy Award. She was born on June 10, 1895

in Wichita, Kansas. Her friends called her "Hi-Hat Hattie." She was her parents 13th child. Her father was a Baptist minister and her mother was a gospel singer. She went to a school with only two black kids in her class. Hattie and her family moved many times. Ms. McDaniel's first acting role was in a small film as an extra in Hollywood. This gave her acting career a great jump start. After starring in many films she finally won an Academy Award for the 1939 film *Gone With the Wind*, making her the first African-American to win the award. Ms. McDaniel passed away in Woodland Hills, California on October 26, 1952. Her accomplishments and achievements paved the way and helped create opportunities for African-Americans in film today.



Black History Trivia Game!

1. The 15th amendment granted African-Americans the right to...

A- vote
b- drive
c- cook

2. Civil Rights Activist W.E.B. DuBois founded...

a- NAACP the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
b- McDonalds
c- CYCSI Community Youth Care Services Inc.

3. _____ is considered the Mother of the civil rights movement.

a- Rosa Parks
b- Ms. Jeanna
c- Michelle Obama

4. This was an important event during the civil rights movement that occurred in 1964.

a- P.S. 176 opens
b- Congress passed the Civil Rights Act
c- Slavery is abolished

5. The first African-American to run for presidential candidacy was...

a- Mr. Brian
b- Barack Obama
c- Shirley Chisholm

Flip Upside Down For The Correct Answers:

1. A, 2. A, 3. A, 4. B, 5. C

Women's History Month



**Women's History Poem by Alicia Ford, 3rd Grade
and Ariel Lessey, 1st Grade**

Women's history is the best. Better than all the rest.
It's an amazing celebration. All around the nation.

Madame C.J. Walker was a big talker.
She sold hair products. Business went off like a rocket.
Marian Anderson, day and night she sung.
Sing or sell, women's history rings with a bell.



Meta Warrick Fuller was born on June 9, 1877 and died on March 18, 1968. Meta was an African-American artist, notable for her fine art.

-Mackenzie L. Breg, 1st Grade



Alice Coachman was the first African-American woman to win the Olympic high jump. She was a very energetic child.



When people think of tennis, they think about Serena Williams, but the best tennis player in my opinion is Althea Gibson. Gibson was born August 25, 1927. She won the French open, Australian open, and the Wimbledon. She was compared to Jackie Robinson for her achievements as an African-American athlete. Before she died she coached great athletes such as Serena and Venus Williams. Gibson was one of the first inductees in the international women's sports hall of fame.

-Tahir Peele, 5th Grade



Elizabeth Blackwell was born February 3, 1821. She was the first woman to get a medical degree in the United States. She was also the first woman to graduate from medical school. In 1874, Blackwell established a woman's medical school in London with Sophia Jex-Blake.

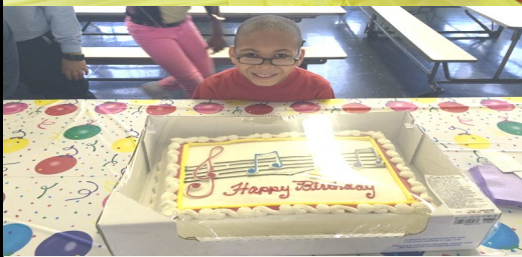
-Madison Pierre, 1st Grade



Madame C. J. Walker is known as the first self-made female millionaire. She made her own line of haircare products.

-Ariel Lessey, 1st Grade

Spring Birthday Celebrations!



Community Service Learning/Interning At CYCSI

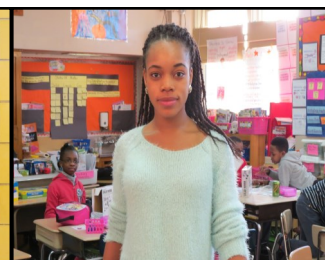
In the 2014/2015 school year 25 new students signed up to participate in the CYCSI Community Service Learning Program joining us from high schools and community colleges. Sixty percent of the students, while managing their busy school schedules, accumulated 50 service hours and most of them attended the Department of Health Mandatory School Age Care Training. Their contributions included working with students to accurately complete their home work assignments and supporting clubs such as sports, music, arts and crafts and cooking. Additionally, six students returned from the 2013/14 school year. Four of the six students teamed up with us over the summer as participants of the Department of Youth and Community Development Summer Youth Program (SYEP). The students' reward for their volunteer/internship experience range from personal satisfaction, confirmation that working with children is a career option, high school credit and stipends, and part time employment at CYCSI program.



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Queens High School of Teaching Liberal Arts & The Sciences



Hillcrest High School



Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical HS



Queens Preparatory Academy



Queensborough Community College



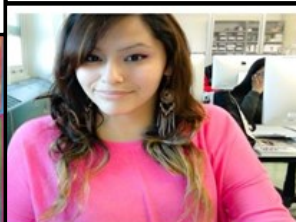
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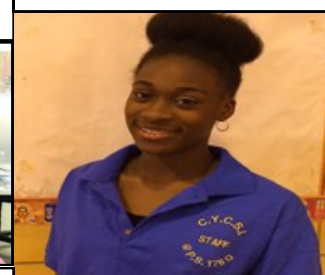
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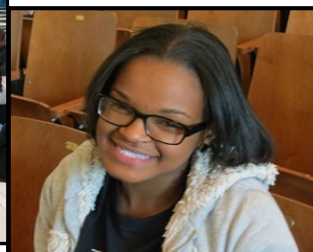
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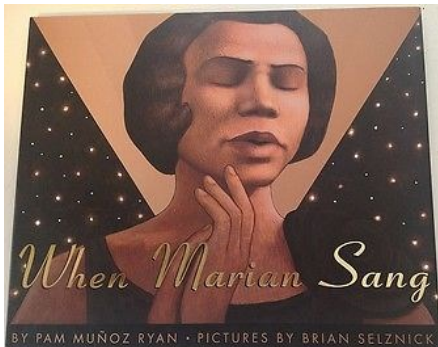


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A.C.T. Book Reviews



When Marian Sang
By Pam Muñoz Ryan

When Marian Sang is a biographical picture book about the life of legendary African-American singer

Marian Anderson. The book was written by Pam Muñoz Ryan and it was illustrated by Brian Selznick. The book details the trouble Anderson had because of her race. She couldn't sing in many places because she was colored, but she kept on trying. She traveled and sang in many different languages. Eventually Anderson had the opportunity to sing at the Metropolitan Opera. One of the important events in the story is when Marian Anderson's father died from an injury while at the Reading Terminal. Another important event is when she performed in France.

-Alicia Ford, 3rd Grade



The book is about the famous opera singer Marian Anderson. Marian used to sing with her sister all afternoon when she was eight. As a professional she sang over seas, but she had trouble singing in America because of racism and segregation. Finally with President Roosevelt's approval the Department of the Interior of the United States government invited Marian to sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday. Find out more about Marian Anderson in the book.

-Dilan Guthrie, 2nd Grade



10 Fun facts about Marian Anderson from *When Marian Sang* by Pam Muñoz Ryan:

1. Sometimes Marian Anderson had an accompanist when she traveled by train.
2. She sang loudly.
3. When she was little she would sing with her sisters, sometimes all afternoon.
4. She often sang with her eyes closed.
5. Marian Anderson's dream came true because she was able to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.
6. Marian had two younger sisters named Ethel and Alyse.
7. She was one of the youngest members singing on the peoples chorus at church.
8. In 1915 she couldn't go to the music school because she was colored.
9. Other churches wanted her to sing.
10. She received medals and awards for her voice.

Oghosa Aigbogun, 2nd Grade



Book Report By Jayda Philips, 1st Grade

Title: Henry's Freedom Box

Characters: Henry, Dr. Smith, brothers and sisters, James, Master, Nancy, Master's son, and Henry's friend.

Setting: Plantation, a factory, a ship, and Philadelphia.

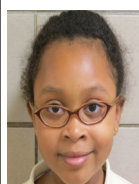
Brief Summary: A boy named Henry was a slave. Henry and his brothers and sisters worked in a big house where his master lived. One morning the master called Henry and his mother. The master was very ill and Henry hoped that he would set him free before he dies.



Congratulations To Our Circus Ticket Winners!



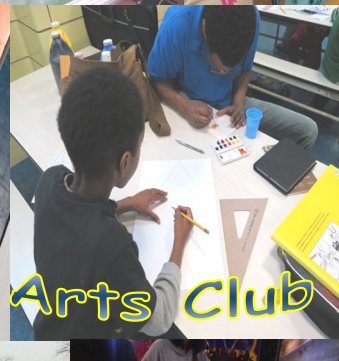
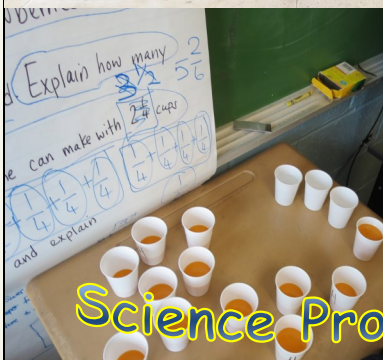
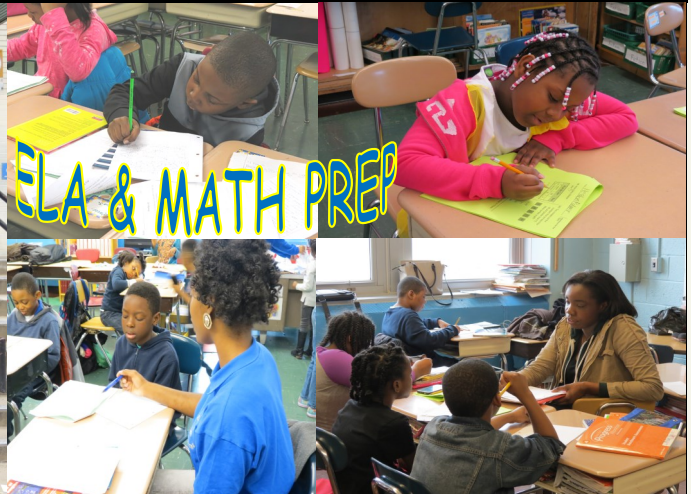
On Friday May 8th, five lucky students were chosen to receive complimentary tickets to the Universoul Circus, sponsored by Senator Leroy Comrie. The process of selecting only five student recipients was challenging because we would love to see all of our students go on the trip. To narrow down the options, **staff members nominated a student from each grade to win the tickets.**



Students were nominated based on good behavior, quality homework performance and volunteering. We congratulate Antonelle Coley, 3rd Grade, Faith Grinion, 5th Grade, Olanna Iwu, 2nd Grade, Haley Nedderman, Kindergarten, and Dominique Jerome, 1st Grade, for being star students and exhibiting good behavior. We look forward to selecting more star students to receive prizes and awards.



Winter and Spring Break 2015!



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

Arts and Crafts



Ms. Collette

Collette Lee, a student of Queensborough College, was hired as a part time employee after participating in the Internship Program early this year.

Why did you choose to work with CYCSI? - **Anaya Cambell**

I chose to work with CYCSI because it seemed like a great organization. - **Ms. Collette**

Why do you want to teach arts and crafts? - **Antonelle Coley**

I want to teach arts and craft because I enjoy doing arts and crafts. -**Ms. Collette**

What projects are you planning to do? -**Mr. Eric**

I plan to teach the students how

to make motors and geometry through bubbles. -**Ms. Collette**

Why did you choose Arts and Crafts as a club? -**Anaya Campbell**

I like to draw and be creative - **Bianca Jones**

Why do you like Arts and Crafts? - **Antonelle Coley**

I like Arts and Crafts because I like expressing my creativity - **Olanna Aden-tunji**

What kind of projects have you done? - **Alecia Ford**

We've worked on marble drawing and we made ball-in-a-cup toys.

Do you feel like Arts and Craft is the right club for you? Why?

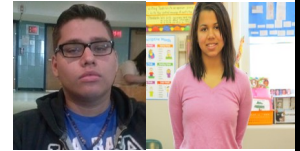
Yes because I want to pursue



Robotics

Mr. Mark and Ms. Gabriella from Thomas Edison Career and Technical High school headed up the Robotics Club this school year.

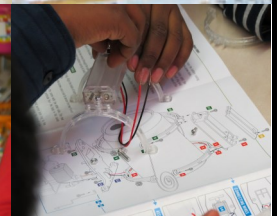
What do you expect to gain through working with the Robotics club? -**Mr. Eric**



I expect to gain the opportunity to enhance my work experience. - **Mr. Mark**

What have you done at Thomas Edison high school pertaining to robotics? -**Mr. Eric**

I've competed at several robotics competitions, study electronic theory, built robots, and practiced following verbal directions. - **Mr. Mark**



Farewell Ms. Shadra

Shadra Sampson has contributed her talent, skills and warm spirit to the development of programs at CYCSI. During her employment with CYCSI she worked with kindergarten and grades 1st and 2nd, led the Arts & Crafts club and served as the programs administrative assistant. She will be greatly missed by the students and staff members.

What will you miss most about Ms. Shadra?

"I will miss Shadra's affable personality when interacting with the staff and students, her pristine ability to decorate for events and most of all her kind words of encouragement." -**Ms. Brandie**

"She's always so nice and kind and I can say funny things to her" -**Mr. Brian**



Summer Camp 2015 @ PS15

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Monday, July 6 to Friday, August 21, 2015*

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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, Woodworking, Cooking, Dance, Drama, Music, Robotics, Sports, Theatre)*

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, 2015

Balance Due: \$1,095 per student due by June 1st, 2015

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