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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back for what I expect to be an exciting 2015-2016 school year in District 5. The beginning of each school year is a reminder of the infinite possibilities and opportunities that lay ahead of us. We are beginning this year filled with hope, excitement and the belief that our students can and will succeed.

It is an honor and privilege to lead this district and embark upon another journey to help students reach their highest potential. In my role as the Superintendent, I will continue to encourage and support our leaders and educators to deliver high quality instruction through rigorous standards and challenging content material. I am hopeful that our collective efforts will help us work towards the highest standards of performance this district has ever seen. I know that the work we are required to do requires focus, commitment, collaboration and continuous learning – to ensure that we ALL succeed.

In the short space of time school has been in session, I have observed so many opportunities for our students to learn and grow through quality instruction, special projects, celebrations, ceremonies, music, arts, etc. I believe that in order for students to be successful, they must receive support from both the home and school. Having a strong partnership parents and guardians will make a very positive difference for years to come.

Thank you families for the support you provide every day to our schools. Working together, we can ensure the success of all students. I hope this school year is filled with great stories, inedible memories and meaningful learning!

Sincerely,

Gale Reeves

PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT AT THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL

Our Parent Engagement Night was a great success. We asked families to revise their Family Charters from last year through our Yale RULER Approach and share how they want to feel as family members at home. We had ID'S made for all children through our Friends at NYLife.



Parent are engaged at Thurgood Marshall Academy Lower School



*Community
Superintendent
Gale Reeves*

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CS 154 Dad's Take Kids To School Day
- CSS WeShare Winner
- PS 175 Parent - Volunteer of the Year
- PS 92 Dads Take Kids To School Day
- RLA Loves Parent
- District 5 is on Twitter

DADS TAKE YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL DAY AT HARRIET TUBMAN—C.S. 154M



On September 22nd, CS 154 Hosted Dads Take Your Child to School Day, an initiative through the NYC Department of Education. Fathers and other father figures (brothers, uncles, grandfathers, etc.) were encouraged to drop off their child to school on this day. Approximately thirty dads were able to stay and join us for a breakfast. Guest speakers from the Office of Children and Family Services and the Department of Education welcomed our dads. They also participated in a workshop given by ENACT. ENACT teaches students and families positive alternatives to behaviors that might be seen as destructive. The workshop touched upon positive ways to work and speak with your child during frustrating moments. It was a great workshop, and the fathers were able to take back a lot of information home to their families. The students were excited to have their dads bring them to school on this day. A wonderful time was had by all.



COLUMBIA SECONDARY SCHOOL CONGRATULATES THEIR 2015 WESHARE GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Gabriela Gonzalez, is the 2015 weShare Grand Prize winner!

Out of 300+ project submissions this year, Gabriela's project – Will Prejudice Lead to the Next Holocaust? – was judged the best project of the year!!

In recognition of her outstanding work, she has won a free place on the 2016 Global Citizen Scholarship tour! As part of this experience, she is invited to attend a two-day leadership conference in the Hague, Netherlands (June 2016), along with a group of Global Citizen Scholarship recipients from around the country. The rest of the 2016 Global Citizen Scholars will be chosen in November. You can find more details on the Global Citizen Scholarship here: <http://www.eftours.com/global-citizen>

Her project will soon be featured as the Grand Prize winner in the Gallery and an announcement will be going out to all 2015 participating students.

Four other students have their final projects featured on the WeShare gallery page. (Karime Robles, Jai Smith, Bryan Tricoche, Scarlet Herrera)

An Introduction

What does one get when they combine 22 high schoolers, two history teachers, an art history major, an architecture, an administrator, and an tour director?



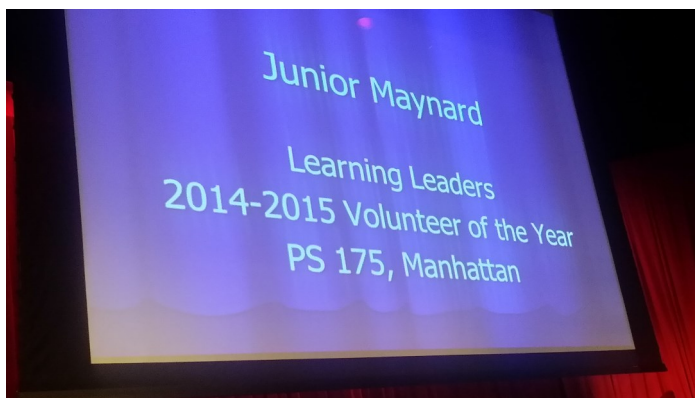
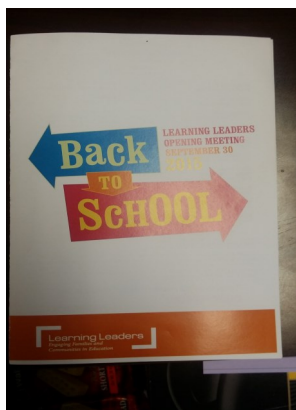
PHOTO BY GABI GONZALEZ

The most common way of spending one's spring break is either at home, surrounded by friends, family, and food, or in a foreign place, too surrounded by friends, family, and food. Not many would say that to remember the lives of the approximate 60-85 million people who perished seven decades ago, and the darkness that came with it, is at the top of their list of concerns. However, that was not the case for selected students and staff of Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science, and Engineering; 22 high schoolers, most of whom had never traveled internationally before, two history teachers, a math teacher, an art history major, and one administrator made up the

group of individuals who designated their twelve days of spring vacation this past April to learn about the source of the aforementioned fatalities during World War II and the Holocaust.

“ I always had a vague understanding of the Holocaust, because I didn't know how bad it actually was, but now I do

CONGRATULATIONS TO PS 175 PARENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



On September 30, 2015 Learning Leaders held their start of the year meeting at NYU. Mr. Junior Maynard, a Learning Leader Parent volunteer at PS 175, received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the great work he has done and will continue to do with students there. He was chosen from over 3,000 volunteers across NYC. Chancellor Carmen Fariña, Executive Superintendent for the Division of Family Engagement, Yolanda Torres and Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer were among the invited guests.

RLA LOVES PARENTS

Annual Meet and Greet



On Saturday, Sept 19, RLA had its Annual Meet and Greet. Parents and Staff enjoyed a day of conversation and fun ending with a barbeque.

Dads Bring Your Kids to School Day



On September 22, RLA hosted Dads Take Your Children to School. We welcomed dads and male role models into the school.

We opened up the event with Real Talk where the males were presented with statistics on the impact of their involvements in the education. Dads gave suggestions on how to keep men involved in the school. Event ended with a continental breakfast and donut and coffee where they met with Principal Melisha Jackman who encouraged them to remain involved throughout the school year. Males were presented with tickets to enjoy a football game with their family. (Courtesy Of Shavon Glover)

RENAISSANCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM 2015

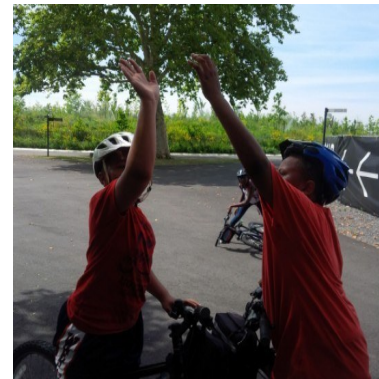
The RLA Summer Bridge Program was the place to be this summer! For two weeks we were able to do meaningful work with an incredible group of students. The program served a dual purpose: to prepare incoming students to successfully transition from elementary to middle school and to provide our current students the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership skills.

Students were introduced to the school's high academic and rigorous expectations inside the classroom and out. They were introduced to Socratic Circle as they engaged in academic dialogue about topics, utilizing mind-set strategies in an effort make them shift their mindset about their own intelligence, and study skills that will enhance their academic success. Students were also engaged in enrichment activities that promoted communication, teamwork, self-awareness, awareness of social issues and the compassion to become stewards of solutions. Some of the memorable highlights were:

1) Students created "I Care" baskets for a local shelter and interacted with the young people from the shelter. The words of encouragement from both the youth, the shelter and our students were powerful.

2) During the trip to Governor's Island five students learned how to ride a bike for the first time. A powerful moment was observing the students provide instruction to those who did not know how to ride a bike and support each other by giving high fives for their accomplishments.

3) Students presented to their parents and their peers the vision boards they created. They exhibited a tremendous amount of courage and transparency by exposing their past and future dreams and aspirations. I must admit this event was heartfelt for many members of our school community.



COLUMBIA SECONDARY SCHOOL BRAINYACS SHINE

Six CSS high school students spent six weeks this summer doing mentored research in the neuroscience laboratories at Columbia University as part of the Brainyac program in the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute. They were prepared for the laboratory research during eight training sessions from January to April. Following is the list of CSS participants and their research topics:

Junior

Gabriela Gonzalez: Neural Mechanism Underlying How Stress Hijacks the Reward System;

Senior

Maria Isidoro: The Effect of Genetic Engineering on Neurotransmitter Transports;

Junior

Sandra Li: Kinematic Analysis of Mutant Mice;

Senior

Fiorella Mota: Learning Style Differences as the Underlying Cause of Autistic Behaviors;

Senior

Cynthia Quito: Identification of Putative Gentle Touch Interneurons in *Drosophila* Larvae;

Senior

Stormi Smith: Examining Cortical Layer-Specific Expression in Transgenic Mice.



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**dad's take your child to school day
tuesday, september 22, 2015**



Mission Statement

The District Five School Community, inclusive of parents and staff, collaborate to ensure high academic standards are set so that our students achieve excellence both academically and socially in order to be productive and industrious members in our global society.

*"One village,
One community,
One voice"*

***"Leadership We Can
Count On"***

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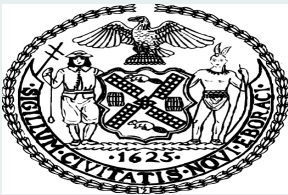
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Superintendent (SUPT.)

Supervises team and principals in District 5

Dr. Marion Wilson

Principal Leadership Facilitator (PLF)

Serves as the Superintendent's primary designee

Mr. Major Fareed

Teacher Development & Evaluation Coach (TDEC) –

Ensures that school leaders have the information and support they need to meet the expectations of the Framework for Great Schools through effective implementation of Advance and Common Core Learning Standards.

Ms. Debra Spivak

Director of School Renewal (DSR)

Supervises the implementation of the School Renewal Plan and coordination of supports in district with Renewal Schools.

Ms. Roxan Marks

Field Support Liaison (FSL)

Acts as an intermediary between the Superintendent's office and the Borough Field Support Center (BFSC) as well as support schools with any concerns regarding BFSC services and provides guidance on streamlining supports.

Ms. Carla Tenorio

Family Support Coordinator (FSC) –

Serves as the point person of contact for family concerns. Families and schools may directly contact the Family Support Coordinator for escalation and resolution.

Mr. Ernest Clayton

Family Leadership Coordinator (FLC) -

Works closely with the school community including families, School Leadership Team (SLT), Parent Associations and Parent Coordinators.

Ms. Nadine Edwards

Administrative Assistant (AA) -

Perform general office procedures to support district team.