

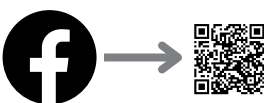


RACQUETS & READING WITH ACES

ACES FAMILY ENGAGEMENT RECOGNITION

CIDER AND SIP!

- Parents and students from LION Charter School (P.S.345 BX) painted images that resonated with them. This allowed for parents, students, and staff to meet, interact, and build a network and support system, laying a foundation to better support our participants on their journey!



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: TOLERANCE

- Tolerance goes beyond just staying silent on uncomfortable issues. To me, tolerance means embracing diverse values and experiences, acknowledging that the world is complex and that there's not a singular right way or wrong way. When faced with discomfort, it's an important chance for personal growth; to understand what it is about our own history or society that's making us feel challenged. True tolerance means recognizing that every person is of unique and equal value; regardless of how similar or different to ourselves they are.

LOOKING FORWARD:

- Program closure: Winter recess (12/25/2023-01/01/24)

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- NYJTL partnered with Children's Village to rain all part-time and full-time staff.

ACES STAFF RECOGNITION

Mohammed K. - P.S.71

- "Mohammed K., an exceptional group leader at P.S. 71, excels in Sports and STEM while serving as an indispensable resource for Bangladeshi families. His role extends beyond mere communication support; Mohammed provides invaluable assistance in cultural alignment, fostering understanding, and offering comfort to our families. His dedication to our community is evident through his continuous support for our team and students. When a new student with specific cultural request joined our program, Mohammed's thoughtful guidance and deep respect for our youths' culture and beliefs were evident. He went the extra mile to ensure this student felt safe, included, and supported at NYJTL. His considerate approach not only supported the student but also set a remarkable example for our school community. Mohammed's proactive engagement makes him an indispensable asset to our program."

- **Kimberly F., Program Director**



Highlights: Jamier B. (I.S.364 BK), Keneiha L. (P.S. 191 BK), Jeneva B. (P.S. 42 QNS), Angie K. (I.S. 378 BX), Jay G. (P.S. 12 BK), Hasaan G. (J.H.S. 383 BK), Tinisha M. (P.S. 219 BK), Alexander A. (M.S. 273 BX), Quilebi J. (P.S. 706 QNS), Sheena F. (I.S.211 BK), Irene F. (P.S.127 QNS), Zowie M. (M.S.345 BX), Danae R. (M.S.147 QNS), Bruce B. (P.S.325 BK), Keyshawn W. (P.S.345 BX), Jaileen C.R. (P.S.215 BK), Kiani S. (P.S.93 BK), Mary C.T. (P.S.187 NYC), Laquana W. (P.S.36 BX), Katherine V. (P.S.75 BX), Tyvion M. (P.S.197 BK), Latisha E. (P.S.100 BX), Destinee S. (P.S, 37), Moello W. (P.S.289)

ACES PARTICIPANT RECOGNITION

Omari C., 2nd Grade, P.S. 9

- In our program, Omari exhibits tolerance by actively participating in all the program's activities. He welcomes and embraces diverse viewpoints and is open to new ideas that may differ from his own. He respectfully engages in discussions with his classmates about the projects they are working on, and he has a willingness to learn with an open mind. Omari has a positive attitude toward learning and collaboration in our program."

- **Deja M., Program Director**



Highlights: Shakur K. (P.S. 93 BK), Ameera N. (I.S. 364 BK), Devonte M. (P.S.191 BK), Joshua A. (P.S. 71 BX), Zania L. (M.S.316 BX), Aly P. (P.S.42 QNS), Marisol B. (I.S.378 BX), Semaj H. (P.S.12 BK), Geronimo V. (I.S.61 QNS), Omari C. (P.S.9 BK), Kyle W. (J.H.S 383 BK), Iris Y. (P.S.219 BK), Kai E. (M.S. 273 BX), Leah C. (P.S.706 QNS), Joey D. (I.S.211 BK), Brenda O. (P.S. 127 QNS), Zaniah R. (P.S. 325 BK), Yulaine C. (P.S.345 BX), Fillipo C. (P.S.215 BK), Omar O. (P.S.197 BK), Levy A. (P.S. 75 BX), Chase C. (P.S.100 BX), Jace M. (P.S.187 NYC), Jayle A. (P.S. 36), Katherine A. (P.S.37), Arize B. (P.S.289)



MEET THE DIRECTORS

P.S.12 (Dr. Jacqueline Peek-Davis School)

- The NYJTL administrative team at PS 12, [Ms. Taiana D., Program Director](#) and [Ms. Zakiya D.A., Assistant Program Director](#) are a dynamic duo. They collaborate to provide a safe, engaging environment for the scholars of their program. They were recently highlighted for supporting the school in increasing their ELA level 3's and 4's by 7.4% and an impressive jump in math by 33.1%. Recently, they coordinated to host a wonderful "Paint & Inspire" evening with families prior to the Thanksgiving break. Both participated in the 73rd Precinct Meet and Greet where they were able to network with other DYCD funded programs, grassroots organizations, and the NYPD to discuss resources available to families we serve and how we can work together to solve issues affecting the Brownsville community.
 - **Mandisa M. (Program Manager)**



ACES ENRICHMENT RECOGNITION

P.S.706 (Our World Neighborhood Charter School)

- "Debate was a roaring success in November! [Quilebi J.](#), creates her own [literacy curriculum](#) with help from premade Debate lessons provided by Keila A. Students are thoughtfully voicing opinions and engaging in thorough and well-thought arguments consistently!"
 - Greg B., Program Director



Budding Green Thumbs!

- This month at PS 325 in Brooklyn, [Ms. Williams](#) has been instrumental in leading the BeetBox & GROWNYC Curricula with Junior Gardeners, grades 2-5. She has taught her eager students about plants and their life cycles, from seed to full bloom. With Ms. Williams' support, the students have a blossoming garden complete with cilantro, basil, and thyme. We are so proud of their efforts and their passion for a green future!

NYJTL IN THE NEWS

- We are proud to report that we were featured in [Crain's New York Business](#) this month highlighting our important Saturday Night Lights partnership with the DYCD. The program shows how tennis not only enhances physical and mental wellness, but can also foster stronger relationships between kids and local law enforcement officers. Take a look!
- Three NYJTL Community Tennis Program (CTP) coaches have been featured in the news for their dedication to instructing and mentoring New York City youth. Christian and Gaetan Georges were featured in [Caribbean Life](#). We met Christian and Gaetan as young tennis players in our program and have seen them burgeon into accomplished athletes, coaches, and role models.
- Coach Lorraine Alexander was featured in the [Bronx Times](#) for her leadership of our Co-op City CTP site, which she founded with her late husband over 40 years ago. Ms. Lorraine's love for tennis is infectious, and it shines through the many students who continue to learn with her over the years.



FAMILY RESOURCE CORNER

EVERYDAY IS A MIRACLE

- Resources:
 - Food Pantry
 - Adult Enrichment
 - Computer Classes
 - Entrepreneur Support
 - Preventative Health Assessments
 - Social Services
 - Case Management
 - Housing Application Assistance
 - Youth Career Guidance
 - Snap Application Assistance
 - Health Care Assistance
 - Referrals

Discover DYCD

- Resources:
 - Educational Services
 - Reading, Writing and GED Courses
 - English Language Learners Program
 - Housing Support
 - Family Support
 - Senior Services
 - Fatherhood Program Initiatives
 - Jobs & Internships
 - Opportunities for Youth (Age 16-24)
 - Immigrant Services

NYC Teenspace

- NYC Teenspace is a free mental health support program available to any teenager age 13 to 17 living in New York City. Whether you struggle with mental health challenges or just want somebody to talk to about your everyday ups and downs, you can sign up for Teenspace to be connected to a licensed therapist for ongoing support. You will also get access to online mental health exercises to complete at your own pace. Teenspace is offered by the NYC Health Department and powered by Talkspace.

NYJTL Community Tennis Program

- NYJTL's Community Tennis Program is gearing up for its winter season, and registration is now open through League Apps! This 20-week program gives children and teens aged 5 to 18 the opportunity to enjoy tennis from 6–8 a.m. The winter program kicked off on November 11 and wraps up on March 2. But the fun doesn't stop there – participants can look forward to competing in the 6-day, 3-weekend Hartman Cup Tournament following the season's conclusion. Don't miss out – secure your spot now!



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