BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NYC

SCHOOL'S OUT NEW YORK CITY

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The Math & Science Exploratory School







Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC Vision Statement

Our vision is that all children achieve success in life.

Agency Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity in NYC with a strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 mentoring relationship with adults that change their lives for the better, forever. We partner with families, volunteers, organizations and the community to inspire positive change in all.

SONYC Mission Statement

In our School's Out NYC setting, we aim to provide middle school students with a pathway for success. Through a structured program with instruction in sports, literacy, art, computers and leadership activities, we offer middle students positive choices in how they can spend their after school hours, and enhanced opportunities for instruction beyond a traditional learning setting.





Staffing Structure

• **Program Director – oversees all Programing (Full- Time)**

Part time Staff:

- Education Specialist: develops curriculum with Activity
 Specialists & Group Leaders
- Program Aide: Oversees all data management
- Activity Specialists: Design Curriculum & facilitate specific activities
- Group Leaders: Co-facilitates activities w/ Activity Specialist

*Each activity has a staff to student ratio of 1:15 thus 1 Activity Specialist and 1 Group Leader are paired to provide activity instruction with a max of 30 participants per activity.





Fact Sheet

- Program Starts Tuesday Sept 13th 2016 and ends on Friday June 23, 2017
- Program Hours: Monday- Thursday 235pm-545pm; Friday 2:35-5pm
- Open on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Election Day, February Recess & two days of Spring Recess, Anniversary & Clerical days in June Onsite Programming/Field Trips 10am -4pm
- Closed: Columbus Day, Parent Teacher Conference Days, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Recess, Winter Recess, MLK Day, Memorial Day
- Program started in 2014
- Served 220+ each year; 120 daily student max
- 1:15 Staff to Student Ratio per activity (thus 2 staff members per activity)
- 16 staff total; 12 onsite per day
 - Mix of MS 447 teachers and Qualified Staff with Backgrounds in Activity Facilitating
- New for 2016****
- Sports: Intramurals:(Team Handball, Basketball, Soccer), Ultimate Frisbee
- Arts Cooking, Dance Team
- Literacy Lyrics- Music Analysis, Reel Review- Movie Analysis



ACTIVITY OFFERINGS

TEAM SPORTS	Soccer Team	Dance Team	Wrestling Team	Girls Basketball Team	Boys Basketball Team
STEM ACTIVITIES	Robotics*	Chess*	Filmmaking	Game Factory	Music Technology
Physical Recreation	Flag Football	Basketball	Soccer	Volleyball	Mix Sport Clinics
LITERACY & ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE	Study Lab	Academic Tutoring	Creative Writing	Beats* (Music lyrics Analysis)	Reel Flicks* (Movie Analysis)
INTRAMURAL SPORTS	Team Handball	Basketball	Soccer	Ultimate Frisbee	
Life skills & Leadership	Team Talk – Life Skills	Student Government*	Team Building Games- SONYC Challenge		
Arts	Cartooning	Fine Arts	Dance	Cooking*	Makeup
FREE Programming	Birthday Cupcakes	Raffles & Incentives	Trips	Mid- Winter Recess Activities	Spring Recess Activities



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Session1	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	230-3pm		
235pm- 330pm	SONYC Challenge	SONYC Challenge	Study Lab	Study Lab	Snack		
	Intramurals: Team Handball Skill Building	Intramurals: Team Handball League Games	Teacher Office Hours Wrestling Dance Team	Teacher/Gym Office Hours Dance Team	Boys Basketball Clinic Student Government		
Session 2	Team Handball League	Cartooning	Girls Basketball Clinic	Wrestling	3:05-4pm		
3:35pm-430pm	Games	Team Handball League		Homework Help	Fine Arts		
	Homework Help	Games	Team Talk	Chess*	Game Factory		
	Robotics*	Creative Writing	Academic	Music Technology*	Makeup (once/month)		
	Chess*	Reel Review	Tutoring		Dance		
	Lyrics		Dance Team				
					Cooking*		
Session 3	Flag Football	Cartooning	Soccer	Volleyball	4:05-5pm		
4:35pm-530pm	Homework Help	Basketball	Team Talk	Chess*	Fine Arts		
	Robotics*	Dance	Academic	Team Talk	Game Factory		
	Chess*	Reel Review	Tutoring	Homework Help	Makeup (once/month)		
	Lyrics		Filmmaking		Dance		
					Cooking*		
					Mix Sports		
5:30-545pm	Study Lab		SONYC Challenge		5pm		
545pm – 6pm	Dismissal		Dismissal		Dismissal		
Activity start Date TBD							

Activity Descriptions

- Academic Tutoring: students work independently or in small groups to complete homework or class projects, and an MS 477 teacher provides one on one support to students in need of assistance.
- **Regents Prep (8th Grade):** MS 447 teachers offer preparatory instruction for regents exam.
- Fine Arts : students learn artistic skills, such as drawing, to explore their identities and the world.
- **Basketball:** instruction, drills and scrimmages to learn teamwork, sportsmanship and how to play.
- **Basketball Team:** separate teams for boys and girls. Instruction, practice, and weekly league games.
- **Game Factory :** critical thinking through board games. Each week students teach students a new game
- **Chess**: Through a partnership with NY Chess and Games, participants will learn to play chess and have opportunity to compete in tournaments throughout the year.
- **Cartooning:** instruction in multi-media cartoon and comic strip composition.
- **Dance Choreography:** instruction and training to choreograph and perform dance routines.
- **Team Talk (Boys/Girls Talk)** Students will discuss gender related topics as well as Time Management, financial responsibility, professionalism, safety, health, healthy relationships, Etiquette etc.
- Seasonal Intramural Sports: Students will play in 3 month long leagues of Team Handball, Basketball and Soccer. Students will be placed on a team for 3 months and play weekly/bi weekly against other MS 447 students.





Activity Descriptions (cont'd)

- **Mixed Sports:** exposure to and experience in playing a variety of sports each week in the gym.
- **Reel Review!:** viewing movies and scenes to analyze and critique how the subject matter is portrayed.
- **Robotics:** Students will learn to build and code Lego Robots using Lego Mindstorm EV3 software. Participants will compete in the First Lego League competition.
- **Soccer:** drills, lessons and scrimmages to teach the rules of the game, leadership and sportsmanship.
- **Soccer Team:** Instruction, practice, and weekly league games.
- **Student Government:** Students participate in the MS 447 student council.
- **Creative Writing:** instruction and support to write, edit, and publicly read original short stories.
- **Study Lab:** Students will receive 30 minutes to start homework and/or complete 30 minutes of daily reading.
- **SONYC Challenge** Students will work together on Team Building Tasks either in the Gym or in the classroom.
- **Wrestling:** through the Beat the Streets Wrestling program and practice curriculum, students receive instruction and support in order to participate in wrestling competitions.
- Lyrics- Students will listen to different artist and band songs and analyze lyrics
- **Filmmaking** Students will learn how to Write Edit Publish and Share their original film scripts as well as learn how to utilize cameras/camcorders to make short films.







WHY JOIN SONYC?

- IT'S FREE TO ALL MS447 STUDENTS!
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS!
- GET HELP WITH HOMEWORK from Teachers
 & PARTICIPATE IN COOL ACTIVITIES!



- WEEKLY RAFFLES!
 - THE MORE YOU ATTEND THE MORE OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE TO WIN A WEEKLY PRIZE
 - PRIZES INCLUDE GIFT CARDS TO:
 - Old Navy, AMC Movie Theaters, Itunes, Shake Shack & much more!



BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES

• PARTICPIANTS IN SONYC RECEIVE A CUPCAKE THE MONTH OF THEIR BIRTHDAY (JULY & AUGUST ARE RECOGNIZED IN JUNE)

FRIPS!!

• THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR (including Mid Winter Recess & Spring Recess) WE WILL OFFER TRIPS TO PARTICIPANTS WHO RECORD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN THE PROGRAM SUCH AS : BOWLING, MUSEUMS, APPLEBEES, DAVE & BUSTERS, FRIDAYS, MOVIES, DISCOVERY TIME SQUARE, SPORTING EVENTS & MUCH MORE!









Frequently Asked Questions

- My child only needs homework help. Can they attend only this activity?
 - Unfortunately, NO. We understand that homework can take quite a bit of time to complete. This is why we offer daily homework time and 5 hours of homework help/assistance per week. BBBS SONYC program @ MS 447 is not setup to be solely an academic enrichment program. We provide a range of structured, unstructured, academic and recreational programs throughout the week.
- Can my child attend multiple sessions of the same activity?
 - No. The second session of activities (.i.e. Robotics) will teach the same lesson as was taught the first session but to new set of students. Going to the same activities twice will not benefit the student as they will review the same lesson they received. Thus we ask students to choose a different second activity making their afterschool experience diverse and engaging
- What are the start and end dates of the program.
 - The program will run from September 13, 2016- June 23, 2017
- Will the program be open when school is closed (holidays, breaks)
 - No. The program will follow the DOE school schedule. When school is closed, so is the program. There
 may be programming or individual days during the Mid-Winter & Spring Breaks. The Program director will
 provide information as it becomes available.
- May my child leave the program early?
 - Participants should remain for the entire time of 2:35-6pm. However if a participant needs to leave early or arrive late due to doctor's appointment or other family obligations, it will be approved with prior written notice (email) to Program Director.





I'm Interested, now what?

- 1. Complete & return enrollment form (email or mail)
- 2. SONYC Staff Member will provide follow up and confirmation in September 2016.
- 3. Questions -Contact:

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