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The Young Lord's Party

We read the Black Panther Party graphic novel.

Available locally for purchase at The Lit Bar

131 Alexander Ave, Bronx, NY 10454



Following a dynamic lesson on the positive impact of the Black Panther Party, our middle schoolers delved into the history of the Young Lords Party. In an engaging exploration, they discovered how the Young Lords played a crucial role in advocating for positive change, particularly in the South Bronx

February Fun at A House on Beekman!

Get ready for an exciting month ahead as we dive into the wonders of February at A House on Beekman. We've curated a lineup of captivating activities and engaging experiences for you and your family to enjoy. From festive arts and crafts to interactive storytelling sessions and lively dance parties, there's something for everyone. Let's celebrate the joys of February together and create lasting memories that will warm our hearts.

"Love is the greatest refreshment in life." - Pablo Picasso

Fact of The Day

Fact of the Day: Did you know that February is not only the month of love and romance but also the month of kindness? In 1995, February was designated as "National Random Acts of Kindness Month" in the United States. It's a time to spread love and compassion by performing small acts of kindness to brighten someone's day. Whether it's offering a helping hand, sharing a smile, or expressing gratitude, let's embrace the spirit of kindness throughout February and make a positive difference in the lives of others. Together, we can create a ripple effect of love and kindness that extends far beyond this month.

February Health Tip:

Stay Active for Heart Health

In February, take care of your heart by staying active. Engage in regular physical activity like walking, dancing, or cycling to keep your heart strong and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week. Remember, every step counts toward a healthier heart!

Meet The Team...

Paola!



Meet Paola, a valued member of the AHOB staff, who is about to celebrate an impressive 7 years with us! Paola's dedication and passion shine through in her role, where she finds joy in building meaningful relationships with the families in our programs.

While Paola may be known for her warm interactions with others, here's an interesting tidbit that not everyone might be aware of - she considers herself a shy and private person.

When it comes to leisure, Paola is captivated by "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho, citing its profound impact on her. Outside of the literary realm, her dream vacation spot is the picturesque Aruba, and her favorite quote to live by is, "God's timing is perfect."

If Paola could possess any superpower, it would be telepathy, allowing for even deeper connections with those around her. Music-wise, she has a diverse taste, enjoying the rhythms of Bachata, Salsa, Romantic, and old tunes. Her favorite color is white, symbolizing purity and simplicity, while Indian food takes the top spot in her culinary preferences.

Paola's thirst for knowledge extends beyond her current expertise, expressing a general love for learning new things both personally and professionally.

Let's celebrate Paola for her seven years of dedication, her passion for building connections, and her commitment to continuous growth. Thank you, Paola, for being an invaluable part of the AHOB family!



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Babies - 2 Program In our Transitioning Toddlers segment, we've been delving into the letter "J" through engaging activities like tracing, coloring, and creating adorable jellyfish. Excitingly, our toddlers have also begun tracing their own names, with a majority now recognizing them. A big round of applause to Gael Martinez, our spotlight student of the week! Gael has displayed remarkable enthusiasm and dedication to his learning journey.

Paola Matutue - Program Coordinator

The Preschool Program we reflect on the wonderful events that unfolded in January, we're excited to share a sneak peek into the upcoming festivities in February! Our family engagement initiative continues to thrive, and this month, parents will have the delightful opportunity to showcase their creativity during Cupcake Decorating at our monthly Family Engagement event. In class students learned about clothing for the month of January and visited a laundromat on one of our daily neighborhood walks. We are working on our data collection skills by measuring our shoes with counting cubes and recording our findings on a bar graph.

Frances Nieves - Program Director



The Primary Program This month, our dedicated staff introduced our students to poetry, guiding them through various poetic forms in preparation for an upcoming book publication in early spring. In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, students engaged in a drawing activity depicting Dr. King, followed by a reflective writing prompt expressing their dreams for the future. We're also thrilled to share that our afterschool program received a generous donation of hats, scarves, and gloves, ensuring our students stay warm and cozy this winter. Thank you for your continued support in creating meaningful experiences for our students.

Amber Howell - Program Director

The Community Engagement Program In our Community Engagement Program, we honored Martin Luther King Jr.'s principles of Nonviolence, creating peace doves and reflecting on peace. Led by Ms. Charysh, our Drama session explored "Where The Wild Things Are," with volunteer reader Julian, inspiring us to craft our own monster characters. We also resumed Younglife and Wyldlife sessions for Middle and High schoolers held on the third Saturday of each month, we celebrated our first session of Younglives Club — a gathering supporting parenting teenagers with mentors, childcare, community resources and the love of God. Additionally, we delved into the artistry of Romero Britto, crafting our own Britto-inspired artworks.

Stephany Polanco - Community Engagement Coordinator

Message From our Executive Director..

As the Executive Director it is my job to make sure that we are always staying true to our vision and mission to benefit all of the families in our programs. Did you know that our vision is to see every child in our programs reach their God given potential? To that end, in the month of February we are hosting several small gatherings around the city and even as far as Texas and Tennessee to share how to join us in this vision as we all partner together to build a stronger community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS !

February 10th, 2024 - Saturday Program Valentine's Day Dance

February 19th-23rd, 2024 - Midwinter Recess

February 24th, 2024 - No Saturday Program