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Cultural Arts Academy Charter School Congratulations Class of 2019!



On Friday, June 28, 2019, Cultural Arts Academy Charter School held its 9th Bridging and 5th Graduation Ceremony at Christian Cultural Center, in Brooklyn, NY. Scholars in grades K-4 crossed the stage in their soignée outfits to receive their blue IB encrusted bridging awards for moving up to the next grade level.

Our graduating class of 2019 was recognized as the 5th class to graduate from Cultural Arts Academy Charter School since the first graduating class of 2015. This was our first 5th grade class to graduate since our official International Baccalaureate authorization and world school designation.

The graduation ceremony included speeches from our 5th grade valedictorian, salutatorian, and keynote speaker: Jerome Stanislaus, who is an active pilot

that enjoys giving back by taking young people from the community for free flight experiences.

The ceremony was lead by our founding principal and head of school, Dr. Laurie Midgette who was also honored by her beloved staff.

The Visual and Performing Arts contributed to the CAA Bridging Ceremony by delivering impactful performances in dance, drama, and music. The recording of Miracles sung by Jackerlyn Carr opened the Bridging Ceremony danced by Dean Jones, Dean Thompson, Professor Holmes and parent, Rozand Barratt. Then scholars from grades 3 and 4 danced to recording Grace, sung by Leandria Johnson. In addition, scholars ranging from grades 2-4 performed an impactful passionate dramatic skit/spoken

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5th Grade's Exhibition



Read about how our 5th graders took action to raise awareness to our school community about Health and Nutrition. This was their final project at our school and they left a legacy!

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Kindergarten's Happy Pig Day!



Dean Pena organizes two parties for the Kindergarten classes that included lots of reading, crafts, and eating themed from their year long exploration of the Elephant and Piggy series by Mo Willems.

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Culture Day



Our entire school dressed up and brought in food to celebrate their heritage. We took great joy in embracing and celebrating our diversity.

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"The important thing is to not stop questioning." -Albert Einstein

word written and directed by Professor Walcott titled "The Skin I'm In." Last, the Cultural Arts Academy Charter School Choir sang, in perfect harmony, to *Stand Up For Something* made popular by recording artist, Audra Day. The 5th grade processioned in to "I Was Here" by Beyonce'. They exited to Kirk Franklin's "Revolution."



Our 5th grade valedictorian and salutatorian each delivered moving speeches.

5th Grade Exhibition 2019

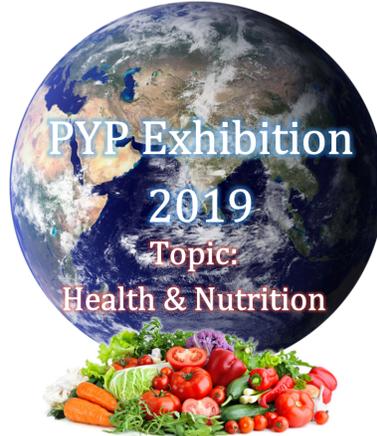
On Thursday, June 20, 2019, Cultural Arts Academy Charter School held its 4th annual Primary Years Programme 5th grade exhibition. The central idea for this year's exhibition was, "Taking action can improve the health and nutrition of a community."

Our 5th graders did a tremendous job researching, writing papers, collaborating on creative projects, and presenting to a large audience. The day began with the 5th graders preparing our Makerspace by printing, cutting, pasting, posting, hanging, delivering and setting up projects. Next we invited our second



and third grade classes into our Makerspace to browse the 5th grade projects on display. Our 5th graders were present to answer the inquiries of the younger scholars.

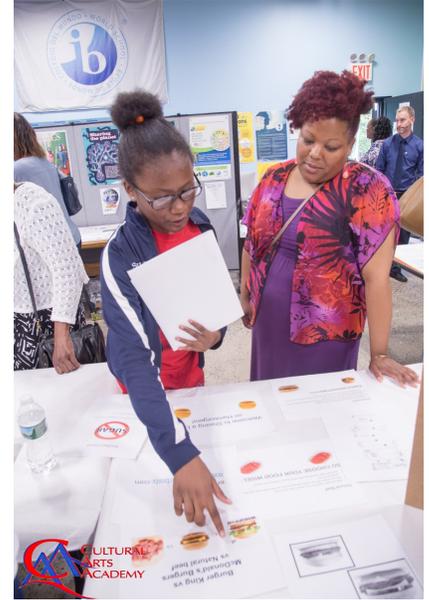
Next, our fifth graders went to lunch and took a break before being invited back to our Makerspace for their final presentations. Present was an intrigued audience, including over



sixteen educators from a visiting school district in the Hamptons, Long Island. Both of our 4th grade classes and many of the staff and families of our school community were also in attendance.

The fifth graders took the stage in groups with the exception of a few who worked independently. Each member of the fifth grade was prepared with an index card that summarized what their curiosity was, what surprising information they found in their research, what inspired them, and what action they chose to take. Our fifth grade scholars, who had taken debate class all year, shined with each of their opportunities to speak to the large group on the microphone.

The audience was wonderfully attentive during the presentations and adult and children scholars alike asked critical questions. Our fifth grade presenters had answers to all of



the questions and displayed the IB learner profile trait of knowledgeable with great pride. It was also worth noting the reflectiveness and metacognition of this fifth grade group, as they were able to articulate when their thinking changed regarding certain foods during their research. The fifth grade scholars also used the exhibition as an opportunity to take action and raise awareness through flyers, brochures, cookbooks, food samples, comic strips, a dance, posters and more!

We commend our class of 2019 and their lead teachers: Professor McBride and Professor Pepper and the other staff members who aided in facilitating this year's 5th grade exhibition.



On June 24th, 2019, our Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade scholars presented science projects in our cafeteria. The science fair is a long-standing tradition in our school that allows scholars to utilize the scientific method at home. It allows our scholars to tap into the theme of How the World Works and demonstrate the IB Learner Profile traits: Inquirer and Thinker. A question from the day of



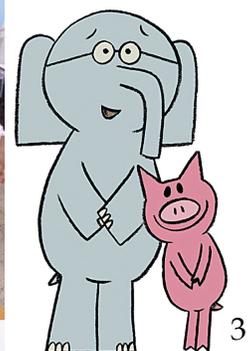
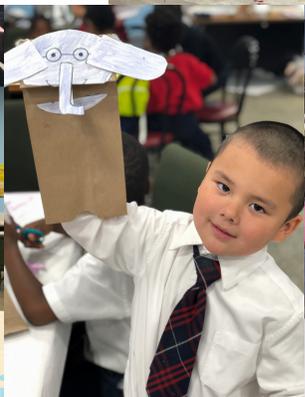
Kindergarten-second grade projects was, "I wonder how string phones work?"

On June 25th, our third and fourth grade scholars presented their science fair projects. One inquiry from this day was "I wonder which fruit spoils faster?"



Kindergarten's Elephant and Piggy Party

Our Kindergarten scholars love to read the Elephant and Piggy series of books by author Mo Willems! In June, Kindergarten scholars celebrated a year-long study of the Elephant and Piggy books, which teach compassion, patience, and perseverance through lovable characters and engaging storylines. Dean Pena organized the parties which included a read aloud marathon, arts and crafts, reflection, and a delicious "slop" lunch!



Culture Day

On Friday, June 21, 2019, Cultural Arts Academy Charter School held its first annual Culture Day. Our school community embodied the IB learner profile trait of being open minded as we celebrated our diversity. Scholars were encouraged to dress in cultural attire and many families brought in cultural foods. Special performances included a Trinidadian steel pan, dancers on stilts, and Latin salsa dancing. The day also featured a paint lesson and a carnival costume presentation.



Second Grade Dance

On Friday, June 7, 2019 from 6:00pm-8:00pm Cultural Arts Academy Charter School held its annual second grade dance. This year, the theme of the dance was a combination of Onesie pajamas and a Candy Crawl.

Music was provided by a

parent of our scholars, Mr. Daniels, aka DJ Alvin. Dean Anderson made sure the second grade scholars were well fed by providing chicken wings, cupcakes, chips and assorted candies. Decorations included giant soda bottles and a colorful arc. One favorite activity of the event was the epic dance battle.

Each scholar was also sent home with a party bag full of treats.

Professor Williams, who was in attendance at the 2019 second grade dance, had this to say, "The second grade dance was full of energy and excitement. The second graders had some really



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Cultural Arts Academy Charter School's Attendance

CAACS Attendance Rate for June 2019: 96.8%