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ARTS and LITERACY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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JMC's Let's Move! Health and Fitness music video, *Eating my* Salad, won first place at SONYC Game Changers Youth Competition this weekend!

GIRL POSITIVE PROJECT



Arts and Literacy came together for **Girl Positive Project**, a day of workshops, a panel discussion, bonding, and mentorship focusing on **empowering themselves and each other as young women!**



Dear Partners,

As school comes to a close, our young people are continuing to channel and hone their curiosity and creativity in order to share their perspectives. Below are just some of the many ways Arts and Literacy participants *speak their mind*!

 Students from all five of our sites participated in a video challenge inspired by Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Campaign promoting nutrition and a healthy lifestyle.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS to first place winner, 8th</u> <u>grader Kazi Hoque and the team at I.S. 230 for</u> <u>writing, performing, shooting, and producing</u> <u>this music video, encouraging students to have a</u> <u>routine and get healthy!</u>



Check out all of the Let's Move! challenge videos <u>here.</u>

• Eighth grade Arts and Literacy participants are working closely with their teachermentors to create **slam poems and**

ASSISTANT



Congratulations to JMC Assistant Director Kim Cuevas for being the recipient of a COMPASS Cares Afterschool Professionals award!

performances about personal and global transformation to be performed at the famous Nuyorican poets Cafe as part of their graduation ceremony!

 Arts and Literacy participants will be panelists during <u>YOUTH VOICE: Student</u> <u>Conference on the Arts in After School.</u> This daylong event is an opportunity for educators to ask critical questions of our youth about how to create the best possible learning and growing environment for student needs.

In community, Arts and Literacy Middle School Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Arts and Literacy Logo Competition Winners Announced! Monday June 5th
- The Emerson School Family Art Night Tuesday June 7th
- P.S. 127 Family Art Night Wednesday June 8th
- End of the year Six Flags Trip Saturday, June 11th
- I.S. 227 Family Art Night Monday June 13th
- Arts and Literacy Graduation at Nuyorican Poets Cafe Tuesday June 14th
- Juan Morel Campos Family Art Night Wednesday June 15th
- I.S. 230 Family Art Night Thursday June 16th
- YOUTH VOICE: Student Conference on the Arts in After School Saturday
 June 18th



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