



# Summer Learning Update

## End-of-Summer Site Celebrations

It's amazing how 5 or 6 weeks of Summer Learning Project programming can fly by, but don't miss the opportunity to check out the end-of-summer site celebrations! Students across the 23 SLP sites will display their end-of-summer presentations and projects, detailing their pursuit of their sites' essential question. Many of the events will be in the form of student celebrations/graduations to commend students for their hard work in the summer and their readiness for the upcoming school year. Congratulations to site staff and students for their accomplishments over the summer!

## Tenacity Site Featured in the Dorchester Reporter

The Summer Learning Project continues to grab headlines in local media, with the latest installment detailing Tenacity's partnership with the Dever Elementary School in the [Dorchester Reporter](#). Tenacity's Dever site is serving 24 students, while it's McKay K-8 "academy" site educates 56 students from the Otis, Guild, and McKay schools. Both sites use the following essential question to guide academic and enrichment blocks: "How does what you do with your body affect your brain?"

Boston Public School teachers utilize the American Reading Company's "human body" themed ELA curriculum, helping students master skills through the lens of science and health education content. Voyager Math is deployed to advance students' mathematical skills before they hit the courts with Tenacity tennis staff, who make direct links back to the academic content by graphing fitness skills, reviewing calorie counts, and promoting healthy eating tips. The Dorchester Reporter also covers Tenacity's work with the Haley House, which provides a nutritional cooking class in one of the Dever site's enrichment blocks.

Through the Tenacity-BPS partnership, 80 students will return to school in the fall having mastered ELA and math, aces and serves, and healthy living!



### **Spotlight:**

## **Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion (IBA)**

### **Blackstone Elementary**

### **& Hurley K-8 School**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at IBA's Summer Learning site have tackled the question "What is community?" by exploring their very own neighborhood in Boston's beautiful and culturally-rich South End. Each week, students look forward to a mini excursion in the community. Past visits have included the nearby health center and police station. As they visit new places, they log the locations into their journals which they call "map books." Mapping out their communities has helped them get to know the area and also been a fun way to create their own personal atlas books.

Students have also visited the Boston Public Library as well as the South End Library. Their visits to the libraries have kept them focused on one of their weekly themes which revolved around books and libraries. This theme not only integrates ELA through reading and journaling, but also Math skills as they learn the Dewey Decimal System.

On Fridays, students look forward to more distant field trips around Boston, such as the Franklin Park Zoo. With each trip, their map books grow!



## **Tenacity Fast Facts**

### **Sending schools**

*Dever, Guild, Otis, McKay*

### **Student enrollment breakdown**

*80 students entering Grade 4*

### **Staffing**

*13 BPS staff/teachers working in partnership with 10 Tenacity staff members across 2 sites*

### **Programming**

*Partnership will offer 150 hours of programming this summer*

## **IBA Fast Facts**

### **Sending schools**

*Blackstone Elementary & Hurley K-8*

### **Student enrollment breakdown**

*6 students entering Grade 4*

*14 students entering Grade 5*

### **Staffing**

*2 teachers and 4 non-profit staff collaborating to co-deliver programming*

### **Programming**

*Partnership will offer 210 hours of programming this summer*