

Summer Learning Project Update

Mayor Menino Visits the Tobin - Sociedad Latina Partnership at Simmons College!

On Wednesday, Sociedad Latina's "Summer Seedlings" Program welcomed a very exciting guest – Boston's own Mayor Thomas Menino.

Tobin K-8 students Carlos and Chris were chosen as the Mayor's tour guides for the day, introducing each of Sociedad Latina's unique "clubs" that comprise the summer program.



IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT ATTENDANCE TRACKERS

-Please ensure all students who have participated in this summer's program are included on the attendance tracker throughout the entire duration of the summer (i.e. even if students end program participation early, they should still be included on the tracker each week and their cumulative totals should still be updated to reflect their overall program attendance %).

- Pleasure ensure to continually update the cumulative totals for each student each week, along with updating the cumulative number of program hours you've offered to date.

We appreciate your cooperation in completing this important task. Tracking attendance data will be an important



The mayor shared a conversation he had the night before: “I was with a group of people last night, and we were talking about young people, summer school, and what they could lose from the progress they have made in the school year if they don’t have programs like this”

Students at Sociedad Latina are separated into "clubs" that are centered on activities such as Dance, Web Design, Photography, Theatre, Music Production, and Video Production. They start their mornings with Math and ELA instruction geared towards their specific club activity, and then get into the more "hands-on" type of work in the afternoon. In each of the clubs, students constructed business plans and proposals for hypothetical businesses they would create using their new skills. For a cafe business, one student described the different costs they learned about: "one time costs such as the grill or a blender," as well as "monthly costs, like paying your workers." Students in the

element in analyzing our shared success this summer and examining possible improvements.

REMINDERS:

Item	When?	Why?
Signed MOU, consent forms	ASAP	To secure funding with full assurance that students are included in all measurement activities.
Student attendance (use Boston After School & Beyond template)	Every Monday	Individual student attendance, rather than average daily attendance (ADA), is recognized as a more meaningful way to track attendance. Program dosage is more accurately captured in hours, rather than days or weeks.
Detailed budget (use Boston After School & Beyond template)	End of program, with last installment of funding	A detailed budget will reveal the true cost of this integrated approach and inform policy development and fundraising

Sociedad Latina program do not only learn multiplication and division, but they also gain valuable skills for future entrepreneurs!

In web design, one of the teachers highlighted a star student saying, **"He's actually been helping me! I've gotten stuck along the way a few times and he's been able to bail me out... He's very proficient."** One of the Tobin students described all the new tools he's gained as he explained, **"We've been learning how to make drop-shadows for our web designs, and how to put colors onto our websites."**

The performing arts club wrote and performed a skit about a fictional artist named "D.Nice" who is discovered by a record label after performing in a talent show. According to the students, they began their process as playwrights by brainstorming the things they liked: friends, food, rapping, and music, and the story emerged from there. Amidst the giggles and whispers that emerged during the performance, it was clear that the students were having a blast getting into character.

A student in the music production club shared the inspirational mission statment of his business with the visiting group, who were collectively impressed. He said, **"My vision is to make a business about drumming, to help all the kids who have no self-control to get into drumming."** For this club's presentation, students performed a fantastic rendition of Bruno Mars' "The Lazy Song," where the budding artists played the keyboard, drums, guitar, and sang.

The students at Sociedad Latina keep their reality in mind when creating their ideal businesses. One of the plans is to host a talent show to feature local Mission Hill artists. The funds raised would go back to music programs in schools...and Sociedad Latina of course!

SAYO observations	2nd and final weeks of program	reducing efforts. This tool allows us to measure skill gain and compare results to a statewide sample.
SAYO Y youth survey completed by youth	Last week of program. (Some administered by NIOST staff; some administered by site staff. Check with your NIOST contact.)	Details students' views on the program, their sense of competence and their future goals
ANet post-assessment	By September 16	To measure gains in ELA and math, compared to entire grade levels in participating schools.

SUMMER LEARNING PROJECT RESOURCE LIBRARY

Check out the [Summer Learning Project Resource Library](#) for academic and socio-emotional tools from ANet and PEAR! Materials include presentations from the June trainings. Also be sure to check out PEAR's contact information sheet in case you would like consultation by phone. Don't miss out on these great resources!



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Two students from Tobin K-8 spent the afternoon giving Mayor Menino a tour of all the clubs.

"We in Boston try to educate all our kids, not just some of our kids. We don't cherry-pick." - Mayor Thomas M. Menino





Tobin students performing a choreographed dance. This is the second year that the Tobin School has participated in the Summer Learning Project. The returning participation rate from last year is at 100%. There was even a wait list this year!





The Performing Arts Club performed a play they wrote themselves.

If you have questions, comments, or ideas for future updates,
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