



AIM HIGHLIGHTS

Exciting Electives



Electives give Aim High Achievers the chance to explore and try new things! We went to Villa to see what our Achievers are learning. It's spirit week and today was pajama day so our students were dressed in comfy footie pajamas and sweats. The first elective shown is card-making, where students get to create their own designs. Students were hard at work writing a song about the importance of safety and preventing violence in the old school rap elective, the second elective shown.



The third elective shown is French where students were learning the days and months by sharing their birthdays. The final elective shown is yearbook where students write a weekly newsletter and create the yearbook that each student will receive at the end of the summer.

Student Spotlight - Ryan Harper

Ryan Harper is a 10 year-old Aim High Achiever at Villa Duchesne. She currently is the youngest member ever selected to be in the Urban Diversity Orchestra where she plays second violin. The Urban Diversity Orchestra is a stand alone social-change through music education program of the Lemp Neighborhood Arts Center. It's

members range in age from 10 years old to senior citizens.

The Urban Diversity Orchestra holds that:

"we can transform underprivileged families and communities by empowering youth towards self-determination, self-actualization and mutual acceptance through the study, practice and ensemble performance of music".

Ryan auditioned for and was accepted into the Show Me Arts Academy. The purpose of the academy is to encourage and spread love among all walks of life, ethnicities and religions. They will be performing a free show at the History Museum on July 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Ryan and her fellow "Ambassadors of the Arts" will take their show on the road this summer with the **"2016 SPREADING THE LOVE YOUTH TOUR"** to Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and New York which is sponsored by Emerson Electric. These talented children will have an amazing opportunity to visit the White House, the Capitol, view a Broadway show, and have a private meeting with the Broadway cast. The group will also do community service work at a hospital and will perform their awesome production.

Everyone is invited to come see the Ambassadors of the Arts next Wednesday, July 6th. You are sure to have a great experience!

Career Fair



Last week Aim High Achievers from all three sites had the opportunity to learn about different careers from our friends in the St. Louis community. The presenters talked about their careers and the educational path they took to reach their goals. Achievers then engaged in a hands on activity and asked the presenters questions.

Some pictures from the sessions are shown above. They include Kim Meserole from the Humane Society of Missouri leading an activity based on veterinary medicine, US Marshall Don Berry helping students into riot gear and explaining his job duties, Dr. Mosley from Harris-Stowe State University sharing tools to help students with career exploration and Amar Badri and Keith Yeldham from Mastercard's IT department encouraging students to think of ideas for their own apps.

Save the Date - Friends and Family Days



Please visit us this summer for Friends and Family Day!
St. Louis Priory School July 19th 9am-10am
John Burroughs School July 19th 11am-12pm
Villa Duchesne School July 20th 10am-11am

Connect with an Aim High Achiever and learn more about the impact of Aim High!

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