



D2GB School Arts Program Newsletter

"Making a difference through the Arts."

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This month we continued our "BULLYING" workshop in the Bronx as well as participated with

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Pan American International High School in their "Queens Tee Quiero Limpio" clean up event. RL is proud to have been the catalyst for this event (now in it's second year), by having brought students from PAIHS last year to a screening of the film "HOME" through our *Kids Beyond Broadway* program. All this while we continue to prepare for our D2GB Summer Camp which is going to be bigger & better than ever!

Thank you to our wonderful team and army of volunteers! Onward & upward!



HOPE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY MAY 20TH AT OUR MONTHLY "CHURCH" MEETING!

Date: Sunday June 17th @ 11am

Where: RL Offices (165 W. 46th St., NY, NY - 13th floor)

BULLYING: Fighting the good fight...

- Jose Restrepo - D2GB School
Arts Program Coordinator

We continue our *"BULLYING vs. ENSEMBLE BUILDING"* Workshop at Dr. Richard Izquierdo Health & Science Charter School in the Bronx.

"Our Deepest Fear"

By Marianne Williamson

"Our deepest fear is not that we are
inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful
beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most
frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you *not* to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking
so that other people won't feel insecure
around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.
We were born to make manifest the glory of
God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we
unconsciously give other people permission
to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our
presence automatically liberates others."

This workshop has proven to be a challenge in many ways. Public transportation is ½ a mile away and the commute has proven troublesome at times for many, myself included. The accumulated energy of the students in the room can at times be intense. But the selfless and passionate participation of our Guest Teachers, Reza Salazar & Yaremis Felix, along with our RL volunteers, continue to make this one of our most important workshops to date.

Our Guest Teachers and volunteers have been sharing their art & experiences with the students in order to continue to investigate how we can create more of an ensemble and community when we meet for these sessions. We have shared stories, and sung songs, and challenged the students with choreography. We have also introduced a poem we work with often "Our Deepest Fear" and we will be exploring how these words make an impact on us...it seems the performance aspect of what RL does really connects with these students...all while addressing the multiple bullying issues that appear in the room during the hour...



June 8th, 2012 “Queens Te Quiero Limpio” Clean Up Event:

On Friday June 8th, 2012 students from Pan American International High School (PAIHS) embarked on their 2nd Annual Project Clean Up, entitled “Queens Te Quiero Limpio” with the support of the local community along with



Gabriele Jerez, myself, Yaremis Felix, Hector Periera & Raul Brunet.



Make the Road New York, United Health Care, and R.Evolución Latina.

Last year RL shared the film “HOME” with PAIHS and it became a catalyst for action. This year, after participating in our “Responsibility of Community” Workshop and exploring the root causes of trash in the community, as well as and sharing these findings with their



peers, a core group of 11 PAIHS students

and Math Teacher Steve Espallat led their classmates on five different clean-up routes in Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and Corona. One group painted the pedestrian bridge on 94th street that connects 44th and 45th Avenues. Many students cross this bridge every day and hope that painting it will help to curb the graffiti and trash that ends up there on a regular basis. After finishing the

clean up routes, students regrouped at Park of the Americas at 104th Street and 41st Avenue for lunch and celebration.



“Queens Te Quiero Limpio” Clean Up Event (cont.):

By the time we were all met and ready to begin cleaning the streets, it was about 9:30am. Approx. 150 PAIHS students were joined by ourselves and volunteers from Community Works, the NYPD’s 115th Precinct Jr. Cadets as well as the 110th Precinct Community Affairs Dept., Jessica Taube from Make the Road NY, and of course the PAIHS staff who had been organized by Steve Esplait (including the theater teacher Ms. James...who would like to discuss a RL teaching artist residency at PAIHS for the fall...stay tuned for more on that...)



Superintendent Frank Okeefe from the Dept. of Sanitation provided the tools and many local businesses donated their support through water & food. (C.Town, Associated, All the Right, Flea Market on Corona Ave., and Bambinos Pizza). SD Printing and Design, Inc. provided the t-shirts.



The weather was on our side and it was a sunny and beautiful day. The students varied in their response to the activity from just experiencing it as a social event while others never stopped cleaning. There were 5 different routes around the neighborhood. The route I was on took us directly to the Park of the Americas where we were culminating the event. We encountered some of the community along the way and the response was always one of curiosity mixed with everything from apathy (usually from transients or homeless) to pride (one park mom said these kids should be doing this because it's their park...)



Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras and her wonderful staff met us at the park and spoke to the students. She thanked RL for our part and reminded us all that these are our streets and parks...and she presented RL with a certificate. And as one final thank you to the students for participating, the NY Mets provided students with tickets to a game, which Julissa passed out at the end of the event.

All in all, it was a powerful day to experience, and I am grateful to all who participated.

D2GB Summer Camp is back!



R.Evolución Latina's D2GB Children's Performing Arts Camp is an annual program that is offered to over 100 under served children ages 7-17 within the five boroughs of New York City. It is a free week-long camp where professional artists from the Broadway and Latino communities lend their talent and time to teach dance, singing, and acting to students who otherwise would not have access to the arts.

Monday July 16th through Friday July 20th, 2012

9:30am to 3:15pm daily

CAMP PLEDGE:

Dare to Go Beyond by taking risks, accepting challenges and pushing past limits that would keep me from trying my best.

- **Commit to pursuing my own goals and understanding that my success is measured by challenging and competing with only myself.**
- **Respect those who have committed time and talent to teaching me, to the learning process and my peers by arriving early, listening and being considerate of others time and space.**
- **Believe that "I can" and to understand that mistakes happen and are necessary to help us learn.**
- **Support myself as well as others by working together with my group and learning from those around me.**