



The O'Gorman Garden A Montessori Program in Harlem

News From Our School - Spring 2018

The O'Gorman Garden's school year has been full of discovery, exploration, and wonder. In 2017/ 2018, we have had 20 children attending our programs, enjoying a rich curriculum of **phonetics, math, art, science, and gardening.** In this newsletter, we share some of our best moments and achievements. Enjoy!



We Are An Official Montessori Member School

The O'Gorman Garden is proud to have been accepted as a Full Member School of the American Montessori Society. We worked hard to achieve our goal to join this highly-regarded group of educational programs with the highest of standards!



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We Have A New Parent Teacher Organization

This winter, OGG parents organized to start the school's first ever Parent Teacher Organization! The group will focus on supporting teachers and program enhancements, and fundraising for enrichment programming (gardening, foreign language, arts, field trips). The PTO invites all parents to join!

The PTO's inaugural event was a parent clean-up event held on March 17th, during which parents came to the school and helped clean up the garden for spring activities (pictured below). Other planned events for this spring include a meet-up on March 27 for parents and teachers to share experiences with the kindergarten application process for families who are just embarking on this often stressful journey, and a babysitter fundraising event (OGG teachers will 'babysit' children while parents go out on the town for a couple of hours for a donation of \$20 per child). There will also be other community/school-based events throughout the year. All ideas are welcome!



Getting Garden Ready

Our hens are coming back home after being in the country all winter long. And they've been busy! We regularly have eggs to be shared with the children during communal meals and snacks. We are planting lettuce, collards, kales, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers this spring. We are thrilled for the warm weather and growing season!



Art With Barnard!

The O’Gorman Garden is partnering with a group called **Meet Me At The Museum** for field trips to Manhattan museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Cooper Hewitt. The group is a Barnard College student club that researches and prepares lectures for school groups. Our students are their youngest, however, they visited OGG before deciding to include us, and were excited by the energy and potential of our students. They will incorporate Visual Thinking Curriculum strategies (which we already use in our art programming) into their work with OGG learners. The picture below shows the group teaching our students this past fall.



Science At Play

Our young scientists have been working hard all year. We have studied botany, anatomy, honeybees, sound, electricity, and solids, liquids and gases. A great love for science has been ignited, and our lessons are a treasured part of each week.

In the pictures below, a student is practicing her liquid pouring skills (on the left) and a group is studying the different sounds that can be made with an empty bottle and our breath (right).

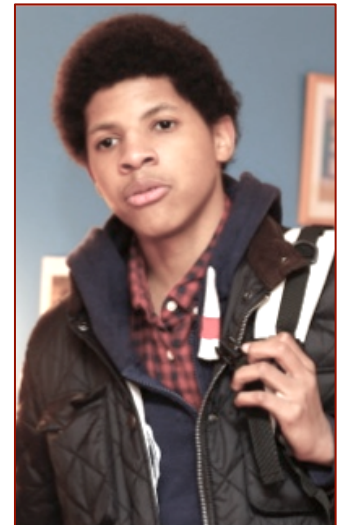
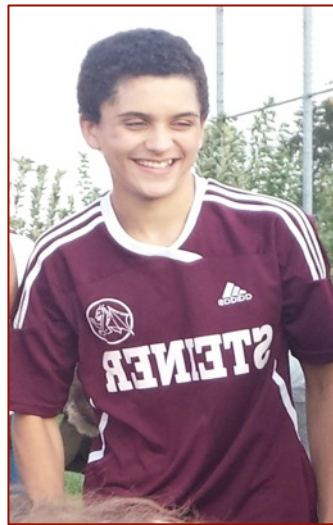


Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates this year as they prepare for kindergarten at The School at Columbia, The Hewitt School, and Lemman Manhattan Preparatory School. Each of you makes us so proud. We wish you well, and as with all graduates, we hope for visits for years to come!

Proud Of OGG Alumni

We are very proud of OGG Alumni Toby Dunbar and Universal Hunte as they head to college this fall. Toby has been accepted to Skidmore College and Universal is headed to Carnegie Mellon. We are thrilled for these two exceptional young men. Best of luck Toby and Uni!



Looking To Expand

The O’Gorman Garden is considering bigger space so that it can double its impact and capacity. School leadership is on the hunt for Harlem space suitable for two Montessori classrooms, which would enable our school to reach double the children. If you know of any space leads or opportunities, please contact Alice Buchanan, our Head of School at alice@ogormangarden.org.

Thank You For Your Friendship and Support

Our school relies on the generosity of individuals and private foundations. We thank all our supporters for providing children in Harlem with an exceptional beginning to their education. We invite you to come to our school and see our wonderful program in action. Visit ogormangarden.org and make a donation today!

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