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Spring Saturday Academy



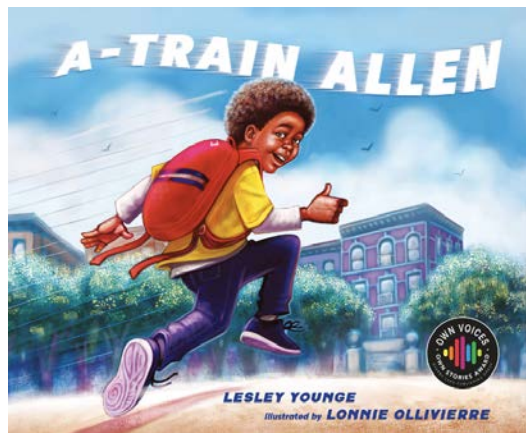
Our Spring Saturday Academy launches this Saturday, March 4th!

The spring session will include our youngest students in grades 1-4 and will focus on building foundational reading, math, and STEAM skills as well as self-regulation, emotional processes, and social skills. The curriculum will be focused on marine biology and will culminate with a field-trip to the Baltimore Aquarium.

Programming for alumni and caregivers will be offered as well to focus on

resources needed for high school and beyond.

Build-A-Book



Build-A-Book is an annual tradition that brings together Horizons and Maret families to hear from a local author and participate in fun activity stations.

This year, we are thrilled to include a Maret faculty member as our featured author. Lesley Younge will join us on March 11th to share a sneak preview of her new children's book, *A-Train Allen*. After Lesley's reading, students will have an opportunity to build-a-book of their own, learn about marine biology, and more.

To learn more about Lesley's path to authorship, please [click here](#).

Teacher Spotlight: Pat Neilan



Pat Neilan has served as a H9 teacher for two summers with Horizons.

He originally got into teaching straight out of college and fell in love with working with students. Since that time he has worked with high school, middle school students, and older students.

Pat initially heard about Horizons when he was applying for full-time teaching positions as many of the schools had an established partnership with a Horizons program. He was therefore excited when he received a job at St. Patrick's and was able to be involved with Horizons Summer Program.

As the H9 teacher, Patrick enjoys the small class size and the opportunities that it presents.

"It's a great time of exploring student interests, talking about growing up, and just the new possibilities and challenges that they have in high school."

To hear more of Pat's story, please click on the video above.

Horizons Job & Volunteer Opportunities

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Calling all volunteers! Horizons is looking for individuals 15 and older who are interested in serving as a summer program or swim program volunteer this summer. Volunteers are absolutely crucial to the success of our program. Horizons relies on our volunteers to help ensure the program runs smoothly from start to finish. Volunteers help set the tone for the program, we want students to feel seen, cared for, and included. This involves bringing enthusiasm and joy throughout the program. Our summer program will run from June 30 - August 4, 2023. All volunteers are asked to commit to volunteering for at least two weeks during the program. To sign up as a volunteer please click on the links provided below.

[Summer Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Swim Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Staffing Opportunities

HGW is hiring! Each summer, our amazing teachers and staff create safe, supportive, interactive, and engaging learning environments with our students.

Interested or know someone who might want to join our incredible teaching and support staff?

Visit our [job board](#) to see current opportunities!

Upcoming Events & Dates

- **March 4:** Kickoff of Horizons Spring Saturday Academy
- **March 11:** Build-A-Book

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Save the Date for Horizons Reach for the Stars Gala 2023!

Friday, September 22, 2023

6:30 PM

The Four Seasons Hotel

Ballroom

2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC

Please keep an eye posted on your inbox for additional event details and information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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