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Summer is in full swing at Horizons Greater Washington's three sites! The first few weeks of our program have been full of reunions, hand-on learning activities, field trips, and the return of swimming.
In the classroom, Horizons students have been busy building their math and literacy skills, expressing their creativity through art, and experiencing hands-on STEAM projects including building rockets, coding robots and launching cannonballs with Kiwi Crates.

In the pool, they have expanded their skills and confidence. As a key component of our program, our goal is for each student to leave the program knowing how to swim and how to apply those lessons learned in and outside of the program. To help with achieving this goal, students take part in swimming lessons 3-4 times a week at George Washington University, Howard University, Georgetown Prep, and the East Gate Pool.

In the community, our students have broadened their horizons with field trips to Dumbarton Oaks and Tregaron, participating in outdoor adventures with Calleva including ropes courses and whitewater rafting, and hearing from guest speakers that include IBM, Capital One, and HMS Host.

IBM Inspires Horizons Students to Code

On Friday, July 22, members of IBM's Consulting team traveled to Maret to work
With Horizons students in H6, H7, and H8 to provide a course on coding. Over the course of an hour, students worked in small groups to learn how to issue commands, functions, and loops in Swift which is used to create apps for Mac computers, watches, tv's, and phones.

This is an extension of Horizons partnership with IBM which began in the Fall of 2021 with a "Day in the Life of an IBM Consultant" session.

Behind the Scenes with HMSHost

Since 2020, HMSHost has partnered with Horizons to offer career and mentorship advice. That partnership continued on July 22 when Horizons H9 students from all three sites traveled to HMSHost's corporate offices. While there, students sampled...
how they could reduce their carbon footprint, and saw the advances that artificial intelligence has made.

Horizon Students Explore Dumbarton Oaks

Dumbarton Oaks provides a unique opportunity for Horizons students to dive into the world of Byzantine, Garden and Landscape, and Pre-Columbian studies. On July 15th, students at our St. Patrick's site had their chance to explore the gallery, participate in an archaeology dig, and learn more about Byzantine coin striking.

Horizons Partners with Little Falls Swimming Club
Thank you, Little Falls Swimming Club!

We would like to thank all of the athletes and the community at the Little Falls Swimming Club in Bethesda, MD. On July 14, HGW was honored to be the beneficiary of this year's Penguin Plunge! Each swimmer pledged to swim as many laps as they could and requested donations from family and friends. We were amazed by the enthusiasm and effort by all swimmers and are grateful for everyone who participated in the Plunge! Thank you for supporting our swim program and helping young people feel safe and confident in and out of the water.

Teacher Spotlight: Glenda Krieg
Glenda Krieg is entering her third summer with Horizons. She serves as the H1 teacher at Norwood where her positivity and enthusiasm for teaching and learning is inspiring to both students and teachers alike. To hear what keeps Glenda coming back each summer please click on the video above.

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**Student Spotlight: Beth T. H8**
Currentlly in her sixth year at Horizons, Beth has made connections and friends she calls family. To hear what Horizons has meant to Beth please click on the video link above.

**Upcoming Events & Dates**

There are still a few opportunities to see the summer program and our students in action. We hope that you will join us for one of the dates listed above! To reserve your spot please click here.

Don't forget to reserve your spot at this year's Reach for the Stars Gala! It's sure to be a memorable night, celebrating 22 years of Horizons. For additional event details...
Additional Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, Aug. 8**: Swim Olympics at [Howard University](https://www.howard.edu) from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 8**: End of Program Zoom to register please click [here](#)