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## Saturday Academy By the Numbers



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### Enrollment

Co-designed with our students and families, this fall marked an expansion of our programming with the launch of our inaugural Fall Saturday Academy at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School.

- **37** students in grades 5-8 were enrolled in the program
- **Additionally** Horizons alumni took part in workshops that covered life skills, social and emotional check-ins, and the exploration of different college opportunities and career paths

### Instruction

Our students received individualized instruction with small class sizes and an immersive learning experience that focuses on the whole child. This remained true during the fall academy.

- **100%** of the teachers taught with Horizons during Summer 2022
- The average teaching experience for the Fall Saturday Academy was over **7** years

### Hands-on Learning

Throughout the Fall Saturday Academy students were provided with hands-on learning opportunities in the classroom and in the community to expand their horizons and build their confidence.

- Students were provided with **12** hours of instruction from dedicated teachers in the classroom
- **1** hour a week was spent providing homework and tutoring assistance

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- **3** partners visited our program site in person and virtually to help students build robots, learn to code, develop their music skills and learn soccer fundamentals

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## Politics & Prose Book Fair



On Saturday, October 29th, Horizons held its annual Politics & Prose Book Fair. When presented with a flyer, 20% of all purchases at Politics & Prose locations benefited Horizons and our students. Thanks to those who came out and shopped for a good cause, we were able to raise close to \$1,000.

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## Storytime with Tara Hoot

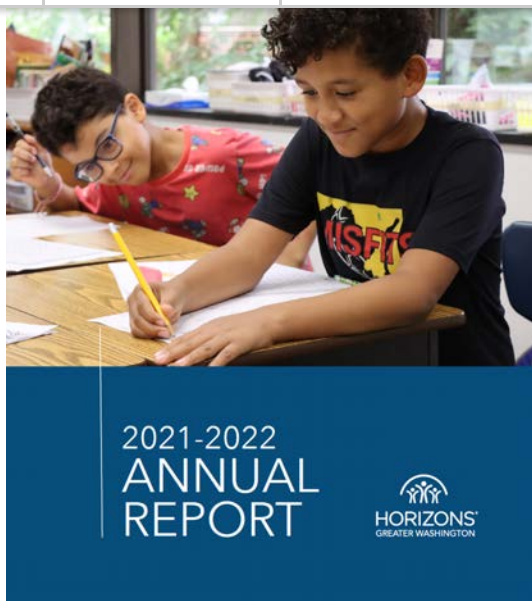
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On Saturday, November 5, Maret parents and students showed up to Crazy Aunt Helen's for some tasty comfort food and Storytime with Tara Hoot. The packed event featured family friendly activities including storytime, songs, and prizes. It ended with bubbles and a dance party.

We are so grateful to Tara Hoot for providing the opportunity to partner on such a wonderful event and for directing the ticket sale proceeds to benefit Horizons programming.

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## Announcing the 2021- 2022 Annual Report

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see the year in review please [click here](#).

Many of the highlights and accomplishments listed in the Annual Report wouldn't be possible without you, our Horizons community. Thank you for helping to make these successes possible!

## Volunteer Opportunities



We are incredibly grateful to our volunteers and the impact they have on our students, operations, and success. As our Fall Saturday Academy has come to a close, we have opened up volunteer opportunities for our Spring Session which will begin in March of 2023.

To sign-up and receive information on volunteering for the Saturday Program, please [click here and complete the form](#).



Raymond Pyle has been an H4 teacher with Horizons for three summers. Inspired to enter the teaching force by the joy he received from serving as a tutor during college. Raymond entered Horizons Summer Program through the Urban Teachers Program and has continued to come back summer after summer because of the people.

***"The people in general bring you back. Horizons is one of those places when you start they make you feel welcome, they make you feel important, and it continues throughout the whole summer. Even when the summer is over they continue to check in with you and just make you feel appreciated. I think as teachers we strive for that and we grow in areas where we are supported heavily. At Horizons they do that. They always provide some type of training. If you have any questions, there is always someone who can give you an answer and it's something that made me feel comfortable to say I know where I'm going to go this summer, I'm going to work at Horizons. I want to go back to Horizons because it felt like a family unit."***

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



Tuesday, November 29 marks GivingTuesday. As part of this worldwide effort, we hope that you will consider making a gift to Horizons.

Your support will provide our students with access to committed teachers and meaningful learning opportunities that improve their readiness for the school year, balance academics with social and emotional learning, and provide the tools they need to thrive and pursue their dreams.

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