

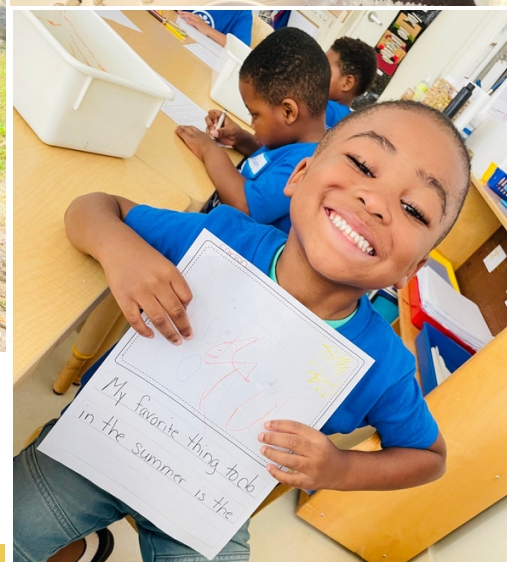


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IMPACT REPORT



HORIZONS®
Greene Street Friends School



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Mission & Approach

OUR MISSION

We advance educational equity by building long-term partnerships with students, families, communities, and schools to create experiences outside of school that inspire the joy of learning.

Through a 6-week summer enrichment program each summer from PreK-8th grade, students in our community experience tons of learning within and beyond the classroom walls - including reading, writing, math, STEAM, art, music, swimming lessons, and field trips!

HORIZONS APPROACH

In Summer 2016, Horizons at Greene Street Friends School was launched in Germantown. Students from our community began our program as the inaugural kindergarten class, with a goal to return every year through Eighth Grade.

On average, students gain 2-3 months of reading and math skills each summer (their peers typically lose 2-3 months), plus they learn to swim and explore music, yoga, art, and other activities that build self-confidence and cultivate creativity and leadership. This is a game-changer for families in Germantown. We look forward to your partnership to foster a bright future for these remarkable students and families.

Welcome Monica Quarrie, Executive Director

Monica Quarrie is the new Executive Director of Horizons Greene Street Friends School. She is an experienced professional in both the nonprofit and education sector.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri she moved to the Philadelphia area to attend Villanova University for her undergraduate degree. Upon completion, she moved to New York City where she did a year of service with AmeriCorps and subsequently taught in an elementary school in Brooklyn. During her time as a teacher she also earned her Master's Degree in Education.

When she and her husband returned to the Philadelphia area she assumed the role of Advancement Director at a school in Montgomery County, PA. While there, she focused on fundraising, grant writing, and community outreach. She will soon complete her Elementary Principal Certification from Immaculata University.



Monica resides in the Germantown area with her husband, Ransford, newborn son, and two dogs. She enjoys spending time with her family, baking, and is an avid runner. She can speak conversational Spanish as her family is from Panama, and she has traveled and visited family in Spanish speaking countries. She is excited to utilize her background and work in the same community in which she lives, and assist in Horizons' continued success. We are excited to welcome Monica, and continue with our Program Director, Micah Wilson.



a year's overview

WHERE WE ARE NOW

This summer, our students went swimming 2-3 times a week every single week for the entirety of the program. They had swimming lessons twice a week, and participated in free swim once a week. We were delighted to be able to have our students participate in swimming again, as we missed it the past two summers. A special thanks to Germantown Life Enrichment Center and the Germantown Cricket Club for hosting our students this summer.

We began having off-site field trips again this year. Our students were able to learn all about animals when they went to the Philadelphia Zoo. Students also learned about art and art history when they went to the Philadelphia Museum of Art together. We look forward to continuing off-site trips next summer.

We held a lot of fun events on-site this summer. We hosted Karen Smith Drums, which allowed our students to experience drumming, storytelling, dance and a stiltwalker. Los Bomberos de la Calle also came and shared their music, dance, and history from Puerto Rico. Treehouse Books came to visit us, and students in PreK through 6th Grade were able to take a free book home with them. Quiver Farms brought their animals to come and visit and our students were able to feed and pet a calf, pigs, chickens, and learn about taking care of animals. Briar Bush brought their planetarium and showed our students the night sky as they learned about constellations and outer space.

We had fun too when Jason's Jumpers came on site, and students spent the day in an outdoor bounce house jumping and playing together. We held our annual Horizons Talent Show and had students from every grade participate. It takes a lot of courage and confidence to stand up in front of your peers and share your talent - we are so proud of our students who participated in our show and for our other students who were respectful and kind audience members.

This year we had so many fun and exciting enrichment experiences. Students learned karate, which was a new and exciting special class. We once again had yoga, music, and art class. During yoga, being able to learn about mindfulness, breathing exercises, and calm really helped our students. Our new, and one of the students favorite classes, was our STEAM class. The instructor came to us with an extensive background in STEAM including a partnership with NASA and receiving STEAM training in Italy this summer. Some highlights from her classes with our students included:

- Building robots with our Sixth Grade
- Introducing Third Grade to chemical reactions
- Creating slime with First Grade

Special Offerings

Preschool Program

The summer of 2022 was the first summer that we introduced our PreSchool Program. We welcomed students that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall to our campus for the summer. Our goal is to host students who will attend our partner school Mastery at John Wister for Kindergarten. It was a rousing success, with our students learning school ready skills, participating in our swimming lessons, and participating in field studies and enrichment programs all summer long.

Culturally Revelant Materials

Horizons strives to teach our students using materials that are culturally relevant in all of our classes. We are grateful to have educators who are culturally diverse and committed to our students feeling represented when they are learning. Nationally 6% of female educators and 2% of male educators identify as Black. At Horizons at GSFS 39% and 29% identify as Black respectively and 2% identify as Hispanic.

Social Emotional Learning

HGSFS has adopted the Social Emotional Learning Curriculum from GSFS. We teach SEL lessons twice a week with the help of our Family Engagement Specialist. The Family Engagement Specialist joined us this summer to serve not just our students, but our Horizons' families. We are excited to have the FES help meet the social and emotional needs of our students.

HGSFS seeks to develop the whole child, and the Life Skills curriculum highlights our commitment to the social and emotional growth of children. Through a scope and sequence across grade levels, the program creates a common vocabulary for feelings identification, feelings articulation, self-advocacy, and conflict resolution. We believe in the importance of proactively empowering students' emotional growth and healthy decision-making.

Summer 2022

NUMBERS & STATISTICS

Attendance percentage are
calculated and prepared by Horizons National

89%

Attendance Rate

51

Hours of Swim Instruction

Special Experiences and Enrichment

Philadelphia Museum of Art
Philadelphia Zoo
Briar Bush
Quiver Farms
Los Bomberos de la Calle
Karen Smith and the Drummers
Treehouse Books

Yoga
Art
Music
STEAM
Karate

On average, Horizons Philadelphia students grew 6-10 weeks in literacy and math skills during the 2022 summer program.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS:

Our Goals for the Future

Horizons at Greene Street Friends School is always looking for ways to improve. Year to year we are continuing to serve our students and families to the best of our abilities, and offer them the best summer enrichment program that we can provide. Please look at some highlights we have for the future for our students and families.

1

Adding Specialists

Add additional math and literacy specialists to better serve students as our program is built-out.

Our current reading specialists (2) and math specialist (1) are at capacity with student needs. These specialists focus on helping students with the greatest needs, so adding resources here can really make a difference in student performance.

2

Create Parent Board

Horizons families are our partners and make a commitment to the success of their students. By engaging parents and caregivers in a more formalized way and actively seeking program input from them, our program designs can be more responsive to student needs.

3

STAR Assessments

Our goal is for staff to be better able to focus on program academic goals and interpret individual student data to help customize summer instruction. By using data to inform instruction, teachers can focus more on individual student needs.

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