

DREAM MORE

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Dream MORE Expands into the New Year 2021!

The Dream MORE After-school Program kicked off the new year on January 19, 2021 with 37 students. We expanded to four cohorts, so students were able to select the enrichment project of their choice:

- Photography/Arts & Crafts
- Science/Engineering
- Cooking/ Baking
- Music/Beat-Making

Students are meeting through Zoom either on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM. We are ecstatic to see most of our students returning from Fall 2020 and also meet new students! We still have a few openings if you know of students who would like to join us.

DREAM MORE COHORT 1: PHOTOGRAPHY/ARTS & CRAFTS WITH MR. ZACH AND MS. LIDIJA



DREAM MORE COHORT 2: SCIENCE/ENGINEERING DESIGN IT BUILD IT WITH MS. SINGLETON



DREAM MORE COHORT 3: COOKING/BAKING WITH MS. LINDA



DREAM MORE COHORT 4: MUSIC/BEAT-MAKING WITH MR. WES



Student Testimonials

Doaa Khedr, 8th Grade,
[Photography/Arts & Crafts]



"I love all the activities because I love drawing and taking pictures a lot, and I am very happy that I am with you."

Karla Gomez Lopez, 6th Grade,
[Science/Engineering]



"What I like about Dream MORE is we get to play games, have fun with one another, and get to make incredible projects like the bridge made out of paper and tape."

Dereck Jimenez, 6th Grade,
[Cooking/Baking]



"My favorite thing about the Dream MORE Program is that the activities are really cool and there are a lot of things we can make or do. In the cooking group, we make good food and my favorite thing we made so far are the wraps!"

Zachstry Aziegbe, 7th Grade,
[Music/Beat-Making]



"What I like about Dream MORE is being on the Zoom and talking to others in the class and I get to make my own music. Maybe I can be a musician in the future!"

Within the Photography/Arts & Crafts cohort, students are capturing photos of landscapes, their neighborhoods, or objects that mean something to them. Highlighting angles, textures and good lighting, students are exploring how to take different types of photos and are creating a story behind them! Students also got crafty and designed an art project of shoes/boots to tell a story of where they would like to go.

In a variety of design challenges, students are using the engineering design process and practicing STEM skills in the Science/Engineering Design It Build It cohort. In one challenge, students were presented with a problem of a collapsed bridge that they needed to solve. Students researched different kinds of bridges, the forces acting on bridges, and sketched their design ideas. Students then created and tested the bridges made out of only two pieces of paper and tape to see which design could hold the most weight!

From healthy wraps to French-styled crepes, the students in the Cooking/Baking cohort are cooking up a storm! Students are learning about various quick and easy recipes, measurements of ingredients, nutrition facts, the history behind certain dishes, and their way around the kitchen! Students also put on their baking hats and made yummy treats like brownies from scratch and some Valentine's Day sugar cookies!

Through a digital audio website called Soundtrap and various other modern music making tools, students in the music/beat-making group are exploring the elements of music composition and production. Students shared their favorite music genres and are creating their own beats accompanied by sounds of the drum, bass, piano, and many other instruments. Their final project will be a fully produced song!

In addition to the enrichment activities, students are enjoying games and team-building activities, such as Two Truths and a Lie, Would You Rather, and Jeopardy. The games provide an opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other and share about themselves. During homework support time, LEAP staff continue to check in with students on work they have to finish for classes as well as work they have just completed. In small groups, staff provide support with anything students need help on. Through games and discussions, LEAP staff are supporting social emotional learning, communication skills, and helping students engage in meaningful conversations.

Students are very engaged and energetic! We are excited to continue supporting students at Thurgood Marshall Middle School and look forward to Spring 2021!

Senior Group Leader: Emma Kane



"Working with these students inspires me every day! I love seeing their talents shine through in their art work and photography. I enjoy facilitating socialization among the students, which is so important during this virtual time! Not to mention, I know they enjoy doing the games and activities as much as I do!"

Senior Group Leader: Nicholas Brandi-Miller



"In spite of the challenges posed by the pandemic, LEAP is making a concerted effort to create a meaningful and enriching after-school experience for students. Whether it be creating hands-on activities, ensuring all students have the materials they need, or generating incentive programs to maximize engagement, the Dream MORE program clearly prioritizes the growth and well-being of participating students. In the science and engineering cohort that I lead, students have the opportunity to explore different types of engineering and build something new each week. This lets the students start to develop a connection between the math/science they work on during the school day and the future careers these subjects can evolve into."

Senior Group Leader: Gary Torres



"Dream MORE is an awesome experience. We have been working remote in Lynn since last summer and the connections and bonds are still there as if we were in person. While in person is preferable, we have made the most of it being remote and it has shown that we can still create important connections and learning opportunities through extracurricular activities."

Group Leader: Joshua Keum



"What I like most about the Dream MORE program is the opportunity to support students. During these trying times, it is important that we help each other rise up. I am excited to interact with the students in this program and help them grow into amazing members of society."