SMHS Scholars Perform at Comcast Center

Since its launch in 2011, the Internet Essentials Program has brought technology to new audiences like seniors, community college students, public housing residents and low-income veterans. On March 3rd, 2020, SMHS scholars were invited to the Comcast Technology Center to sing “The Sky is the Limit.” The song was written by SMHS students during The Lennon Bus visit back in September. This song was specifically requested by Comcast for their Conference because of its inspirational message. Scholars were provided a delicious lunch, they experienced the “Sphere”, a multimedia experience by Stephen Spielberg, and viewed the city from the 42nd floor (you could see Mansion too!), and perform the song live at the conference. Along with Ms. Henry and under Mr. Perkins’ direction, participating scholars included Sincear Morton-Murray, Kalah Bester, Domoneika Hayes, Sameera Sullivan-Williams, Niyzeria Brown, Saquouia Taylor, Elijahwan Cannon, Angel Butler, Shawn Clark, and Nicole Butler. Nice job musician scholars!

DRAMA CLUB Announcement!

By Sasha Goody. Disney Channel’s smash hit movie musical comes to life on stage! Directed by Ms. Henry this year, Strawberry Mansion High School’s Drama Club will be performing High School Musical this Spring. Auditions were held on Wednesday the 29th of January and then callbacks were held the week of February 3rd. Unfortunately, the Club does not have the $2,000 in funds to produce the entire show, but expected is little snippets of the original story. The Club has managed to raise $1,000 from a generous donation. The this year are to perform scenes, monologues, musical numbers, etc. in revue-style benefit events. In addition, there will be a GoFundMe account to raise money for next year’s musical and if it’s

TICKETS

$10

May 29th, 2020

Time TBD

If interested, the If meets every Wednesdays after school or see Ms. Henry.
possible, musicals, and provide a way for parents, families, etc to get involved at Mansion. The show will debut May 29th, 2020 in the SMHS auditorium.

“Claymobile” Visits SMHS…

Located on 2nd Street in Old City Philadelphia, The Clay Studio is rooted in the belief that all people deserve access to high-quality arts education, and assumes a strong responsibility to engage all segments of its local community. Since 1994, the Claymobile, an award-winning community engagement program, has collaborated with schools, neighborhood organizations, and other social service agencies throughout the Philadelphia region to create innovative, hands-on approaches to learning in a safe and supportive environment. The scholars at Strawberry Mansion High School had the opportunity to participate in this clay studio on wheels on February 28th, 2020 by constructing a ceramic plate. Scholars rolled a slab of clay into a “pancake,” traced a circle shape, and then proceed to press various textures onto the surface of their dish. The final step was to glaze. Ceramic glaze is a layer of glass coating which adheres to a ceramic body through the firing process in a kiln. Scholars will have a finished product returned to them in about three weeks, once the process is complete. The Claymobile is recognized as one of the most cost-effective arts education opportunities in the region, and serves as a model for similar programs offered around the country.

FAMILY FEUD: Black History Month Edition!

Mr. Knepp’s American History class celebrated Black History Month by recreating America’s hottest game show, “Family Feud,” on the SMHS auditorium stage. The entire game show was developed by scholars; from the questions to the contestants, they really did it all! After 100 Mansion faculty, staff and other scholars were surveyed, three “families” the Sullivans, the Wilkins, and the Williams, competed to answer questions that challenged general black history knowledge. Contestants were asked to identify an African American motivational speaker and cartoon character from the past or present, just to name a few. Faculty included Ms. Williams, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Culpepper, Mr. Wilkins, and Ms. Alexander. The show was hosted by Aniyah Herbert and Kysheem Green-Daniels. But in the end, there could be only one winner: the Sullivan Family!

“YOUNG ARTISTS” Art Show 2020

Each spring, for over 60 years, we celebrate student achievement in the visual arts at the Annual Citywide student “YOUNG ARTISTS” Exhibition. Congratulations to the following scholars who’s artwork was selected: Kalah Bester, Angel Butler, Domonekia Hayes, Ethan Crawford, Yahsir Keaton, Mustafa Abdullah, Waquil Thompson, Erica Upchurch, Monere Duson, Shayone Ross-Stevens, Maurice Ayers, Jakayla White, Sasha Goody, Shirikia Taylor, Jimmietra Brooks, and Breyonna Stone. The show is located in the Education Atrium at 440 North Broad Street and the Opening Reception & Award Ceremony will take place April 24th, 2020. Support the Arts!