



Peaslee Neighborhood Center

Summer 2024 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

As we wrap up our 2024 summer camps, we wanted to share some highlights and thank you for your support! Your investment in Peaslee children and families ensures consistent access to educational, social, and economic opportunities in our neighborhood year round. As kids return to school, we appreciate your gift to help keep Peaslee strong into our next 40 years of participatory education and community building!

With gratitude,
Peaslee Staff and Board

PEASLEE PRESENTS OUR **SUPER** SUMMER PROGRAMS!

PEASLEE KIDS

Peaslee Kids, ages 6-10, participated in weekly **swim lessons**, **library trips**, **yoga sessions**, and **African drumming** lessons. This year, kids focused on discovering and advocating for the world around them through science projects, art pieces, and petition-making! To support each child's growth, students shared **positive affirmations** together.



**"I AM KIND, I AM
HELPFUL, I AM
LOVING!"**

-Amouria

**"WE LEARNED HOW
PEOPLE EXPRESS
THEMSELVES!"**

-Laila



AGENTS OF CHANGE

Agents of Change youth, ages 11-15, engaged in weekly **yoga sessions**, **African drumming**, and **pool trips**. They practiced expressing their opinions on different topics, did research on where our slang words come from, shared their "song of the day", and explored Over-the-Rhine and its history! **Agent of the Day cards** helped students learn about history and social change from a variety of perspectives.

THANKS to Peaslee program partners:

Baba Charles Miller, Callie Clark, Civic Garden Center, Hamilton County Public Library, Indigo Hippo, SwimSafe, YMCA Camp Ernst, Miami University, Xavier University, & amazing Peaslee parents & volunteers!

A SUMMER OF DISCOVERY



Each day at
camp, we
learned
something
new!

Cooking at the garden!



Reading!



Peaslee Kids' egg drop!



African drumming!



Yoga!



Teamwork on Field Day!



2024 Wrapped



45
campers

886
positive affirmations

1,845
meals and snacks provided

1,715
minutes at the pool

605
minutes of reading

Our top activities

1



Swimming
Ziegler Pool

2



Yoga
Callie Clark

3



Gardening
Civic Garden Center

4



Reading
Hamilton County Public Library

5



Drumming
Baba Charles Miller

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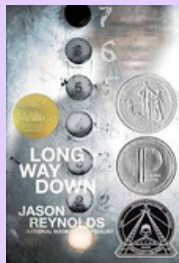
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READS

A Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

A Long Way Down is a story about a teenager learning to find his place in the world after a drastic loss. Agents of Change campers connected with many of the themes and topics in the book.

Maya, Agents of Change staff

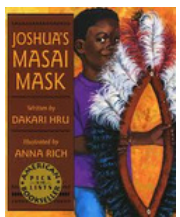


Joshua's Masai Mask

by Dakari Hru

In the first week of camp, Peaslee Kids read **Joshua's Masai Mask**. Campers learned that even if they like and do things that other people don't, staying true to yourself is the most important thing.

Rian, Peaslee Kids staff



Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

Genesis Begins Again is centered on finding and learning to love yourself. Agents dove deeper into the concept of self-love and the positive impact it makes.

Maya, Agents of Change staff

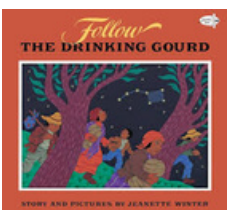


Follow the Drinking Gourd

by Jeanette Winter

Peaslee Kids read **Follow the Drinking Gourd** and learned about the Underground Railroad and how enslaved people escaped to the North. Campers also created constellation art to represent what their own "Drinking Gourd" would be!

Rian, Peaslee Kids staff



Come read with us!

This summer, Peaslee campers read stories that inspired them and expanded their understanding of the world.