

## Overview

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy (SCH) launched its second year of Horizons at SCH programming in summer 2022. Horizons at SCH provides a tuition-free, six-week summer academic enrichment program for local children in under-resourced public and charter schools. Students begin Horizons the summer after Kindergarten and return each summer through 8th grade to discover the joy of learning, build skills for academic success, and find inspiration to achieve their dreams both in and out of the classroom.

Horizons at SCH offers a high-quality, hands-on learning experience outside of the traditional school year to support academic achievement and healthy youth development. This year, the program served thirty rising first and second-grade students. Horizons students experienced a full day of learning opportunities, including literacy, math, STEM, and enrichment activities such as field trips, hiking, and instructional swimming. Students also received breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no cost.

Horizons at SCH enrolled 15 students per class (30 total students) who were supported by a Lead Teacher, an Assistant Teacher, a Reading Specialist, and (new in 2023) a Family Engagement Specialist/Academic Coordinator to lead student social-emotional development initiatives, provide staff with SEL resources, and serve as a liaison for families.

Students entering the program this summer possessed a broad range of academic abilities with many students having below grade-level literacy skills and others reading slightly above grade level. After six weeks in the Horizons at SCH program, students' literacy skills grew significantly and they also developed important social-emotional and classroom citizenship skills to carry them into the new school year.



### **A Message from Horizons at SCH Board of Directors Co-Chairs Yolanda Banks and Emily Brenner Hawkins**

*"Reflecting back on the summer, we are so grateful to you, our committed donors, for your generous support of our Horizons students. Your choice to make Horizons a philanthropic priority sustained our momentum and provided our students the necessary tools to build confidence, think creatively, and have fun.*

***Thank you for your generosity and for being an integral part of the SCH and Horizons community."***

# Summer 2022 Highlights



## **Year Two Enrollment:**

30 students (16 girls/14 boys)

## **Staffing and Diversity:**

Horizons boasts a 5:1 student-teacher ratio. In 2022, 50% of Horizons teachers are from SCH and 50% from the local, non-SCH teaching community. 33% of Horizons teachers are Black or African American, 33% are White, 15% are Asian and 15% are multiracial.

## **Volunteers and Special Guests:**

AmeriCorps Summer VISTA, 6 student volunteers, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Phillies Phanatic, Author Kadeja Wexler, SCH Robotics, The EPA, SCH faculty

## **Program Offerings:**

Literacy, Math, Karate, Nature and Hiking, STEM/Robotics, Arts, Swimming, Yoga



## **Literacy:**

Academic focus on literacy growth, supported by small group and individual lessons based on entering and exiting STAR assessment measurements

## **Math:**

Math workshops utilizing the Trapezium Math curriculum

## **Field Trips:**

Audubon Discovery Center, Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion, Smith Playground, Valley Green, Philadelphia Zoo

## **Swimming:**

Many Horizons at SCH students had never been exposed to swimming or a pool before this summer. Our Horizons students enjoyed 1.5 hour of swim lessons per week and by the end of the Horizons summer program most students achieved a majority of the Red Cross Level I swim skills, and a few even passed onto Level II.

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## Looking Forward | 22-23 Academic Year

### **Year-Round Student and Family Engagement**

We look forward to welcoming our Horizons students back to campus throughout the 2022-2023 school year for the following events: "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event, "Becoming an Author" writing workshop with Kadeja Wexler, STEM classes with SCH's Robotics Team, Horizons reunion and movie night, Horizons Family Hike in the Wissahickon, New Years "Board Breaking" with Action Karate Mt Airy, and Basketball Clinic with Urban Youth Kings and Queens.