

13th & UNION PARTNERSHIP Newsletter

Art Camp

This summer, five 13th and Union elementary students attended the Freedman Kids Mini Art Camp, thanks to scholarships from the Wyomissing Foundation. The camp's theme was art and gardening. The camp director, Beth Krumholz, and 13th and Union art teacher, Barb Cimochoowski, chose six students in grades 1-5 to attend the week-long camp. Five of the students attended and had a first-hand experience with life in a tent! The students designed, built and decorated their own tents with the help of artist Amanda Deibert. The campers also had a culinary experience with Phoebe Canakis, a natural foods chef. Next year, with the theme bodies in motion, the art camp will be held in conjunction with the Schumo Center.



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Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA)

Jasmine Clarke '14 is Albright's first VISTA in eight years. Clarke works with the Albright College and 13th and Union Elementary School Partnership. She is also cultivating community partners and working with the Albright Early Learning Center.



Clarke says, "I am interested in giving back to the community that became my home for the past four years as an undergraduate student." She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in May.

VISTAs are paid through AmeriCorps, a federal anti-poverty program. AmeriCorps runs several programs including a Senior Initiative. Their main focus is on programs that create initiatives that will be self-sustaining after three years.

Homework Center

Once again, a Homework Center for students who are English as a Second Language (ESL) learners will operate at 13th and Union. In recent years, the school district has not been able to fund the center due to budget issues. Last year, the Wyomissing Foundation Grant funded the center. This year, it will be funded by a grant from Wal-Mart, along with additional funds from the Wyomissing Foundation Grant.

Mural Project

Students from 13th and Union and Albright College will create a mural for the lobby of the elementary school. Beth Krumholz will use her students from the Albright Visual Arts Organization (VAO) together with her Monday Experimental Art Lab to design and paint a mural that will represent the partnership, which has existed since 2004.

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