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A Newsletter of the S.T.Arts Program

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Local Lunch Buddies

Fueling our students for success!



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A special thank you to longtime supporter Hot Spot Jamaican Cuisine for helping us fuel our S.T.Artists and staff!

Food insecurity—the lack of regular access to safe and nutritious food—is a concern for many students in our service areas. A healthy diet is linked to academic and social achievement. So, to fuel our students for success, we serve breakfast, lunch and a snack daily at summer camp and nutritious snacks during our school year programs.

Our “Local Lunch Buddies” are an invaluable resource, and YOU can be one! Local stores, restaurants, and other businesses can make cash or material donations to ensure that our S.T.Artists are fed and fueled for success. If you would like to be a Lunch Buddy, contact us at

scholastictalent@gmail.com.

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible!

S.T.ARTIST STORIES >>>

A Dynamic Duo

S.T.Arts celebrates International Friendship Day.

Meet Giana and Serenity.

One girl lives in the urban center of Brooklyn. The other girl lives in the suburbs. One of the girls is eight years old. The other girl is twelve years old. Despite their obvious differences, the girls quickly forged a special bond.

Friendships are such an important bridge between people, cultures, and communities that the UN declared the International Day of Friendship to be celebrated every year on July 30th.

An important part of the Scholastic

mission is to make sure our S.T.Artists feel welcome and are supported. We are happy to see our mission in action!

And, thanks to the example set by Serenity and Gianna, we will celebrate International Friendship Day with our

First annual Twin Day. All S.T.Artist are encouraged to find a friend and be their twin!



Find more S.T.Artist Stories like Serenity and Gianni's on our social media channels!

A FRESH S.T.ART >>>

A New Home For S.T.Arts

Scholastic partners with the historic Albany Free School.

S.T.Arts has a new host site for the summer at the historic Albany Free School.

The Free School is the oldest independent, inner-city alternative school in the United States. At the Free School students learn through experience, so of course, they make an excellent partner for Scholastic.

Scholastic has been providing programming at the site throughout the academic year and is enjoying its largest summer enrollment to date thanks in no small part to this partnership!



SOMETHING TO SAY >>>

Making Our Voices Heard

S.T.Artists write and record songs.

Everybody wants to be heard.

So, we are excited to provide our S.T.Artists creative outlets to express themselves. Songwriting is one of the creative and entertaining outlets that let S.T.Artists speak up.

In a trip to a professional recording studio, S.T.Artists wrote and recorded original songs.

Follow us on social media to hear samples of their compositions!



HOT STEPPERS>>>

Studying Traditional Dance Styles

S.T.Artists practice the cultural art of stepping.

“Stepping” is a percussive style of dance in African-American culture popularized by fraternities and sororities. It is a complex style because the performer’s entire body is involved. The body makes the music that it moves to through hand clapping and foot stomping. But that’s not all! This movement is also accompanied by chants!

S.T.Artists have been learning various dance styles including stepping and will perform original choreography at the Annual Gala in August. Official invitations are coming soon. We hope you’ll come see our all of the performances and celebrate our performers!



PLAYTIME >>>

Making Play Part Of Our Day

Playing builds healthy bodies and minds.

How often do you make time to get away from the demands of your day? How often do you play?

Not only does sitting for long periods of time have negative effects on physical health but participating in structured activity for too long can negatively impact mental health as well. For children this can be especially harmful to their growth and development..

So, we make time for our S.T.Artists to play everyday. Our daily free play gives them a chance to get physically active, to socialize, and to practice independent skills outside of the typical structured learning environment.

Studies show that play improves concentration, coordination, and social-emotional skills like sharing, getting along with others, and regulating emotions.

Play is good for us all: all work and no play can make us very unwell. How will you play today?



STAFF SHOUT OUT!

Your face belongs HERE!!

Thank a special staff member and see them recognized HERE every week!

Stay TUNED

Fall programs begin in September! This year, S.T.Artventures will take place throughout the Capital Region including at the Albany Free School. Visit our website to register and learn more!



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