The GREAT Philly Cook Off!

Strawberry Mansion High School senior culinary scholar Domonekia Hays participated in the Second Annual Great Philly Cook Off on October 10th. In this “Chopped” inspired cooking competition, Philly chefs’ partner with School District of Philadelphia culinary students to create an entree.

Domonekia teamed up with Hell’s Kitchen Finalist, Barbie Marshall, a private chef and restaurant consultant servicing the Philadelphia area. The dish they created was a seared rockfish with sweet potato puree and seasonal vegetables in a plum syrup with butter. Together, the duo placed third in the overall culinary competition.

LENNON BUS Experience

The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organization "committed to reaching youth through music and video." While corporately based in New York City, the mission of the organization is carried out through a traveling bus, an audio and video recording studio on wheels. Seven lucky Mansion scholars, Sincear Morton-Murray, Kalah Bester, Domoneika Hayes, Christian Freely, Elijahwan Cannon, Stephen Blackenly, and Angel NOV. 5 & 11 NO SCHOOL!

NOVEMBER 6 Outward Bound

NOVEMBER 15 1/2 Day

NOVEMBER 20 HBCU College Fair

NOVEMBER 21-22 Report Card Conferences

NOVEMBER 28-29 Thanksgiving Break
Butler had the opportunity to drop beats, create lyrics and film a music video under the supervision of music professionals. Celebrity rapper, Kevin Gates, even stopped the Lennon Bus to join in on the fun and speak to scholars about the music business. Stay tuned for the music video release party!

MANSION KNIGHTS’ Club
Here at the Mansion, our goal is to help scholars succeed, and provide opportunities to help them achieve their individual goals. The Strawberry Mansion Knights’ Club exists to enhance academic success and reward select scholars for exceeding expectations on a daily basis. These members follow the ABC’s of education everyday... A= Attendance, B= Behavior, and C= of Credit Attainment. Knights’ Club scholars were rewarded at the end of October with a Mansion Monster Mash party in the cafeteria complete with costumes, pumpkin carving, music, dancing, salty snacks, and of course and sweet treats.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a peer elected, collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and parent and community engagement in the educational process. Being on Mansion’s School Advisory Council is a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with parents and participate in school planning. For additional information, please email Mr. McCracken at bmccracken@philasd.org

On Tuesday, October 15th, four scholars participated in the Unified Leadership Team training as part of Special Olympics Unified Sports at Jefferson University. The team consists of Domoneika Hayes, Kalah Bester, Deshaun Bryant, and Khaleel Tindley. These scholars will be responsible for planning various events within the school to promote inclusion and acceptance of all people.