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Happy Holidays

From CADEkids!



[CADEkids Launches a GoFundMe Campaign](#)

Our goal is \$15,000 to reach 1,000 more students in five additional schools. Please join us-- and read more about our GoFundMe by clicking on the link above.

Phillies Charities, Inc. Honors CADEkids

CADEkids was one of the community heroes saluted at the Phillies Charities, Inc. Holiday Party on December 18th. Local organizations were recognized for making a positive impact in their



communities and improving the lives of those served. In 2017, over \$1.2 million was awarded by Phillies Charities, Inc., the fundraising arm of the Phillies organization.



CADEkids' President Frederick Kohm, Jr. (standing) with Bill and Nancy Giles “CADE-a-gram” centerpieces

CADEkids Supports Mayor Kenney's Community Schools Initiative—and Plans for More

Members of CADEkids' board and staff met with Philadelphia's Chief Education Officer Otis Hackney in September to explore new and expanded services for city students: Community Schools initiative, out-of-school-time activities, and financial literacy were the focus.

Community Schools: CADEkids delivers prevention programs at William Cramp Elementary (grades K-5) in West Kensington. Cramp is one of 11 schools chosen for the Mayor's initiative slated to eventually include 25 schools. The Kenney administration hopes to establish social and health services centers at neighborhood schools around the city. “We're dedicated to empowering students stay in school and achieve in life.”

Out-of-school-time Activities: This past summer, CADEkids piloted a summer series at Kensington's McPherson Square Library for students affected by the opioid epidemic. For six weeks, Specialists conducted activities and promoted resilience in children, teaching the effects of drugs and alcohol use, role playing character building scenarios, and providing the students strategies for handling negative peer pressure. Specialists Tony Smith, Khareema Thomas, and

Perry Mattero asked the children questions: What is peer pressure? What are some refusal skills you could use if someone wants you to do something that's not right? Is anger bad? (No, they said, it's not good or bad. It's normal.) "A lot of people get angry and then they do something they regret," Smith told the children.

Police Commissioner Richard Ross attended the final session, telling the kids how proud he was proud of them for participating. But, the police commissioner said, the things the children were coping with are heartbreaking.



"It's unfortunate that young people like this should have to endure conditions like that," Ross said.

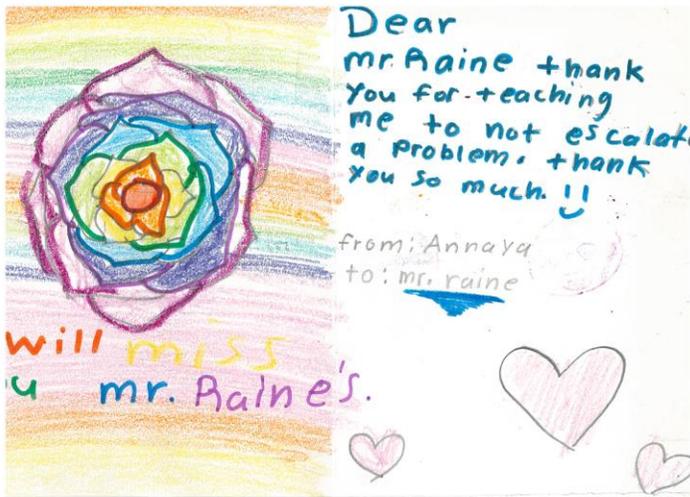
Financial Literacy: CADEkids plans to offer workshops for adults during *Parent Cafes* at Cramp Elementary, in late fall or winter 2018. Classroom-based lessons for students would be held in May or June 2018.

CADEkids Welcomes Natasha Bracewell— Problem Gambling Prevention Specialist

Natasha Bracewell, our new Problem Gambling Prevention Specialist, brings over 12 years of experience as an educator in the private and public school sectors. An advocate for at-risk youth, Natasha has taught life skills and character lessons to her students in group and one-to-one settings. She is a graduate of Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education; Natasha joined CADEkids in September 2017.



Students Thankful for CADEkids



Dear Mr. Raines: “Thank you for teaching me to not escalate a problem...you are the reason why we don’t do violent stuff like fighting!”



Mister Raines

Dear, Mr. Raines
You are the
reason why we
don't do violent
stuff like fighting
we are thankful
Sincerely,



When Prevention Specialist Mister Raines completed his lessons with 4th graders at Duckrey Elementary in North Philadelphia the students created personalized “thank you” cards to highlight what they learned and personally express their appreciation. “Be a buddy, not a bully” was a consistent theme

throughout. Their teacher added her appreciation: “Thank you for teaching my class conflict resolution. I have seen *drastic* changes in the way they communicate with one another! You will surely be missed in Room 209. My students participated actively and were always highly engaged.”

“CADEtalks” on Facebook

Each week Prevention Specialists post on our [Facebook](#) page, called “CADEtalks” – a collection of heartfelt stories about their day-to-day experiences of working with students in the schools. Please check out CADEtalks today...and let us know what you think!



Out and About in the Community:

CADEkids' staff joined thousands of folks at the 16th annual Recovery Walk in Old City on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017. The goal is to raise awareness, celebrate recovery, and work to end the stigma surrounding drug and alcohol addiction. CADEkids showed its solidarity for the ongoing strength of character needed to maintain recovery from drug and alcohol addiction disorders.

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