Please extend a warm **Love a Kid Today and Every Day** welcome to the students, staff and parents of the latest member to join the Sesame Flyers family, the OST program at host school IS 211 - The John Wilson school in Canarsie. Principal Carolyn James and her friendly professional staff have gone out of their way to make us feel that we are part of their family too.

The theme of the OST program at IS 211 is Extended Family, with a focus on youth leadership and STEM activities. Principal James sets high expectations for her students with a mission ‘to do whatever it takes for all our students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to become College and Career ready.’ The OST program at IS 211 intends to support that mission with its program offerings.

Open to Grades six through eight, the OST Program at IS 211 meets Monday through Thursday from 3pm-6pm with special sessions during holidays and school breaks. Participants are served a meal, and in addition to Youth Leadership and STEM, enrollees can participate in academic achievement, steelpan, cultural dance, basketball and soccer activities. Those interested in more information about this free program may contact the OST 211 program office at (718) 251-4411 ext 1022 or info@sesameflyers.org.

**WINTHROP BEACON III COMMUNITY CENTER**

Do you have a Beacon Passport? Summer Camp 2012 was all about multi-cultural experiences. Winthrop Beacon Summer Camp staff and 150 campers took a trip around the world in seven weeks. Our camp theme appropriately named **Passport to World** visited Aruba, Brazil, Venezuela, Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Panama, India each week learning and creating projects relating to
a different aspect of the country (history, language, style of dance, food, music, art and culture). Our classes ranging from Kindergarten to Eighth grade transformed their classrooms into their elected destination(s), as each class was dedicated to a country. All that was learned was showcased at our Summer Camp World’s Fair on the last day of camp. At the world fair each country was represented. The most exciting part of the Fair besides the “wobble” (an impromptu Flash Mob style dance that everyone teachers included performed), was visiting each countries booth and creating crafts related to the country. For example, there were a Bindi and henna art station for India, bottled sand art created at the Aruba station, and an African jewelry station.

Aside from learning and sharing with each other the things we learned about our countries, we had fun dressing up and become wacky characters on Friday for our Theme Friday activities. Campers and counselors dressed in theme appropriate outfits (wacky tacky outfits, superhero, crazy hats or their own crazy creations) strut their stuff on stage in our theme Friday fashion show where winners were chosen Apollo style by their fellow campers. The most exciting Friday was flag day when the Trinidad and Jamaica went head to head (this ended in a draw). We also had Beacon Olympics inspired by the 2012 Olympics. Campers and camp counselors participated in team and individual sport related activities. Winthrop Beacon Summer Camp 2012 was a summer filled with adventures.

BILDERSEE BEACON

Bildersee Beacon is a school based community center located in IS 68 in the Carnasie section of Brooklyn. The program hours of operation are Monday through Friday 2:30pm-10:00pm and Saturday’s 10:00am-6:00pm. The Beacon offers a comprehensive array of FREE youth and adult programs in 8 core service areas: The schedule of school age, teen and adult activities with days and times are listed on the activity schedule.