

# MIND-BUILDERS CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

November 2020 Newsletter



## WE NEED WORK-EXCHANGE & PARENT VOLUNTEERS



In an effort to protect yourself and others, the program has limited spots/assignments. Currently, all assignments will be virtual. We will be pre-screening all applicants to determine program eligibility. **PLEASE DO NOT** apply to the program if you live with or are in frequent contact with those in the higher-risk categories for the virus.

**Please Note:** Interested participants must have Wi-Fi capabilities as well as a functioning device (i.e. Smartphone, tablet, Chromebook or laptop) in their home. Visit [www.Mind-Builders.Org](http://www.Mind-Builders.Org) to apply.

A dance class or music group class equals 3 hours of virtual work each week. One private music class equals to 4 hours of virtual work each week.

**Work-Exchange is limited to one class per student.**

### Current Openings:

- Virtual Clerical Support
- Virtual Class Monitors
- Virtual Tutors (must complete background check)

When we can re-enter the building there may be opportunities for other assignments while still observing social distancing and safety procedures.

## IN LOVING MEMORY



**NICOLE LAVEYSSIERES**

JUNE 8TH, 2008 - OCTOBER 8TH, 2020

At the age of twelve, Nicole made her transition and the different corners she lit in our hearts magnified. You may have seen her with her Mom, our alum, Beverley and her bright, loving siblings Sarah, Chloe, and Joshua. She was always smiling and giving out fierce hugs, her intelligence and opinions.

Nicole often climbed the stairs with determination for her deliveries to staff, parents and volunteers. She negotiated for real tasks so that she could always be of service, and appreciated candy as her treat. Nicole, thank you for sharing your light with us. As you continue on your journey, you will always be in our hearts.



With love, Madaha Kinsey-Lamb &  
All of Us At Mind-Builders





## FREE COLLEGE PREPARATION SUPPORT

**College Connection Initiative** helps 11th & 12th graders stay on track during their college application process. SUNY North Bronx provides **FREE** college prep services to students and their families. **Get help with college tours, financial aid, college application, essays, waivers & much more.** Email [smartelliere@mind-builders.org](mailto:smartelliere@mind-builders.org) to reserve your 30 minute 1 on 1 session on **Wednesdays between 4 - 6pm** or other days Monday through Friday.

**November Workshop Dates:**  
**November 4th, 18th & 25th**

## YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Andrea Marano is our new Youth & Family Support Specialist. She worked with our youth in the teen programs this past summer and is now available to our students and families **free of charge.**

To discuss overall health & wellness, stress or resources for you or loved ones, call **(718) 652-6256** and request a call back from Andrea. You can also email her at [amarano@mind-builders.org](mailto:amarano@mind-builders.org).



## NYBG FREE TICKETS

Below are the dates for the **FREE** NY Botanical Garden visit **for Mind-Builders families, staff, and volunteers.** Sign up is required. There are only 25 tickets for each date listed and only **2 tickets per family** is allowed. First come first served. Ticket pick up is by appointment only. Contact [OMcCalla@Mind-Builders.Org](mailto:OMcCalla@Mind-Builders.Org) to reserve your tickets.

**Friday, November 6th**  
**Saturday, November 7th**  
**Sunday, November 8th**  
**Friday, November 13th**  
**Saturday, November 14th**

**No Classes - Tuesday November 24th - Saturday November 28th**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 12, 2021 - Building Re-opening Target Date (Blended Model Would Begin)**

**November 17 - 21, 2020 - Encourage a friend to take a FREE Trial Class! Virtual Group Classes in Dance or Martial Arts. Teens, also check out PYT, Folk Culture & Arts Passage XPress**

**November 23, 2020 - Early registration for January In-person & Virtual Class Options  
*No Annual Registration Fee***

**November 30, 2020 - Registration Open to the Public for In-Person Classes  
*No Annual Registration Fee***

**November 24th, 2020 - Saturday, November 28th, 2020 - NO CLASSES**

**December 1st, 2020 - Dance, Music and Martial Arts Classes Resume**



**PRE - PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP  
DANCE ENSEMBLE VIRTUAL AUDITIONS**

**FRIDAY \* NOVEMBER 6, 2020  
5 :30 - 7:30 PM**



**AGES 11-18 - MINIMUM 2 YEARS DANCING**

**Join the Mind-Builders Dance Ensemble Audition Band**

**Use link to log into BAND & learn dance combination**

**<http://band.us/n/a1a546S644h7r>**

**Be prepared to perform combination in Zoom Audition.**

**For more information contact Ms. Mel at:**

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