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Harlem Middle Schoolers Try Their Hand at Technology

Students from IS 195 Roberto Clemente School in Harlem will be doing more than roasting marshmallows at Per Scholas' first ever Summer Tech Camp.

During a day-long technology training, over 50 students will learn basic computer skills, ways that technology can contribute to career success and how to take apart and rebuild an entire computer. At the end of Tech Camp, students will take home their very own desktop computer through Per Scholas' Comp2Kids program.

Comp2Kids provides teachers and students with personal computers in low income areas of New York City so that everyone can benefit from the advantages of modern technology. The computers and training provided by Comp2Kids and their many volunteers from major corporations contribute to success in both schools and employment that can break the cycle of poverty.

Comp2Kids' partnership with IS 195, which began in 2002, has improved the learning environment for the whole school. There has been an increase in student attendance, an increase in computer literacy for both students and teachers, improvement in the quality of teachers being recruited, and a higher teacher retention rate.

IS 195 principal, Aura Rivera, couldn't be happier with the partnership's success. "The Comp2Kids program and the support of their volunteers have had a positive impact on our school. I hope this program will continue year after year. Thank you Comp2Kids for your amazing passion for our children!"

Over 25 volunteers from Credit Suisse will assist students learn about the inner workings of a computer and discuss ways that computer skills can help advance education and careers. This hands-on day will encourage students to envision new possibilities for their futures and contribute to further success for IS 195 as students leave with desktop computers to help them with their upcoming schoolwork.

Per Scholas will provide the computers used at Tech Camp through its recycling program which accepts donated computer equipment from companies and other organizations and individuals. Donated equipment is reconditioned and made available at very low cost to low income families as well as distributed to students, teachers and senior citizens.

Tech Camp will continue a tradition of Per Scholas bridging the digital divide since 1995.

Tech Camp will be held Thursday, July 19 at IS 195, Roberto Clemente School, 625 W. 133rd Street in New York City. Please direct all inquiries to Kenneth Walker, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships (718) 772-0662

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