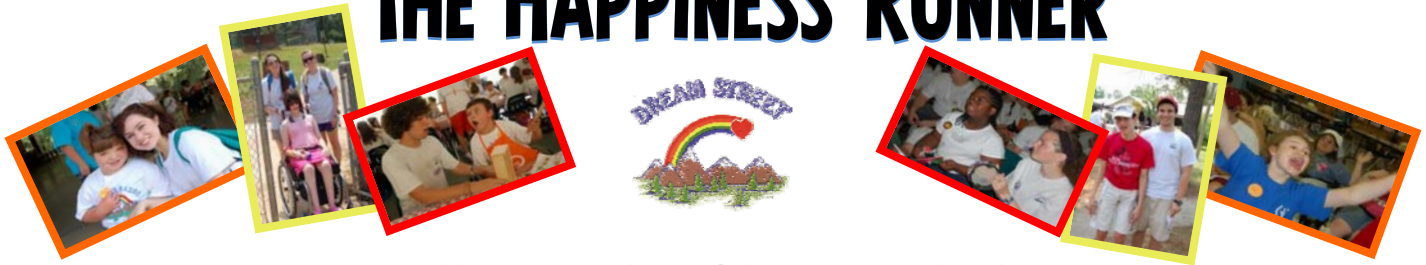


THE HAPPINESS RUNNER



Just like Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus,
the Dream Street Magic is full of year-long adventures!

Dear Camp Dream Street Friends,

We hope everyone had a fabulous summer! We sure did!

After spending a magnificent week at camp, we decided we couldn't get enough of **The Friz** and her adventures (as **Ms. Frizzle** explains in her article later in the newsletter), so we hopped aboard the Magic School Bus and took off with **Ms. Frizzle, Liz,** and the rest of the gang for some more adventures! Having already explored the inside of **Ralphie's** body, under the sea, and outer space, we decided to take a trip across America. We flew through the Grand Canyon, zoomed across the Golden Gate Bridge, canoed through the Everglades, and strolled the streets of New York City. Our summer was filled with amazing adventures, and we hope yours was too!

The two of us have immensely enjoyed working together as the co-Program Directors of Camp Dream Street. Not only did we make a great team, but we became good buddies in the process! For the summer of 2011, there will be a slight change in the leadership, though. **Kyle** has been asked to serve on the Board of Advisors, where he will continue to serve as a close mentor to the program staff, as well as assist the Board with their initiatives throughout the year. It is a great honor, and we should all be very proud of him! **Ellie** will continue on as Program Director and is super excited to plan Camp Dream Street 2011! We will definitely miss being co-Directors, but we are very excited for the new adventures that lay ahead for the both of us!

In other news, **Amelia Mann** will serve as the Assistant Program Director. She will help **Ellie** and the program staff prepare for 2011. Please help us in congratulating **Amelia** on her new position!

Thanks again to everyone for making our experience as co-Program Directors incredibly fun and fulfilling. We will see everyone in 2011, but in the meantime, always remember to take chances, makes mistakes, and get messy!

Dreamily Yours,
Ellie and Kyle

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DREAM STREET 2011

Staff Dates

May 29 –
June 4

Camper Dates

May 31 –
June 4

Applications

COMING
SOON!

DREAM STREET IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND IS FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT WWW.DREAMSTREETMS.ORG/DONATE.PHP OR SEND DONATIONS TO THE CAMP ADDRESS (SEE P.6)

AMELIA'S ANNOUNCEMENT

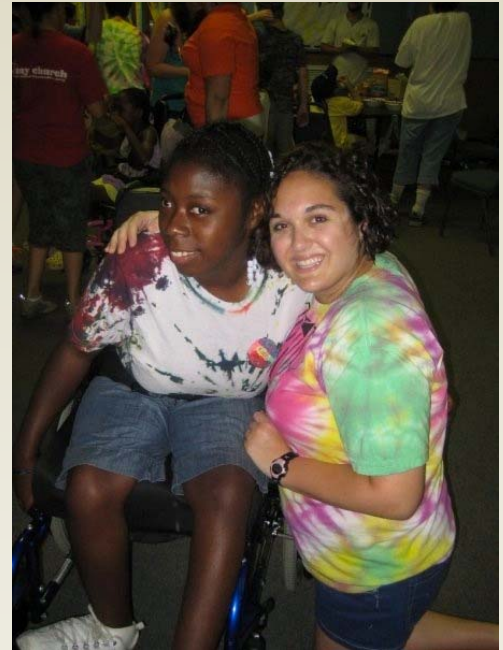
Dream Street this year was MAGICAL! Camp days were full of fun, adventure, and learning. We explored the lake with fishing and canoeing, rode horses, took buggy rides, played sports, had adventure games, and practiced cheerleading. We even got to explore our creative side with art, digital photography, drama, cooking, radio, and pottery. All within a 5-day period!

Thank you to all those who helped make all these activities possible. We had a large group of upper staff members who worked this year to plan all of the fun programs. Additionally, all the donated supplies made our daily activities possible! I know we all had a magical summer this year at Dream Street, and we want to send a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make it happen!

I also want to take a moment to say that I am so honored to be the new Assistant Program Director for summer 2011! I can't wait to see all of you there!

We are already planning next summer and setting some goals. We are looking for donations of water bottles to make Dream Street more green! Each summer Camp Dream Street uses hundreds of cups and straws. Water bottles would cut down on waste and ensure everyone is staying hydrated (H2O!!!). Please contact me or Ellie if you know anyone who could help us find a great deal for these bottles. See you next summer and have a MAGICAL year!

Amelia Mann
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LaBrittany and Amelia pose for a quick picture before song session.

MS. FRIZZLE'S KIDS WEREN'T THE ONLY STUDENTS ADVENTURING AT DREAM STREET THIS YEAR!

Dream Street hosted a group of Occupational Therapy (OT) students from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. They joined us at camp for a day to learn how Dream Street offers informal and fun therapies to children with physical disabilities. Hopefully, these soon-to-be-OT's will come visit us again and spread the Dream Street Magic by telling all of their future patients and colleagues about Camp Dream Street!

Did your experience at Dream Street impact your career choice? We are investigating funding sources specific to the impact Camp Dream Street has on the professional lives of its participants. Send us your story by emailing us at news@dreamstreetms.org.

MS. FRIZZLE'S FIELD TRIP

Ms. Frizzle takes us back to the great adventures she and her students had at Dream Street.
Seatbelts everyone!

It's hard to believe that our visit to Dream Street was already more than two months ago. **Ralphie, Dorothy Ann, Arnold, Wanda Li,** and, of course, **Liz** haven't stopped talking about the camp since we left. Even though we have traveled all around the universe, we've never been to a place as special as Camp Dream Street!

Like all good scientific discoveries, we were never meant to end up at Camp Dream Street in the first place! We were on a field trip when our bus broke down right in Utica. Luckily the Dream Street campers were on hand to help us fix our bus and get us going again.



Ms. Frizzle and her class discuss the next big adventure while at Dream Street!

But then, just as we were about to take off, we realized that our trusted companion, **Liz**, was nowhere to be found! This was stressful beyond belief: **Arnold** felt sick, **Ralphie** was crying, **Wanda Li** was looking everywhere, **D.A.** was making calculations. I just felt completely frazzled. Then I realized: with the help of the Dream Street campers, we would find **Liz** in no time!

So we began our search. First, we went inside **Ralphie's** body. We even used enormous toothbrushes and floss to search every crevice of his mouth! I was sure we would find her, but she wasn't there. The next night, we went under the sea, where we fought off crabs and sharks to look for **Liz**. But she was still missing. The final night, we were all gathered for an exciting magic show with **Mad Mike**. I was desperate to find **Liz** at this point, but **Mad Mike** mesmerized me with his magic. And then, all of the sudden, **Liz** popped out of the magic basket right at the end of his show. It was incredibly exciting for everyone, and, boy, were the kids relieved to see **Liz** back!

At the end we partied outer space-style, bouncing on the moon and exploring the stars through amazing telescopes. The students and I will never forget our amazing week at Camp Dream Street 2010!

Best adventurous wishes,
Ms. Frizzle



A LETTER FROM LAURA

Laura Zuelke writes about her Dream Street and summer experiences.

Hey Y'all,

I was just checking in on your summer and how it went?!? I know mine went great.

Dream Street has always had an impact on my life. I have fabulous memories of activities such as art, swimming, and horseback riding.

But, the experiences I remember the most are my counselors and the friendships I have made by going to Dream Street for 9 years.

My fellow campers, counselors, and upper staff members are some of my best friends now. We have kept in touch even outside of camp. I have never felt alone at Dream Street, because it seems like everyone there knows who I am. This has made me feel like I am just at home while at Dream Street.



(left to right) **Amelia, Kimberly, Ian, Laura, Haley, and Noam** take a quick picture after sushi.

The best part is now I have been able to bring the Dream Street magic out of the 5 days of camp to home.

This summer I have met up with many people. **Kimberly Evans** and I got our nails done. I also got sushi with **Haley Binder, Ian Rathmell, Noam Platt, and Amelia Mann** another night.

It isn't hard for you to find a way to bring Dream Street into your everyday life. All it takes is a phone call, a facebook post, or an email to those friends you made at Dream Street.

I think I have had a major impact on Dream Street throughout the years, and I know that all the campers reading this have and will impact Dream Street too.

-Have a great start of the school year!-
Laura Zuelke

LIFE LESSONS FROM DREAM STREET

It's ok to be who you are, and there ARE people who are going to accept you. Before camp I thought I was the only person that was in a chair. After, I thought, cool, I don't have to go through this alone.
- Elizabeth Eckie, 8th year camper

I learned that it's ok to send your kid to camp. It's a great thing for kids to give them the opportunity to be independent and grow.
- Lauren Siedl, mother of James Seidl, 5th year camper

DREAM STREET FUNDRAISERS



Rachel Lazarus and Sara Loewy, New Orleans organizers, are seen above greeting guests.

New Orleans, LA

New Orleans had an amazing "Rock 'N' Bowl" Fundraiser in August.

The event was attended by 85 people and raised over \$5,200!!

Everyone got great updates about what's going on at camp and the chance to see some old friends.

Atlanta, GA

Atlanta hosted its 8th annual fundraiser event in July.

Atlanta Dream Street staff, campers, alumni, and friends gathered for some fun, food, drinks, and prizes.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped raise over \$5,500!

We're working on events in other cities, and details will always be posted on our website, so check back frequently.

If you're interested in helping plan an event in your city, please contact us at news@dreamstreetms.org.

INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURES



OUR DREAM STREET MAGIC MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO CANADA, EH?!

Kids from Camp George, a sister camp of Henry S. Jacobs located in Canada, spent some time this summer learning about Dream Street and discussing how they could individually help their fellow citizens. They also sold art projects created at camp and raised over \$1,200 for Dream Street. THANKS CAMP GEORGE!! Please check out the camp's blog for more information:

[Camp George learns about Camp Dream Street](#)



EDITORS' EXTRAS

Dear Dream Street Family,

Mad Mike! Building mini-foosball tables and banks! A carnival with a dunking booth! Moon bounce!

According to **Dorothy Ann's** research, it sounds like this summer was another INCREDIBLE year of Dream Street! Although we were sad to miss camp this year, we both felt the Dream Street Magic. The morning of the first day of camp as we woke up for work in Louisiana and Virginia, we happily thought of all the nervous and excited campers, counselors, and staff. Sitting in our offices, we both caught ourselves humming "Happiness Runs" and wishing we could be at song session.

That is the beautiful thing about Dream Street. It is not just a camp, but an attitude, an outlook, a similar vision shared by so many that have ever attended Camp Dream Street. This is what we like to call "the Dream Street Magic." Even though we were not at camp, we felt the Magic because our Dream Street friends shared their adventures with us through mail, e-mail, facebook, and phone calls. Dream Street is never far away when people carry it with them through their thoughts, actions, and hugs!

We hope you all are feeling and sharing the Dream Street connection in your daily life whether or not you were able to attend this year. Through all of the outstanding donations, fundraisers, and stories, we just cannot wait for more campers, counselors, and staff to be able to experience and share Camp Dream Street for years to come.

In the wise words of **Ms. Frizzle**, we cannot wait to "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"

"Seatbelts, everyone!" Life awaits.

"Bus, do your stuff. Wahoo!"

Magically Yours,

Ian and Dana



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NATALIE BOMBET AND IAN RATHMELL**

**DAILY ACTIVITIES:
MIKE KAISER**

**ORIENTATION:
JEFF DREIFUS**

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS
LAURA LOHNES AND KIMBERLY EVANS**



Camp Dream Street, MS is a five-day, four-night camping program for children between the ages of eight and fourteen with physical disabilities and/or related cognitive disabilities. The camp is held on the grounds of URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp in Utica, MS and is sponsored by NFTY's Southern Region. Dream Street was founded in 1975 with the mission that all children—regardless of their abilities—must be offered the chance to have fun, to make new friends, to achieve, to be accepted for who and what they are, and to learn from the challenges of group life. Both the campers, who attend free of charge, and the staff, who attend on a volunteer basis, benefit from the life-changing experiences the camp has to offer. Dream Street is a place where children with physical disabilities are given the chance to be children – not "special" children, not children with disabilities, but just children.

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