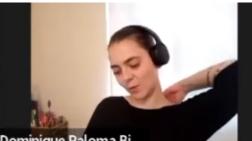


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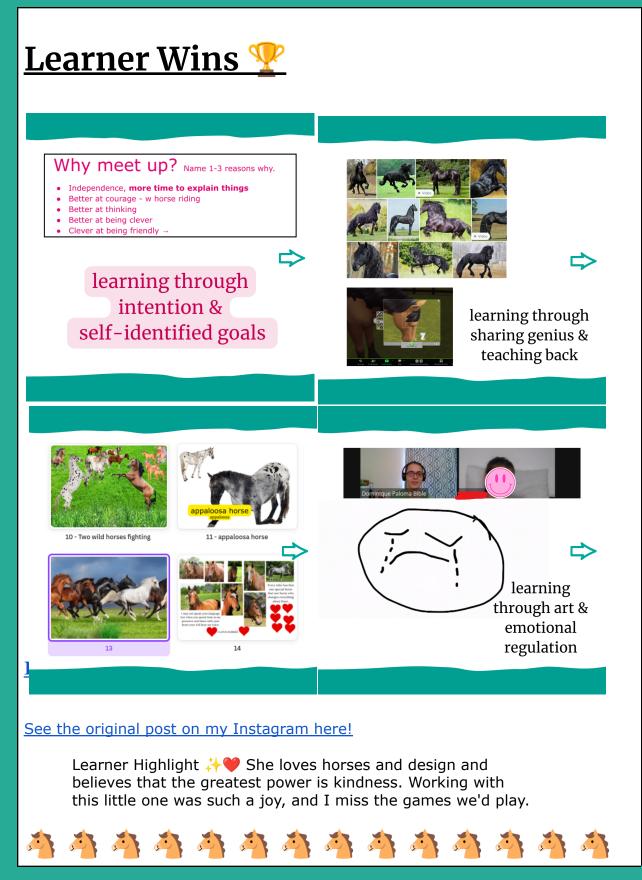
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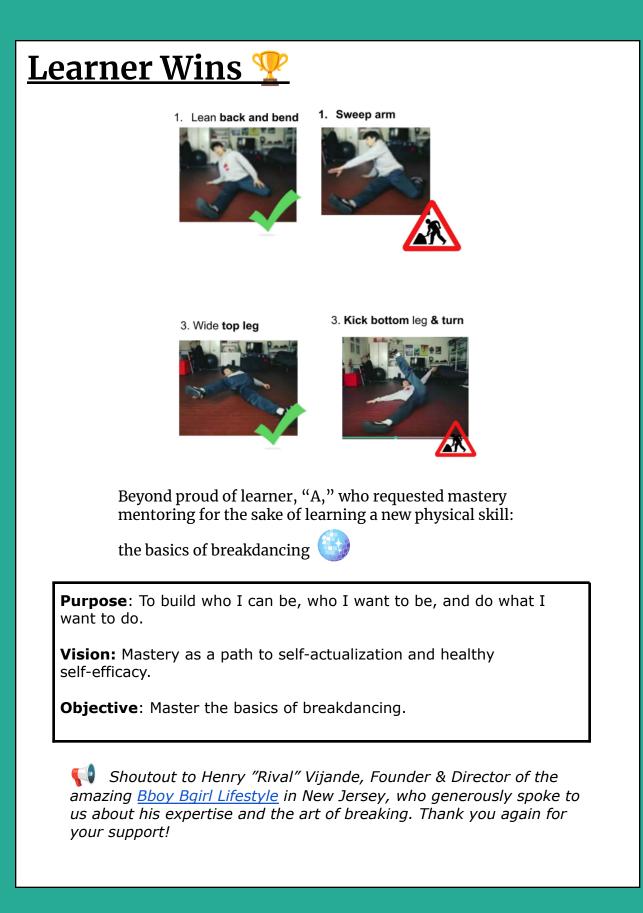
See the original post on my Instagram here!

Learner Highlight 2 Another great human who calls me Aunty Dom. We met in September 2017 and are now locked in $\frac{1}{4}$

Here we are doing an evaluation of our work over the summer. 🔆

Shared with consent and admiration. KEEP IT UP. Keep standing on business. Stay striving. Keep exploring.





top highlights of our work:

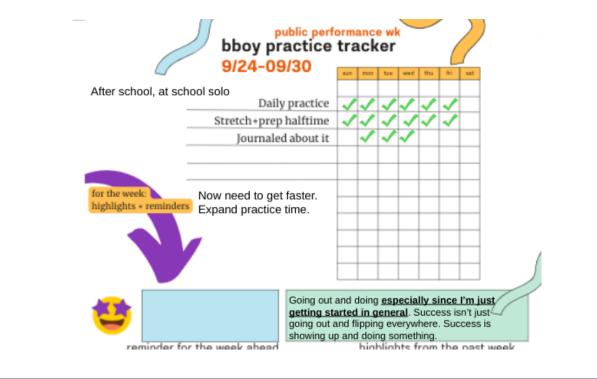
Process-Oriented Discoveries: "A" demonstrated a deep understanding of the importance of a process-oriented mindset in mastering breakdancing. The focus is on consistent practice, enjoying the learning journey, and not solely on the outcome.



Effective Goal Setting and Achieving: "A" set clear and achievable goals for himself, including a public debut. The goals are not only about showcasing skills but also about having fun, learning, and creating positive experiences throughout the process.

<u>Resilience and Determination</u>: "A"'s resilience and determination were highlighted consistently, showing a commitment to continuous improvement. The ability to handle setbacks, such as canceling a performance, showed his level of maturity and optimism. $\star \star \star$

Advocacy and Self-Identification: "A" actively discovered and advocated for his preferences and priorities, emphasizing the importance of defining success based on personal metrics. This includes identifying his own takeaways, suggesting self-improvement strategies, and utilizing a daily practice tracker.



<u>Company Wins 🏆</u>

2023 was a year brimming with opportunity actualized! In February, I collaborated with Nevada educator & therapist, <u>Anita Williams of DragoFly</u> <u>Academy</u>, to host a workshop through the VELA Education Fund platform on the power of 1-on-1 education for neurodivergent youth.

VELA Community Expert Series Power of 1-on-1: Working with Neurodivergent Youth to Lead to Success

Led by: Dominique Paloma Bible, M.A. | Off Da Beaten Path Learning Anita Williams, M.S. | DragonFly Academy

After attending the AERO conference, I heeded advice from Dr. Gina Riley and organized a successful online workshop on self-directed education.

Defined: What is self-directed education?

Empowerment through choice.

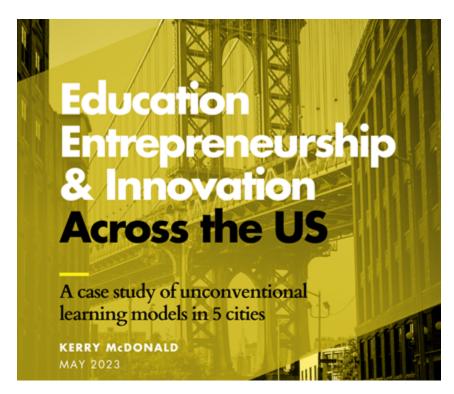
How do I unschool? How do I do that? I had to correct my language. Because I mostly pointing to Canva as a possible tool for documentation, but I needed to go back and add the words: "if he chooses." So important. So important. Collaborating with various groups, including Homeschool Yo Kids, New York Public Library, and Natural Born Champions, expanded my reach through engaging in-person events. Pictured below: pictures from talking about play, failure, and mental health at the Baltimore-based nonprofit, Natural Born Champions!



I had a multitude of invigorating conversations with other educators, families, and interested parties. Jae Carter interviewed me for her Homeschool Yo Kids podcast. <u>Watch our conversation here</u>! Click the image below for the Spotify channel!



Kerry McDonald interviewed me and <u>featured Off Da Beaten Path Learning LLC in</u> <u>a national report on innovative education entrepreneurship</u>.



In a recent exciting development, I took part in shaping a flourishing global discord community of self-directed education facilitators, aligned with <u>ASDE's six</u> <u>optimizing conditions</u>, has emerged. All consent-based educators are invited to join. You can work in any education field– does not need to be labeled self-directed! If you align with the six optimizing conditions, you are welcome. To join, <u>~ follow this link</u>! This month, I'm hosting two events for facilitators: one on social media for those of us who kind of/really hate it and another workshop on website best practices.



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