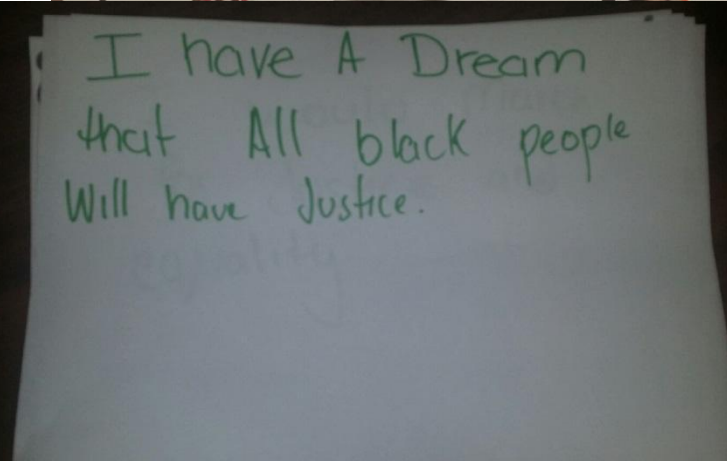
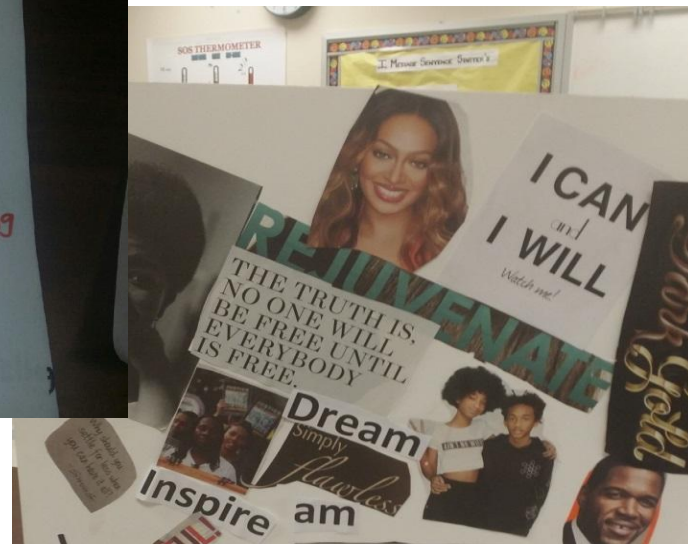
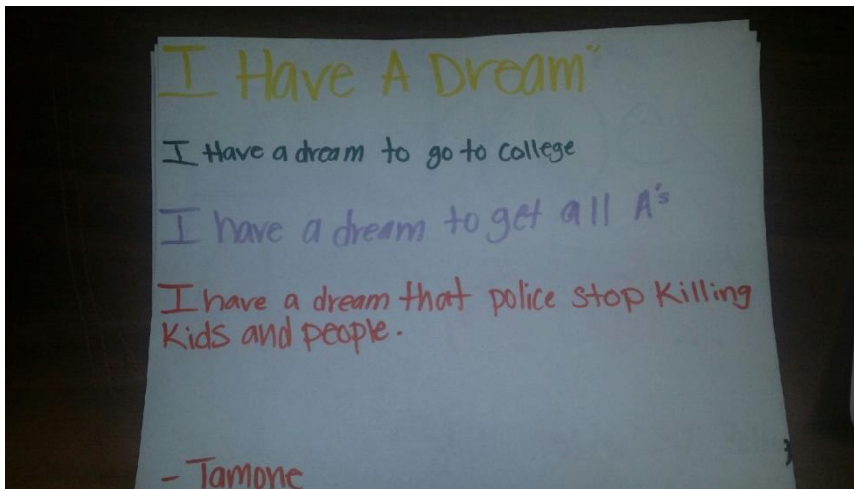
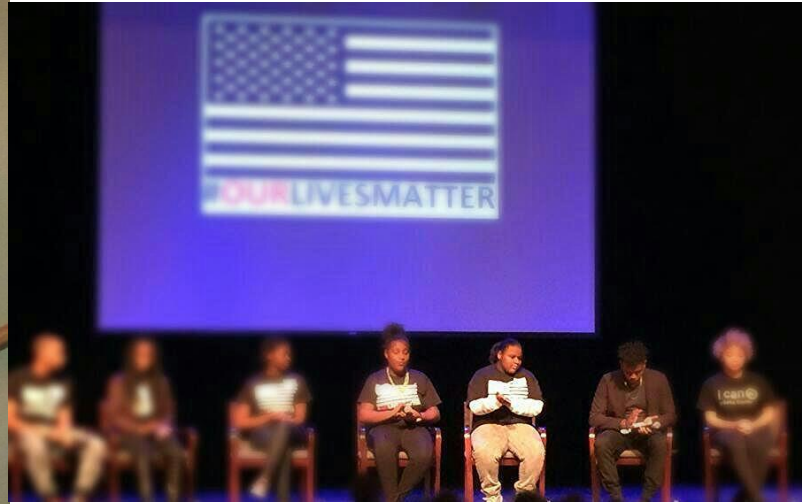


In the aftermath of the murder of Mike Brown, we dedicated 16 sessions to discuss incidence of police brutality and the #blacklivesmatter movement. This included: hearing from guest speakers that organized demonstrations here in DC as well as in Ferguson, NYC and Ohio; giving youth creative outlets to express their thoughts and feelings on the issue and partnering with several youth-serving organizations to hold a series of youth-led #ourlivesmatter townhalls.





In partnership with #SolidariTrees (an ongoing collaborative art based protest movement that mobilizes communities by engaging them in monthly art projects that are designed to ignite social consciousness and instigate social change); we held two kite-making workshops. Kites represent the things that black people and black communities need to flourish and blossom. On March 28, we will fly these kites at the [Annual Cherry Blossom Kite Festival](#) as a part of larger #BlackLivesBlossom event.

