

Fall, 2010



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## Dates to remember:

- \* November 24-28—  
Thanksgiving Break
- \* December 20 through Janu-  
ary 2—Holiday/Winter Break
- \* January 14, 1:30 PM—Winter  
Graduation
- \* January 17—No School
- \* January 21—Early Release at  
12:15 PM; 2nd quarter ends



Book Lover's Basket (Barnes & Noble Bag)



Lottery chances surrounded by beautiful  
flowers beacon a winner



Fall Family Fun basket beside the very popular  
32" LCD TV

## 2010-2011 School Year is off to a great start...

Seems as though summer has become a distant memory since school began on August 26th. We have been busy adjusting to all that a new school year brings.

We welcome three new students to the RMC School. Stephen is a resident at the RMC in Euclid and is in Rm 2 with Julie. Owen and Amir joined the students in Rob's classroom, Rm 3.

We said goodbye to two staff, David and Cierea who both moved on to other ventures. We wish them good luck.

Classroom 7 and 2 have each taken their students to Sokolowski's University Inn. Classroom 2 also went to Tower City Mall. Room 8 visits Steelyard Commons regularly, as does Room 2 every week to buy groceries and then come back to the Home Ec. Room 10 fix lunch. Room 4 took a trip to Steelyard Commons to request donations for their raffle basket. The merchants at Applebee's Marshalls, Old Navy and Staples all donated gift cards and items for the

basket which attracted a lot of raffle tickets. Room 3 took a trip to Lake Farm Park in Kirtland. The students and staff took turns milking a cow, herding sheep and other fall activities. When the weather permits, classes will often take an unplanned, spur of the moment walk to Lincoln Park, the West Side Market and other neighboring places of business. Room 6 made sun catchers of bright colors to say "Goodbye" to summer, a puzzle of the US for Patriot Day (Sept 11) and experimented with floating

model ships to celebrate C. Columbus Day. They cooked quiche for Juan's birthday and celebrated apple season by making apple bread pudding. Each student chose their own mask to celebrate Halloween.

Lisa attended an Ed. Leadership Conference, "Inclusion Works!", in Columbus in September. Julie attended an Autism Spectrum workshop at Kent State this past June.



Classroom 3 enjoying a picture perfect moment at Lake Farm Park.

## Open House and Basket Raffle Fundraiser—a big success!

This year, the Open House Basket Raffle was held on October 28th from 4-6 pm. Once again, staff and supporters created baskets that were beautiful and brought in lots of raffle tickets. The biggest attraction was the 32" flat screen TV that was won by Mr.

P's granddaughter. Several parents, district reps, friends and families won baskets. The refreshments and appetizers were made by staff and students and were delicious. Thank you to everyone who made the event a huge success once again.



Brandon's family enjoying refreshments.



Betty and Sandy enjoying food and conversation.



The ESC's Board donated a Bath and Body Works basket that contained several fragrances and items.

## Adaptive Playground

Currently the Tremont neighborhood does not have a playground that is wheelchair accessible, so we are raising funds to add an adaptive playground to our school grounds. The playground plans have been drawn up and approved and we are ready to begin making this a reality. The adaptive playground will have a wheelchair accessible swing, a ramp with multiple play areas, including drums, xylo-



phones, interactive panels and two slides. There is also an adaptive swing that children can be transferred to for swinging.

Some community businesses have expressed an interest in helping fund this project.



Dr. Bob Mengerink and Steve Rogaski from the ESC discussing playground plans with Rob.

### FACT OR FOLKLORE?

When the flu pandemic killed 50-100 million people between 1918-1920, a doctor came upon a household where everyone was very healthy. When he asked the family what they were doing differently, the wife replied that she had placed a dish of unpeeled onions in each room of the home. The doctor asked for one of the onions, and upon examining it under the microscope, he found traces of the flu virus in the onion. He believed it had absorbed the infection, keeping the family healthy.

This story appeared in the November issue of Southern Living and the writer said they placed onions in bowls around their house and no one got sick last year.

If this helps you and your loved ones from getting sick, all the better. What have you got to lose?

## Congratulations are in order...

Pete Guinto was one of six volunteers recognized as "Most Treasured Volunteer" honored by the Center for Community Solutions, a Cleveland-based group that provides leadership to improve health, social and economic conditions. Pete was nominated by RMC School staff, because of his dedication and commitment in visiting the school every week. He engages the students, who have severe and profound mental and physical disabilities and has been doing so for the past 20 years. He takes students down to the gym to play, ride bikes, and is always willing to help on field trips. The students look forward to his visit every week—the apprecia-

tion is written all over their faces...the moment he walks through the door. Malaak Compton Rock, author, activist, philanthropist and founder of The Angelrock Project presented the award to Pete this past spring.

Shyann, Rm 3 is working on her Master's Degree in Education. She passed the praxis tests the first time through—Principals & Teaching 7-12, Knowledge and Core Principals (Spec. Ed) and has one more section to go to get her teaching licensure.

Hazel, an attendant in Room 6 was saluted and honored for being a DSP during the Direct Support Professional

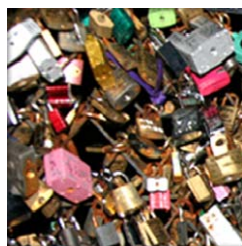
Recognition on September 15 in Columbus, Ohio.

Bobbie J became a grandmother recently. Shyann and Curtis got engaged to be married. Jackie became a grandmother for the first time in the spring. Denise H got a new puppy, Biggie, who has a fair fondness for Denise's shoes. Dorothy's 3 yr. old dog, Maxine, on the other hand doesn't eat shoes. Dorothy and Jackie have been teaching line dancing and other favorite dances to staff after school. The staff will be looking pretty professional at prom next spring, not to mention trying to improve overall health.

**Cell phone numbers go public this month. Since you are charged for telemarketing calls, you can call the National DO NOT CALL registry at 888-382-1222. You must call from your cell phone and your number will be blocked for 5 years.**

### Did you know...

Classroom 4 has been learning about a "country of the month". In October, South Korea was chosen by Catherine because her dad had just visited there and shared his experience with our class. In Seoul, S. Korea when people are in love they pad-lock messages on a wall of locks and they throw away the key to symbolize everlasting love.



Mary Alice, Julie, Debbie, Michelle, Shelly and Nickie at Open House. Note the clever table centerpieces!