

ESC Rose-Mary Center School News



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Dates to Remember:

- March 26-30—No School; Spring Break
- April 6—No School; Good Friday
- April 9—No School; Easter Monday
- April 20, 7-9 pm; Movie Night at RMC School
- May 4, 1:00-2:00—Spring Formal
- May 28—No School; Memorial Day Holiday
- June 1—1:30; Graduation
- June 7—Last Day for Students
- June 8—No School; Teachers Only

Classroom news...

Classroom 6's wintertime theme was based on the "Little House on the Prairie" series of stories written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Every student colored a state picture showing the places where Laura and her family lived, and then displayed those on a board. They listened to recorded chapter stories from the first book and saw picture representations of things in the story like a fiddle, butter churn, and a black bear! Foods from the stories like gingerbread, bacon and corn cakes, and molasses candy were made and enjoyed. A final activity was making punched tin lanterns (like Laura and her family would have used) with homemade candles glowing inside them. The class invited others to see the lanterns and to stay and watch a "Little House" TV episode, dealing with the values of hard work, cooperation and generosity.



Classroom 3 took a luncheon trip to the renovated and newly re-opened Bearden's on Lake Rd. in Rocky River. The restaurant originally opened in 1934 as Jackson Limited (referring to the model train circling above the dining room). The restaurant changed hands as well as looks over the years. During Rocky River's recently completed Lake Rd. construction project, the restaurant also underwent its own reconstruction and was "returned to its position and image dating back to the 1940's".



On Monday, February 13, Rose joined our staff—she is on loan to us from the ESC and we put her to work immediately. She has been a natural with the students

and the staff.

Friday, February 3rd was Red Day—all the staff wore red as a reminder of Heart Month and heart health. On Friday, February 10th, the staff planned a pot luck lunch to celebrate Black History month. Quite a feast of fried chicken, greens, navy bean, pinto bean casseroles, salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, pies and much more were enjoyed by the students and staff. February 17th, the staff was in a Crisis Prevention Institute training for Non-violent Crisis Intervention. This is a 7-hour course and is required for staff to maintain certification. The annual Mardi Gras celebration was Tuesday, February 24th. Staff and students wore lots of purple, and lots of jewels. They served corn bread, dirty rice, sausages and rice, sweet potato casserole, fried chicken, dips and a King Cake for a perfect ending. The students especially loved the creative foods and tastes.

ESC Step Program

Most of the staff are participating in a "Step" program. The ESC is providing MOVbands which are worn to monitor the amount of steps and movement a person makes in a day. This number is recorded in a notebook each day. It is not a competition but rather a way to increase daily exercise. Each person sets their

personal goals for the following week. Research shows that walking 30 minutes a day can help reduce heart disease, improve blood pressure and sugar levels, maintain body weight, enhance mental well being, reduce risk of osteoporosis, breast & colon cancer, and type 2 diabetes.



Red Day at the ESC-Rose Mary Ctr. School on February 3, 2012

Meet the Graduates...



Rebecca came to the school in the fall of 2000. She is in Shelly's classroom. She is transitioning to an adult activity center at the end of this summer. Richmond Heights will be awarding her diploma.

Juan's idea of having his picture taken is including his teacher, Kathy. Juan joined the school program in the spring of 2001 and is working on transitioning to an adult activity center. He is a Cleveland district student.



Jon has been attending CEVEC each morning and then arriving to school before lunch. He joined the school program in the fall of 2000. Jon is a Berkshire district student and is transitioning to an adult activity center.

Room 4 and Room 6 have been busy preparing for graduation on June 1 at 1:30pm. Please join us as we celebrate this big day for these students and their families. Graduation cake and punch will be served following the ceremony.

Westward Ho!! Will be the theme for the 2012 Spring Formal on May 4 at 1:00

Please contact your child's teacher about what your child will be wearing. Any extra formal wear donations are much appreciated!

Classroom 3 visits the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village

Lake Erie Nature and Science Center was started by Dr. Elberta Flemming who had a vision about learning and children: learning is fun and children learn best by doing. Neighborhood children brought injured animals to Elberta and through caring for injured wildlife, children were provided an effective teaching tool.

In 1945, she began the Center with a meager display of bun-

nies in her backyard, mourning doves in her basement, turtles in her bathtub and nature specimens throughout her home. Today, this "non-profit organization connects people of all ages to nature in order to motivate natural curiosities and creative abilities, encourage an understanding of cultural diversity and instill civic responsibilities by developing a desire to conserve our natural resources".



Rocketta and turtle—mutual fascination!

Other news...

Julie and Lisa have been chosen to pilot the new Ohio Department of Education's teacher evaluation process. They are a part of a state-wide group assessing the new evaluation process being considered by ODE.

Kathy has been attending a Professional Development series for Administrative Assistants sponsored by the ESC. Topics have included Computer Technology, Communication, Internet and iPad use, Organizational Skills and many others.

Curtis Crook is graduating from Cleveland State on May 12 with a

bachelor's degree in Studio Art/ Graphics Design. Then in May, he will get married. Congratulations on both of these huge life changing events!

Congratulations to Rickey who welcomed Rickey Jr. into the world on March 27th. Dad, mom and baby Rickey are all doing well.

100% of the Satisfaction Surveys returned from parents, districts and staff rated the school program "Extremely Satisfied" in all areas, including professionalism, competence, reliability, attentiveness, communications, IEP involvement,

and recommending the ESC Rose-Mary Center School program to others.



Mario keeps the students safe every day during arrival and dismissal. Thanks for all your hard work!!



Rose, Lisa and Denise help serve the yummys at the Mardi Gras feast.