January, 2012

Classroom news...

Mary Alice, the Art Therapist, has been utilizing a variety of media and techniques, including printing, mixed collage, drawing and painting, to provide sensory stimulation, environmental and social awareness for the students. The techniques are adapted to each class and students’ abilities encouraging independence in decision making and task completion. The halls and bulletin board scenes cheerfully celebrate the winter season.

Room 2 (Julie’s class) welcomed a new student, Kendall, in December. Kendall is adapting very nicely to his new peers and staff and they are all delighted to have him in the school. Joshua and his attendant, Kathy, moved over to Room 8 (Brad’s class) and they have also adapted to their new classroom very nicely. Jimmy and his attendant, Curtis, moved across the hall to Room 4 (Shelly’s class), a classroom famous for their buffalo chicken dip. They put a healthy twist on it, so they made buffalo hummus. Please see recipes for both found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Room 6 (Kathy T’s class) The students have spent time gaining skills in particular jobs. Juan attends to laundry including washing and folding. Raynisha has improved at X-ray film separating and shredding. Anastasia does errands, delivers, and cleans up with the electric sweeper. Harley, Coddy and Carlos work on physical skills in the gym, classroom and with the PT therapists. The group project, a paper Christmas wreath made from hand patterns of each student, turned out very well and is still hanging in the hall across from the classroom.

Room 7 (Nickie’s class) The students have started out 2012 with energy and enthusiasm. Courtnie is in the gym most mornings socializing and enjoying gym time with her friends and Mr. P. Jake is riding the adapted tricycle during gym independently, needing help only when making the turns safely. Deja is walking with the help of a walker and with encouragement from Lena, Denise and therapists. Diane loves to listen to stories and music in the library. She plays a lot of different instruments and also likes to dance with Donna. Brandon makes deliveries by pushing the cart and is walking laps in the gym with help from his attendant, Rickey. Zachary enjoys cooking class in the Home Ec. room, especially on days when they make breakfast. Mindy is participating in group activities and enjoys helping Mary Alice with the art projects for the school. Room 7 is looking forward to spring and warm weather!

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The staff would like to welcome Curtis C. and David T. back to the school program. Both are attendants for two students. Curtis B. accepted the position of Building Float and is helping out in any and all classrooms all day long. Congratulations to Hazel who was recognized at the RMC for her dedication and 10 years of service. A big congratulations to Brad on the birth of their new baby, Elliott Nathaniel on January 16th.

Room 8 is enjoying the newly organized library/resource room. Kevin on drums, Jimmy and Sarah listening.

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Recipes from Room 4

Buffalo Wing Hummus

Ingredients: 3 C canned chickpeas, drained, rinsed, reserving 1/2 C liquid
2-3 cloves garlic; 1/4 C tahini; 1/4 C fresh lemon juice; 1 1/2 tsps paprika; 2 tbl. barbecue sauce; 2-3 tbl. cayenne hot sauce; 1 tbl. distilled white vinegar; kosher salt.

Directions: put all ingredients in a food processor until smooth and creamy.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients: 8 oz cream cheese; 2 cans chicken shredded; 1/2 C buffalo sauce; 1/2 C ranch dressing, 1 C shredded cheddar

Mix together 8 oz cream cheese, softened and 2 cans chicken shredded; and add 1/2 C buffalo sauce, and 1/2 C ranch dressing. Place in 8x8" pan and top with 1 C shredded cheddar cheese. Bake in 250º oven for 20 minutes.

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