



ESC-CC Rose-Mary Ctr. School News

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Thank you for 20 years!

At our annual Open House on October 27th, we celebrated three people who dedicated 20 years of their careers to working at the ESC-CC Rose-Mary Center School. Dorothy Bonner, Denise Hanson and Mary Mahovlic were recognized and given a framed Certificate of Achievement, a flowering mum plant and a specially decorated cake for everyone to enjoy. The program began in 1988 and when



Dorothy, Mary and Denise

additional classrooms were added in the 1991-92 school year, they were hired as classroom assistants.. Many students have benefitted from their dedication, love and support. Thank you!

And a very special thank you and appreciation certificate went to Becky Haritonovich, a senior at Beaumont School. She transformed a cluttered, unused room into a library, resource room, and a room for games, instruments, relaxing and reading center for the students and staff. On her own time, she raised funds to purchase additional books and a new bright, animal alphabet reading rug for the area. The students are enjoying another space where they can

experience sensory stimula-



Lisa and Becky

tion.

Several parents and family members won baskets at the raffle. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to these beautiful baskets and craft items. The money is used to continue community based training for the students.



Dates to Remember:

- November 23-27—Thanksgiving Break; No school
- December 21—First day of Christmas/Holiday Break
- January 4—First day back from Holiday break
- January 16—MLK Day; No School
- January 20—Early Release at 12:15
- February 17—Staff Only; No Students
- February 20—President’s Day, No School



School News...

The 2011-2012 school year began with welcoming three new students to the school program. We welcome Rocketta and Micaiah to Rob’s room(3) and Kurt to Brad’s room (8). Among our staff, Nikki has accepted the open position of Classroom Assistant and is working in Brad’s classroom. Kristine, the school nurse pursued other opportunities, and Caitlin has come over from the RMC to be the new school nurse.

We welcome her in her new role here at school.

Curtis B’s (Rm 8) music has been playing on 107.9 FM. Congratulations to a new artist and good luck in your musical future.

Reminder: In addition to calling transportation, please remember to call the school office (216-621-3451) to report your day student’s absence.

We follow Cleveland and Euclid Schools for

weather related school closing. If they close for weather reasons, the Rose-Mary Center School Program will also close. Any doubts, please watch WKYC Channel 3 iAlert System or News Channel 5 for the “ESC-Rose Mary Ctr. School” status.

Box Tops for Education—The ESC Rose-Mary Center School is registered for Box Tops for Education. We will receive 10 cents for each BoxTops for Education label.

We are collecting them in the office to turn in each quarter. We appreciate any box tops you save and turn in. Thank you!



New space in library created by Becky H.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony October 27, 2011



Mark, Faith and Rob

Taking a class over to Lincoln Park on a pretty day to watch other children use the playground became the incentive for Rob Romeo to put an adaptive playground on the RMC school grounds. The journey began two years ago with permits, phone calls, research, and planning.

Once those were in place, the school's long time volunteer, Pete Guinto together with Rob began searching for volunteers, funding and resources.

Ground was broken on August 14th and the playground became a reality on Monday, September 26th. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was on October 27th during the annual Open House.



Mark—his smile says it all.



Steve Rogaski, Lisa Adler and Dr Bob Mengerink cut the ribbon as volunteers look on.

The incredible amount of volunteers and their willingness to share their time, resources, and energy was absolutely amazing. From local Tremont businesses putting penny jars at their cash registers to the bull dozers and dump trucks, it was truly a dream come true for Rob and the students.

Parents, ESC and RMC staff, friends and families worked in the August heat several weekends to dig footers, mix cement, and learned how to run power tools as the piece by piece installation began to take the shape of the adaptive playground.

Meyers Design provided the blueprint and were the "construction managers". Michael Guinto of Terrace Construction, Paul Kershner, and his son Sean brought heavy equipment to excavate the site, lay the gravel base, the rubberized soft surfacing and then removed the excess material. Greg DiGeronimo of Independence Excavating donated the gravel for the base and brought additional heavy equipment. Adam Ressler of Down To Earth Landscaping donated the use of additional heavy equipment. The final landscaping touches were done by Pasquale and



Bobbie and Rocketta

Frank Monteleone of Davey Tree.

They removed, trimmed and landscaped the entire area. Thank you for the "Learning Tree" they planted there. May it provide shade for many years as the children's laughter and play will be heard throughout the neighborhood!

A special thanks to Pete Guinto and his friends from the Independence Smoke Club and the Tradesman Tavern in Parma for all their help and volunteer efforts in this project.

Lastly, thanks to Tremont West Development and to Facilities Corps of the Catholic Diocese for their unending support.

To see the news piece that Kim Wheeler, Education Correspondent from WKYC, Channel 3 did, use this link: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/education/article/213430/35/Cleveland-A-playground-with-a-lot-of-heart>



Debbie, Becky, Mary Alice, Shelly, Brad, and Michelle digging the postholes.