

ESC Rose-Mary Center School Newsletter



CHRISTMAS COMES TO RMC SCHOOL

Classroom 8 decorated the tree in the lobby and organized and planned the surprise visit from Santa on the afternoon before Christmas break. The students were elated as they opened gifts—especially purchased by staff for each student.

Though January has been a very cold month, Classroom 2 was fortunate with the weather



the last several Tuesdays to ride the #81 RTA bus to WalMart in Steelyard Commons. The students shopped by using food labels to match and find items to buy, then unloaded the grocery cart onto the conveyor belt at checkout and put their purchases in their backpacks for the trip back to school. Purchases are then cooked and eaten for lunch that day. Classroom 2 welcomed Leandrea as the new classroom assistant.

Classroom 4, is continuing to

learn about other countries. In November they learned about Australia and made chocolate crackles for the school Thanksgiving Feast (over for recipe). In December, they learned about



Greenland—did you know that Greenlanders have to import their Christmas trees because evergreens won't grow there? In January they studied Argentina. The class was busy preparing for Catherine and RJ's graduation by creating the senior slide show, ordering cake and decorating. A new student, to RMC School, Malissa (Mali) was welcomed by the class. Chris, who used to be in Brad's classroom, joined them also.

Classroom 7 celebrated fall and winter birthdays with a "birthday bash". Good food, music and delicious ribbon cake was enjoyed by all. They also

welcomed Lena, who joined their staff as the new classroom assistant. The class had a "goodbye" pizza party for Jasmine who moved into Kathy T's classroom. She was the oldest in the class, and now will have new friends and new experiences in her new class.



Dorothy, Rm 8 guides Bill (above) and Sarah (below) with the tree decorating.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 18—Staff only/No students
- February 21—No School (President's Day)
- March 25—End of 3rd Quarter
- March 28-April 1—Spring Break
- April 22 & 25—No School
- May 13—Early Release at 12:15
- May 30—No School (Memorial Day)
- June 3—Graduation at 1:30
- June 9—Last Day of School
- June 10—Staff Only/No students



Thanksgiving preparations for Julie's class (Rm 2). Curtis (Rm 8) assists Brianna in making cookies for the feast.



STAFF HAPPENINGS

The RMC recognized the following school staff for their years of service at the Rose-Mary Center in Euclid. Jacqueline Pelly and Denise Wheeler, each have given 20 years and Nikki Lewis, 5 years. How lucky our residential students are to be taken care of by some of our dedicated educational program staff. Congratulations!

Nickie Rukenas, teacher in Room 7 is proud of her husband

Al, who has published his third book, "Devil's Eye". The book is a reflection of his many years of fascination with witchcraft and demonology. For more information on Al or the book, see the website, "www.devils-eyethe-book.com".

Did you know—eating flaxseed helps alleviate the winter blues; walnuts & bananas help insomnia; brazil nuts relieves anxiety?



Demetrius and Denise enjoying a pretty fall day at the local coffee shop.

CLASS OF 2011 (WINTER)



Catherine DellaCorte, her family and Dr. Opperman from Highland Local Schools



Ronald Wiggins receives his diploma from Judy Dell'Aquila, Cleveland Hts./University Hts. District Rep.



Michelle Ansel, Kendra, and Leandrea (Kendra's 1:1 Attendant)



*Nicholas Salopek and family (above)
Dr. Krol, Carol Fortlage, Lisa Adler, Odessa Johnson, Jennifer Felker with Nicholas (left)*



*Ronald with Denise H, Teacher Assistant (above)
Catherine with Helen, Teacher Assistant (right)*



Nicholas and Denise W., T.A.



FOUR GRADUATE ON JANUARY 14, 2011

Four students graduated from the ESC Rose-Mary Center School program on Friday, January 14, 2011. Catherine and Ronald from Shelly's class and Nicholas and Kendra from Kathy's class received diplomas from their districts and Certificates of Completion from the ESC.

Steve Rogaski, Director of Pupil Services, Jennifer Felker, Assistant Superintendent and two ESC Board Members, Dr. Cindy Kroll and Carol Fortlage, families, friends, RMC staff, bus drivers and many more were in attendance.

Lisa Adler, Supervisor, welcomed guests and introduced the 2011 (winter) graduates to their

districts and the audience. Kendra's diploma was presented by Judith Wiseman, Berea City Schools. Catherine's was presented by Dr. John Opperman, Highland Local Schools. Nicholas' was presented by Odessa Johnson, Richmond Hts. Local Schools and Ronald's by Judy Dell'Aquila, Cleveland Hts./University Hts. City Schools.

Shelly and her classroom staff worked very hard on a slide presentation of each graduate. Everyone in the audience enjoyed viewing these special pictures of each graduates' activities in school, community and at home with their families. What a great way to celebrate their accomplishments.

For the past several weeks, all four students began transitioning to their respective Adult Activity Centers. They visited their new classrooms and met their new staff. They will begin working at the Euclid AAC, the E. Cleveland AAC and at United Cerebral Palsy centers.

Congratulations and best of luck to them. We will miss them!

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving."
Dr. Martin Luther King

Chocolate Crackles (Australian version of Rice Crispy Treats)

1 c. confectioner's sugar
1/2 to 2/3 cup cocoa powder
4 cups rice cereal
1 cup unsweetened dried, shredded coconut
1 1/4 c. coconut oil
Sift together sugar, cocoa in a bowl and stir in rice cereal and dried coconut. Melt coconut oil in small saucepan and stir in dry ingredients until well mixed. Scoop small portion into paper muffin cups. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Serve. Enjoy!



We can always count on Mr. P and Mary Lou to help with refreshments!



Zach is happy to hand you a program—thank you!