

## 2009-2010 School Year Begins

Another school year has begun, and it has been busy. We welcomed 6 new students to the program this fall—Rishad (Rm 2), Mark and Ryan (Rm 3), Zach (Rm 4), Harley (Rm 6), Deja and Courtnie (Rm 7).

Julie attended two in-services on Autism this past summer and fall. At one conference, Julie had the opportunity to hear Temple Gradin, an Autistic person herself, speak. Lisa attended a Leadership Conference in Columbus and Kathy attended an Educational Office Professionals Conference.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (formerly the CCBMR) in-serviced each classroom on maximizing the use of existing assistive technology devices in the classrooms. In addition, they are donating one computer for each classroom (6) that has the appropriate interface equipment for students to learn about cause & effect, matching, sorting, hand-eye coordination programs etc. The staff received training on the new IEP format and are using new software that the ESC purchased for IEP's created as of September 1, as required by the Ohio Department of Education.

Our staff continues to amaze us, not only everyday in their work with the children but also in their personal lives. Kristine, the nurse received an "Excellence in Nursing Services" award at the annual PSI meeting. Her daughter, Andrea, sang a solo in the school play, "What a wonderful World". Lisa

and her family spent two weeks in Kiawah, S.C. this past summer. Mary Alice H's art work was chosen to represent the newly merged St. John of the Cross Church in Wiloughby. She and her husband and family also stayed in "treehouses" on their trip to Disneyworld and Clearwater Beach in Florida.

Rob R had his first solo art show on June 12th. His paintings and sculptures were exhibited at the Wooltex Gallery in downtown Cleveland. Bobbie J's son, Sherman, will be home on leave from S. Korea (Air Force) for the holidays. Jackie's daughter, Shaniece graduated from High School in June and is now attending School of Veterinary Medicine in Akron.

Shelly sent her oldest daughter, Morgan, to High School and her youngest, Jocelyn to Preschool. Helen became a grandmother twice—Hayden James on June 4 and Maria Grace on July 16. Her oldest son, David, got married in August. Denise H became a great aunt of twins, Demar and Demairon, born on July 1. She completed training recently to become a certified Home Health Aide. Rickey traveled to Florida this summer.

Bradley L became a homeowner this past year. Dorothy's daughter, Justina moved out on her own and her mother misses her very much! Why do our kids have to grow up? Curtis C is pursuing his degree in Graphic Design at CSU and has an opportunity to do an internship for "Alternative Press".

Nickie R and her husband, Al, celebrated 30 years of marriage on June 30th. Their oldest son, Michael got married on September 18. They became grandparents during the past year. Cierea will become a homeowner officially in December and is working diligently on finishing a degree in education at CSU. Mary M and family enjoyed a wonderful time in New York City, where their daughter, Bridgett, is attending NYU. All four kids will be home for the holidays! Kathy M survived a move from a large home to a condo by the Shores of Lake Erie this past summer. They are enjoying "stress free" homeownership. Their son, Shawn, is in Japan visiting family. Donna C's mother took her on a special weekend trip of fun and relaxation to celebrate her 40th birthday.

Kathy and husband, Bill, celebrated 6 years of marriage with a trip to Niagara Falls. Leandra finished training to become a certified Home Health Aide. Denise became a grandmother on August 31st to Serenity Lanese Marie. Her daughter, Nyisha is finishing her degree in Medical Assistance/Billing and made the dean's list.

Mr. P became a grandfather this past year—twice! Thomas Robert on December 21 and Julia Lillian on February 10th.

Nikki L will begin her degree in Nursing in January through the Huron School of Nursing.

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### Dates to Remember:

- November 18—School Thanksgiving Lunch Feast
- November 25-29—Thanksgiving Break
- December 19-Jan 3—Christmas Break
- January 15—Early Release at 12:15 and end of 1st semester
- January 18—Martin Luther King Birthday-no school
- February 11—Graduation for Ray
- February 12—no school (staff in-service)
- February 15—President's Day (no school)



One of the raffle baskets.



## Remembering Dr. Eastridge

The Educational Service Center's Superintendent, Dr. Harry Eastridge passed away on Friday, October 16th after battling cancer for a year. Dr. Eastridge was Superintendent for 14 years and "can best be described as a visionary educational leader,

a passionate advocate for public education and a man who inspired all he touched to achieve personal and professional excellence. He instilled in all who came in contact with him that the work we do for children is noble, right and challenging.

The legacy he leaves behind will be to learn from the stories of our past, strive to be a life-long learner, cherish the relationships we have and believe that the work we have in front of us is worth doing." (written by S. Rogaski, Director Pupil Svcs, ESC-CC)



One of the bus drivers, Jeanne, greets students on the last day of October...

**If Euclid City Schools OR Cleveland Metropolitan Schools closes for weather related reasons, we will also close. If either district closes for reasons other than weather, please watch WKYC Channel 3 iAlert for "ESC-Rose-Mary Ctr. School."**



Sarah at the pumpkin carving station during the school's Halloween Party.

## Open House/Raffle - a big success!

Once again, families, friends, districts and ESC staff all contributed to making this year's Open House and raffle a wonderful event and successful fundraiser. We raised just over \$2,000 which will be used for Community Based Activities, equipment and instructional supplies for the classrooms.

The two most popular baskets were the flat screen TV (won by a family member of one of our staff) and a pair of Cleveland CAVS tickets (won by a staff- you go girl!). All the baskets were so beautiful and were all worth at

least \$50! Winners included parents, RMC staff, district representatives, family and staff. The refreshments were delicious. Some classrooms went to the store, purchased the ingredients and made a dish for our guests. Mary Alice helped the students make the painted placemats for each table. Kathy T's classroom made their own creative table centerpiece. A fun evening was had by all!

The next day, the school had a Halloween party. All the students took part in various activities such as carving pumpkins, beanbag toss,

decorating cupcakes, or a photo op. An all school pizza party was enjoyed by students and staff.



Jake, posing at Rm 8's Halloween station.

## H1N1 Influenza- from Nurse Kristine

There has been so much information on the news about this new strain of virus. This H1N1 virus spreads the same way as any other virus—common sense and cleanliness are the key to staying healthy. Cover your sneezes and coughs with your arm or tissue and wash hands frequently with soap and water frequently for at least 20 sec-

onds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and eyes at all times.

Each classroom is disinfecting before, during and after the students arrival. Our custodian has a new disinfectant that targets this brand of virus. Everything is wiped and washed—all surfaces and instructional materials that are handled by students and staff.

We are staying as healthy as we can be and appreciate your keeping your child home when he or she is not feeling well.

I attended a Health Dept. in-service on this virus where we were given the latest information and ways to protect staff and students. We are doing everything we can to stay healthy!

## Computer Information

Trying to keep our computers free of viruses and us out of scam websites can be tricky at times.

"Phishing" is a term we have all heard but probably not really knew much about. Phishing starts with cyber-criminals gaining access to e-mail addresses, then luring

recipients to fake websites to gather confidential data. How do you know if the website is fake? For example, www.crusolutions.com is a valid website. Pay close attention to what is immediately before the .com. This is a potentially good link: "patches.crusolutions.com".

"patches" denotes a unique place at crusolutions.com. But, if you see "crusolutions.patches.com", run! Note that the closest text to the ".com" is patches" - this has nothing to do with crusolutions.com.

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