



Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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AND THEY'RE OFF! A RUN FOR THE ROSES ANNUAL BENEFIT

It's almost time for Celebrate the Children's Annual Benefit and you won't want to miss the event this year! On Friday, March 27th, Celebrate the Children will host an evening of fine foods, dinner, live music, dancing, silent auction, and a Run for the Roses Derby Event! Don't forget your hats! Derby attire is encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best one! Currently, we are seeking donations for tricky tray items, silent auction items and general monetary gifts. All donations, large or small, are truly appreciated. Various levels of sponsorships are available including "Own/Name a Horse" and "Sponsor a Race" during our horse race event. Please see our website for more details or speak with one of our coordinators for more information. Formal invitations to follow. We hope to see you there!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Celebrate the Children's



ANNUAL BENEFIT

MARCH 27TH 7:00 PM

FORMAL ATTIRE
DERBY ATTIRE OPTIONAL *but Encouraged*

HONORING EQUINE TRANQUILITY
WELLNESS CENTER



RAFFLE • AUCTION • BEST DRESSED •
LIVE MUSIC • FINE FARE *and*
RUN FOR THE ROSES DERBY EVENT



MEADOW WOOD MANOR
461 STATE ROUTE 10
RANDOLPH, NEW JERSEY 07869

BENEFIT

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM PAULA'S CLASS



Paula's class has been learning all month about the Arctic and the polar animals and the native people that live there. Students completed projects on polar bears, waddled like penguins and hooted like snow owls. Students also learned that snowflakes have 6 sides and created their own sparkling snowflakes! What snowflake lesson would be complete without snowmen? The students enjoyed building snowmen in different ways.

The class enjoyed the silly winter story, "There Was A Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow" as well as the folktale, "The Mitten".

As a culmination to all these projects, we created polar snowy scenes this week after making "snow" with ivory snow and water mixed together as well as "SNOW" mix, which when water is added puffs up and actually feels cold.

The students had a great time putting "snow" in a pan then adding fleece to make mountains and adding glitter for sparkle and to make arctic waters. To top off our snow scenes, the students added polar animals of their choice. It sure was messy, but so much fun!

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM JOE'S CLASS

It's Super Bowl week! It's been a football themed week in Joe's class where students learned all about the big game. In History, students learned about the past events and what the game once looked and sounded like. In Life Skills, students researched how the game is trying to become safer and what safety precautions they can take when playing sports. In Social Skills, lessons focused in on level 5 elaborating ideas and thinking by partaking in a survey/rating activity where students watched funny Super Bowl commercials from the past and rated them on a 1 to 4 scale while providing reasons for their rating. For CBI on 1/30 staff and students together enjoyed a touch football game focusing in on safety and fair play in sporting activities.



A PEEK INTO THE ART PROGRAM

In Art, students continue with our Ocean theme for the year. We are looking at four fish centered paintings by one of our favorite artists: Paul Klee. Fish fascinated Klee, a Swiss/ German painter and teacher of the early 20th century. He owned an aquarium and had many conversations with his students about fish and the forms they created as they moved through water. The four paintings that are inspiring students are *The Golden Fish*, *Around the Fish*, *Fish Magic*, and *Sinbad The Sailor*.

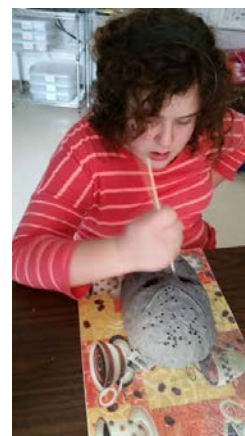
Students are comparing the paintings by pointing out similarities and differences, in style, color and theme. We are using a combination of printmaking and creative wax resist techniques to replicate the dark, mysterious mood of Klee's paintings.



A PEEK INTO THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Welcome to the introduction to the basic techniques and skills of sculpture! The course enables students to learn the hands-on skill of carving and modeling in sculpture. Sculpting offers motor planning, problem solving, creative thinking and learning the skill of using tools to cut and carve.

In our first class, students began to model a facemask using a plastic mask as their guide. Matt is making a robot, Owen is creating a superhero and Mia is sculpting a ladies face. Students were encouraged to be creative and use their own ideas. Next, students will carve designs on their masks and then paint them! Check back each week to see what's happening in all of our exciting After-School Program classes!



PICKLEGRAMS! GET YOUR PICKLEGRAMS!

The Sour Puss Pickle Company has branched out to make chocolate pickles to sell as "Picklegrams" for Valentine's Day! You can send your friend, secret admirer or teacher a "Picklegram" as a way of saying Happy Valentine's Day! Each pickle will also come with a student written poem. Please visit their website at <http://sourpusspickles.weebly.com/> to place your orders.


At this time they are not accepting payment on the website (you can send payment to Amy's classroom), but they are ready to begin creating and would like to have an idea of how many they will need. At the top of the website there is a tab for "Picklegrams." Please complete the form and submit!

Picklegrams are \$3 each or 2 for \$5!! Pickles will be delivered on Friday, February 13th.

from the creators of SOUR PUSS Pickles comes...

PICKLEGRAMS!

Erase that **SOUR PUSS** by sending a **PICKLE SHAPED CHOCOLATE** to someone **SPECIAL**.



Choose from **SEVERAL** cleverly crafted **POEMS**. Send to a teacher, student, friend, companion or **SECRET FLAME!**

Order online at sourpusspickles.weebly.com or fill out an attached order form and return to Amy's class or the front desk

Orders due:	Payment by:	Delivered:
6	10	13

SOUR PUSS PICKLES CO. was developed as a way to functionally practice life skills in the classroom. Profits go towards a classroom trip. ALL ideas are thought out by the students.

RDI PARENT TRAINING

RDI and DIR have the same goal of addressing developmental goals and objectives for students. RDI was designed as a parent based intervention. RDI has hundreds of very specific, systematic, developmental goals that fit nicely within DIR's developmental levels.

The main difference you will likely see and feel initially, is that RDI begins with a more structured, parent or guide led approach. Our goal in RDI is to create opportunities for the child to become regulated through co-regulating with a parent or guide.

Once the child is able to actively and competently engage in the back and forth set up by the parent or guide, more responsibility is transferred to the child to maintain that coordinated activity. Aside from the initial way an RDI activity is set up, it is often difficult to discriminate between RDI and DIR once an activity is in motion.

For more information on RDI, visit www.rdiconnect.com

Contact **Laura Hynes** to register
Or for more information

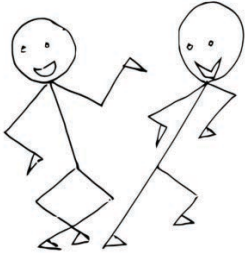
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Wednesdays 12:00-1:30
January 14th- February 4th

Fridays 11:30-1:00
January 16th-February 6th

TEEN NIGHT OFFERED THROUGH MOUNT OLIVE PEAK



A night out for Middle School and High School teens in grades 6-12. Dance your feet off and enjoy some fun games. It's a perfect time to socialize with peers, have a snack, and most of all, have fun!

Dates: Saturdays **1/31, 2/21, 3/21**

Time: 7-9 pm

Cost: \$5 per teen

Location: Mt. Olive Senior Center

For more information or to register, please email kellya@peakgroup.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now-February 4th
RDI Parent Trainings
12:00-1:30

Now-February 6th
RDI Parent Trainings
11:30-1:00

January 31st
Teen Night
Mount Olive Senior Center
7:00pm

January 31st
Autism Friendly Hockey Game
Prudential Center
Tickets Required

February 11th
Coffee with Dr. Mike
Reservations Required
9:30am

February 16th-20th
Winter Recess
School Closed

March 5th
Speaker Series
SCARC Guardianship Services
7:00pm

March 27th
Annual Benefit
SAVE THE DATE!

April 1st
Coffee with Dr. Mike
Reservations Required
9:30am

June 11th
Speaker Series
Transportation
7:00pm



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