

Adult Day Services

Innovations in Learning

May 2016

Effective Teaching – SUCCESSFUL Learning

PROGRAMMING

This month's theme is "Spring into May". We will be learning about gardening, plants, and other outdoor activities that can be done in the Spring time. This month's theme will be a nice introduction to the Growing Piece and the gardening that will begin this month.

Innovations would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to join us for the Blues Fest! Also, thank you to those that donated the baked goods for the fest! It was a great turn out this year and everyone had lots of fun.

**Day Service will be closed on Monday
May 30th, in observation of
Memorial Day**

STAFFING

There have been some exciting staffing changes over the past month. First, we would like to give a warm welcome to our three new staff members: Nicole, Katrina and Kate R.! Nicole and Katrina will be working in the Life classroom; while Kate will be helping out between the Shine and Life classrooms. They started here at Innovations in April and have been an awesome asset to the day program. Welcome aboard ladies!

We would also like to congratulate Michelle Cunningham on becoming our new Program Assistant! Michelle will be working alongside Jim, assisting the staff and supervisors to ensure that the Day Program runs smoothly. Michelle was recently a Day Service ADI and has worked in the Leap, Life, and Shine classrooms. Congrats Michelle!

Congratulations to Jacqui Hartman on her new baby girl, Everly Grace! Jacqui was the Lead Staff in the Stride Classroom. Jacqui has been on maternity leave since March and was expected to return this month; however Jacqui has decided to resign and stay at home to take care of her three beautiful girls. Jacqui says that she will miss everyone and we will all miss her as well.

GROWING PIECE

On Wednesday May 3rd, 2016 from 5pm until 8pm, Buffalo Wild Wings in Crown Point will be donating 15 percent of your purchase to the Growing Piece. You can dine in or carry out, but you **MUST** have your coupon. If you need another coupon, see any Innovations staff. Coupons will not be available at Buffalo Wild Wings.

A big thank you to the Lowe's team, as well as the clients that all volunteered their time to cleaning up the Growing Piece gardens. They look amazing and are ready to plant. We also want to thank Lowe's for their donation; Lowe's donated supplies and tools to the Growing Piece, to assist clients with gardening.

STAFFING

Stride: Michele (Lead), Stacey G.

Shine: Kasey (Lead), Kate S. Dawn, Kate R.

Leap: Tiffanie (Lead), David, Ray, Heather

Life: Todd (Lead), Vicky, Nicole, Katrina, Kate R.

COMMUNITY HABILITATION

Please note your outing day. If you need to arrive late or leave early on that scheduled outing day, please speak with Stacey Shrewsbury or Tiffany Cochran to make arrangements in advance.

Life: Monday

5/2: No outing

5/9: Portage Beach/River walk (**Bring sack lunch, this is a 4 hour outing**)

5/16: Remus Farms/park

5/23: Scheeringa's Farm

Stride: Tuesday

5/3: Volunteering at Brookdale nursing home

5/10: Gardening workshop at Taltree. (**\$3.00 is due by 5/6 and bring a sack lunch**)

5/17: No outing

5/24: Marketing

5/31: No outing

Shine: Wednesday

5/4: Shopping at Aldi and Dollar Store

5/11: Park and picnic (**bring a sack lunch**)

5/18: Remus Farms/park

5/25: Scheeringa's Farm

Leap: Thursday

5/5: Library

5/12: Portage Beach/River walk

5/19: Park and picnic (**Bring a sack lunch**)

5/26: Scheeringa's Farm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 4th: Buffalo Wild Wings Fund Raiser (Crown Point)
(Must have coupon in order for the Growing Piece to get 15% of total bill of sale)

May 14th: Buddy Walk at Crown Point High School (8:30am start). Sign up online to join Team Innovations!

June 10th: Innovations will be closing early at 2pm, please make arrangements to be picked up early on this day.