



Odyssey News

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Announcements

Odyssey Learning Center proudly presents its first ever newsletter. In an effort to expand our lines of communication, Odyssey will issue seasonal and special edition newsletters. We hope you enjoy the enclosed information and welcome any questions or feedback you may have. Please look forward to tips from all of our therapists, recipes, updates, notices of special activities, pictures, notes from administration and more!

Picture Day!

It's that time of year again. On Thursday, September 29th individual pictures will be taken, followed by group shots on Friday. This is a great time to get haircuts, new outfits or anything else that would make picture day special. If you would like to pack a special outfit for your son or daughter to change into just before picture time, let the teacher know.

Odyssey Updates

Classroom 1

Stacey wishes Caitie good luck with her move to classroom 5; everyone will miss her. She also wants to welcome her new student, AJ. The class will be using apples in lots of fun activities such as painting with apples, picking apples from a tree and making yummy recipes. They will also be exploring the new

season and how the environment is affected by it with stories, music and an autumn treasure hunt.

Classroom 2

Michelle says that classroom 2 has gone through many changes within the last few weeks. They all said goodbye to Dan, who has moved to classroom 4. They will all miss him. They welcomed two new students, Roxanne and Maranda. Both girls are wonderful new additions to the class. Classroom 2 will also take awesome nature hikes during their outings and they plan to gather up various items to create fun and

exciting art projects as fall approaches.

Classroom 3

Liz says that her class will be updating the student's photo albums and getting ready to add new photos. They will also be starting a group-painting project by using a large canvas and oil pastels. Liz would like to thank Jessie, an on-call staff, who provided the art supplies. Everyone in classroom 3 wishes Marni all the best with her move to classroom 4, they will miss her. Finally, Liz is very excited to announce the start of a community elective program. She will be working with her staff and nearby businesses to set up on-site work opportunities.

Classroom 4

Kelly wants to welcome her new students, Marni and Daniel. Her class is very excited to start the year off with old friends. They will be involved in visiting several places for fall field trips, as well as working in the community at Pride Industries, Round Table, Post Office and visiting the local shopping centers. Kelly is excited about her student's progress and gives them every chance to show off their independent living skills.

Classroom 5

Shelly says that her class is hard at work re-organizing and re-vamping their room. This month they will be going on a special outing to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for a hike and to learn first hand about the changing seasons. The class is going to collect a variety of leaves and materials for upcoming art projects. Shelly also wants to welcome her new student Caitie to class 5.

Classroom 6

Tara's class will be going on a field trip to a fire department to learn about safety. Safety will be an ongoing theme in class and will involve fun art projects for the students. Tara is developing games for the students incorporating community safety signs, since the students love games! They will continue working on academic, social and independent living skills. The students in classroom 6 are progressing great and are always full of surprises.

Boy's House

Kristie, the House Supervisor, says that the Old Orchard Boy's residence would like to welcome their newest addition, Nick. His positive spirit and stories have really added to the whole dynamic of the house. As far as the house goes, we have recently done some home additions as well. They now have a shade structure

over the back patio, half of the inside of the house was painted and thanks to Justin's Mom and Uncle, they have a wonderful new BBQ. The house is looking great and the staff and the boys have really enjoyed the BBQ!

Girl's House

Isabel, the House Supervisor, says that the Rhodora Court Girl's House would like to congratulate Carina on moving on to an adult facility. They are proud of Carina and will miss her tremendously. In turn they would like to welcome their newest resident Maranda to the home. They are excited about getting the opportunity to work with her. The house is in the process of having renovations done. They have had a shade structure put in and new linoleum flooring in the bedrooms. The entire inside of the house will be painted and the hallway and living room will be carpeted. Everyone is very excited about the changes and hope you will be too!

Every Little Bit Helps

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made donations to the school and residential programs through out this year. Every little bit does help to enrich our programs.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for our bigger

wish list items (Laminator, Boardmaker CD-Rom and Sensory Equipment), please send it in care of the school principal, Cindee Shapton.

If you would like to make future donations to the school program, the following items are needed:

- Books
- Music (cassette or CD)
- Paintbrushes/Scissors (Adult and Child)
- Glue Sticks/Hot Glue Sticks
- Glitter
- Binders/Folders
- Plastic Containers (all sizes)
- Games
- Televisions/Movies (VHS and DVD)
- VCRs and DVD Players
- Radios/CD Players/Headphones
- Computer Games for PCs and IMACS
- Video Game Units/Games
- Small Refrigerators
- Microwaves
- Bean Bag Chairs

If you would like to make future donations to the residential programs, the following items are needed:

- Art Supplies (Paint/Paper/Markers/etc.)
- Games
- Pots and Pans
- Plastic Mixing Bowls
- Plastic Dishware (Bowls/Plates/Cups)
- Sport Equipment (Balls/Games/etc.)

Notes From Cindee's Desk

A new school year is upon us and I'm excited about what's happening at Odyssey. We have a lot to look forward to and I want all of you to be excited with me.

First of all, I would like to welcome our new students. Everyone is excited to have you as part of our Odyssey Team!

Construction should be starting in the spring for our new classrooms as we continue to grow.

Our annual spirit week is around the corner, October 31 – November 4. Each day is a theme day; it makes for a fun, relaxed and cohesive week that everyone enjoys.

A special thank you to all of the parents and caregivers for your continued support. Everyone appreciates the communication and team spirit that helps make our days successful.

Notes From Doug's Desk

Pride, teamwork, determination and commitment have been the backbone characteristics of Odyssey Learning Center.

We have had to overcome some serious resource issues this past year while maintaining quality services and the integrity of the organization. I am happy to tell you that the residential programs are doing well and much needed maintenance is being conducted at both houses.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of Odyssey's parents for their constant support. As Odyssey prepares for the future, our vision is centered on the needs of the children.

Student Helpers!

The school program will be helping with future newsletters. In an effort to expand on-site job opportunities, the students will help collate, fold, stuff/seal envelopes and apply postage/address labels. We are very excited to have the students help!

Upcoming Activities

Check for notes/calls from your child's Teacher for information about upcoming field trips.

1. Apple Hill
2. Pumpkin Patch
3. Spirit Week
4. Halloween

For the residential programs, please contact the House Supervisor for information about special outings for the upcoming season.

We Look Forward To Hearing From You

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223-Walter (Controller)	232-Class #3 Liz
224-Mary Ann (Human Resources)	236-Class #4 Kelly
226-Cheryl (Executive Director)	241-Class #5 Shelly
227-Cindee (Principal)	238-Class #6 Tara
229-Patti (Admin. Assistant)	Old Orchard-Kristie
234-Lisa Ford (Speech Pathologist)	988-5005
235-Lindsey (Behavior Specialist)	Rhodora Court-Isabel
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Picture Preview



Fun times at Odyssey!

Look forward to more
pictures and memories in

