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DLC Happenings



2009 has been a great year for students and staff at DLC Warren. Students have enjoyed many activities during the holiday season. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a restful winter break. Our best wishes are extended to all for a very Happy New Year as we look forward to many more successful activities during 2010.

Students enjoyed creating wonderful holiday boutique items under the direction of our art teachers and the vocational education department. Beautiful necklaces, notepads, and our outstanding yearly calendar featuring student artwork were made by our students for holiday gift giving, and shopping for these items on Main Street is always an exciting time.

Our food drive was a huge success. Students and staff collected and sorted over 400 lbs of non-perishable food items that were delivered to the Community Food Pantry in Morristown. Thank you to all who help us assist others in need through our Community Service programs.



DLC Warren students were also busy this winter working on a project for a Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraiser that was held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Students felt a great sense of accomplishment as they worked quickly and accurately to fill 500 gift bags in time for the event. Another job well done!

Dr. Frank Cicero to present at Parenting Issues

Dr. Frank Cicero, Director of Psychological Services for Eden II, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and renowned international presenter and consultant, will present "Toileting Skills for Children with Autism" at DLC-Union on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Cicero received his Masters degree in school psychology from St. John's University and his Doctorate in Education Psychology from the City University of New York Graduate Center. A not to be missed presentation!

Club Highlights



Friday afternoon social groups give students exciting opportunities to interact with peers from other classes and enjoy activities that are of interest to them. Many girls are participating in Girl Scouts and made cards for veterans as one of their service projects. Cards were sent to the Red Cross for distribution or were delivered to the Veteran's Hospital in Lyons, NJ. A Boy Scout Troop is being formed that will provide activities for learning about character development and good citizenship.

Another popular social group is scrapbooking. Students design different pages around themes and create personalized books that they will spiral bind and take home at the end of the year. Our clubs are great ways to incorporate learning into fun activities with friends.

Upcoming Events

- Intermediate Special Person's Day-** Feb 10, 10:00 a.m.
- Secondary Special Person's Day-** Feb 11, 10:00 a.m.
- Preschool/Primary Special Person's Day-**Feb 12, 10:00 a.m.
- Valentine's Day Dance-Secondary-** Feb 12, 1:30 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-** March 4, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Autism Walk**—April 29, 10:00 a.m.
- Parenting Issues— Dr. Frank Cicero presents "Toileting Skills for Children with Autism" – at DLC-Union -**May 19, 10:00 a.m.



Curriculum Corner

Arlene & Claudine

The preschool classes at the Developmental Learning Centers are using Creative Curriculum this year. Creative Curriculum is designed to foster the development of the whole child through teacher-led center based activities. Preschool classes continue to work one-to-one during discrete trial instruction and opportunities are presented to allow students time to explore centers. Programs are carried over into a natural play environment to provide students with opportunities to communicate, develop play skills and engage with staff and peers.

We are pleased to announce that the Developmental Learning Centers have started Professional Learning Community (PLC) for mathematics

A professional learning community is a group of teachers who work together collaboratively for a common goal of enhancing the learning outcomes of our students. The math PLC is made up of 15 teachers who are working to expand our current math curriculum. They currently are researching math curricula, reviewing materials and looking at ways to modify the materials according to students' individual needs. We look forward to sharing this information with you in the future.



Personal Financial Literacy:

Through our goal of making students more independent and following the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standard 9.2 "Personal Financial Literacy," we are exploring two curricula to help our students learn the basics of handling their money and finances. One is developed by the FDIC and is called SMART MONEY and the other is developed by the Muriel F. Siebert Foundation called PERSONAL FINANCE PROGRAM. We will modify both for individual student use. More information will be coming!

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Curriculum Tip: Let your child take the lead, engage with them in an activity of interest and encourage independence!



A.P.E. Highlights

The A.P.E. Department has recently covered units in volleyball and basketball. Everyone had a lot of fun playing those sports. We are starting off the 2010 year with kickball and tennis. In conjunction with the instructional activities that are provided, the A.P.E. Department runs two clubs for the intermediate and secondary students. The Sport Club allows students to participate in various sporting events and the Milers Club gives an opportunity for students to walk, jog or run around the track. These clubs are scheduled during the Friday social group time slot. In addition, an Action Based Learning program is provided for some preschool/primary students.