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## Happy New Year

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season! The month of December was a very busy time for everyone.

- Thank you to PROP for the scrumptious holiday desserts that were provided to staff on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The desserts were delicious and much appreciated!
- Parent/teacher conferences held on December 9<sup>th</sup> provided parents with updated progress and suggestions for home. We were happy that so many of you were able to attend.
- Many parents from DLC-Union visited DLC - Warren and DLC -New Providence in December. We are eager to welcome our students and families to both the DLC-Warren and the DLC-New Providence and anticipate a smooth transition in September.

## DLC Happenings

### Art Show

Students' work was displayed by theme during the New Providence Art Show. Leaf prints, cherry blossoms, sports jerseys, and day and night pictures are just a few examples of the art work that was included in the art show. Students in the elective art classes displayed cartoon characters, water color paintings, and Egyptian cats. One student who is specializing in oil painting replicated a Van Gogh!



### Memory Book Club

Students in the Memory Book Club cut, paste and categorize pictures from magazines (i.e. food, holidays, people, etc.). These pictures are made into memory books for people with Alzheimer's throughout New Jersey. Jersey Cares, a non-profit organization, provides us with materials for the books and then distributes the memory books through other organizations. DLC-New Providence students enjoy making these books to help people with Alzheimer's.

### Winter Wonderland

Students were able to experience the lights and decorations of the season at DLC-New Providence. The gym was set up with holiday lights and decorations and the students walked through the display that included an igloo, snowmen made of shredded paper and many lights. Students participated in activities that were created by the Speech and Occupational Therapy Departments.



### Dance Club

Students in Dance Club follow basic choreography to popular music. They have fun as they are combining basic dance steps and exercise. Students enjoy learning the new steps each week and dancing to the music. It is a great leisure skill and promotes exercise.



## Curriculum Corner

*Arlene & Claudine*



### Community Based Instruction (CBI)

Community Based Instruction (CBI) at the DLC is designed to provide our students intensive teaching in functional and daily living skills. CBI is defined as educational instruction in naturally occurring community environments that provide students with "real life experiences". Our goal is to provide a variety of hands on learning opportunities at all age levels to help students acquire the skills needed to live in the world today.

Students learn skills such as shopping, money handling, counting change, paying for goods and services, banking, budgeting, using time concepts and time management skills, map reading skills, reading menus, and identifying environmental signs. CBI occurs on a regularly scheduled basis and is related to IEP objectives.

### School Security Drills:

A new law took effect on November 1, 2010 requiring each school in New Jersey to hold at least one fire drill and one school security drill within school hours for every month when school is in session.

All school districts conduct the following drills:

- **Fire drill** - one time per month, students and staff report to designated locations outside the school building on school grounds.
- **Lock down drill** - all students and staff are secure in classrooms with the lights off and door closed.
- **Active shooter drill** - all students and staff are secure on the floor in their classrooms with protection from furniture, lights off and door closed.
- **Bomb threat** - Evacuation of building and all staff and students meet in a designated central location.
- **Evacuation** - all students and staff evacuate the building and meet at a designated central location. Students would then be escorted by the town's police department to a second designated location for safety purposes. In the event of an actual evacuation, parents would be notified of their child's location through the Honeywell Instant Alert System.

RECYCLING: DLCs' Bottle Cap Totals: 384,499 from June - December 2010



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### Upcoming Events

Valentine's Day Dance: Fri., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:45 p.m.

Read Across America: Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thurs., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Autism Awareness Walk: Thurs., Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; Rain date Fri., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Parent Training Series: Tues., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at DLC-New Providence

Parenting Issues: "School Job Sampling", Thurs., May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at DLC-Warren