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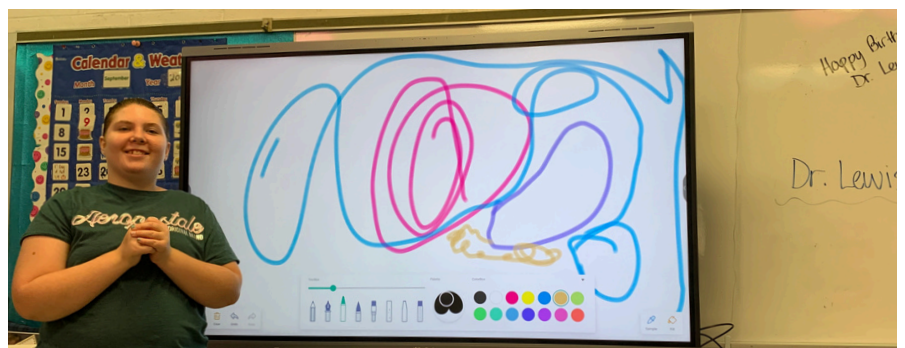


## WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

**BY: DR. ORRIN**

I wanted to take the opportunity to welcome our students and their families to the 2024-25 new school year! I've had the opportunity to visit all of our Life Skills and Autistic Support classrooms on many occasions this month and have seen first hand the great work being done by our students, teachers, and staff.

I look forward to working with you and your child as we progress through the school year! Please never hesitate to reach out to me with questions about our programs!



# INDIAN LANE



## A GRAND DAY AT SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY!

**BY: MRS. KORZENIOWSKI**

On Thursday, September 19th, the kindergarten students in Mrs. Korzeniowski's class participated in Special Person's Day/ Grandparents Day. We had many special family visitors attend our morning/afternoon meeting time to hear our daily songs and see our daily greetings completed in action.

The students got to participate in an ABC scavenger hunt in the courtyard. We practiced our letter identification skills by hunting for the various letters of the alphabet. The students enjoyed spending extra time with their special visitors and showing off their literacy skills. Keep up the great work!



## FANTASTIC ROOM 5!

**BY: MS. WEBER**

There are so many amazing things happening in room 5! On September 23rd, Gabe celebrated his 7th birthday! This month, our focus has been apples and Fall changes. We also celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday on 9/26!



We loved reading about Johnny Appleseed while incorporating apples into math, reading and writing activities!

# INDIAN LANE

## BACK TO SCHOOL!

BY: MRS. ARIAS'S CLASS



September has been so busy. We have been getting used to new teachers, new peers, and new schedules. Everyone has been doing their best to adjust and get into a groove. We have been practicing our skills and learning new ones. Everyone enjoys the beautiful weather and playing with grade level friends during recess!

## 1ST MONTH AS 5TH GRADERS!

BY: STEVEN & TOMMY

This September was our first month as 5th graders! We are so happy and excited for this year to fly by, we know the first month already has. As a class and school, we have done some fun activities this month like getting to celebrate Special Friend's Day, going on our class trip to Acme so we could buy materials for our coffee cart, and getting to start our coffee cart, and make our flower deliveries for the Tops Shop.



This month was so much fun and we are looking forward to having more fun throughout our last school year at Indian Lane. We are so happy to be big 5th graders and we know that others look up to us now, so we try to always be ready, respectful, and responsible so we can set a good example for appropriate Bobcat behavior.

# THE LAKE

## WELCOME TO SPRINGTON LAKE!

**BY: MR. POTTS**

Students at Springton Lake are getting into the swing of things. All of the new students are having a great first month at the Lake. The 7th graders are enjoying their new schedule and all of their new teachers. 8th graders are enjoying their final year at Springton Lake with their new classrooms on the 8th grade side of the building all to themselves.



Students are enjoying their job training with coffee cart, recycling, cooking, and ACME trips. Students in Mr. Potts's & Mr. Burba's class are enjoying their weekly ACME trips where students work on identifying various grocery items and working on the dollar up strategy. After their hard work at ACME students enjoy a treat that they pay for at checkout. Students love taking their trips to ACME and enjoy the bus rides with their classmates.



## FLOWER DELIVERY!

**BY: MR. BURBA**

September marked our first flower delivery job! Students in Mr. Burba and Mr. Potts's classes worked together to arrange vibrant bouquets to deliver around Springton Lake Middle School. Throughout this project we practiced important social skills like following directions, managing time, and collaborating with one another. Once the flowers were ready, we took turns delivering. Along the way, our students gained confidence in interacting with others and practicing professional greetings. Our flower delivery job, not only brightens people's days with fresh flowers, but also empowers our students with practical, hands-on experience. We look forward to completing our next delivery!



# PENNCREST

## FOOD ORDER IS UP!!

**BY: DR. LEWIS**



With a discussion of expectations in the kitchen, ideas for recipes, and learning about ingredients needed, we created our shopping list for the week. Following our Tuesday Acme visit, students were ready to open up the kitchen for the year. Our kitchen stations provides opportunities for students to practice food preparation skills and collaboration, all with staff support provided at each station. To kick off the school year, students prepared breakfast foods (eggs, fresh fruit, and lemonade). We are looking for our confidence and skills to continue to grow, so students increase their independence!

## NATURE AND PIZZA!

**BY: MRS. FALKENSTEIN**

On Friday, September 20th, the PHS life skills students took a trip to Newlin Grist Mill and Brother's II Pizza in Glen Mills for our community based instruction. We walked a trail in the beautiful weather and spotted some frogs in the frog pond, waterfalls, and many different trees. It was nice to explore a local trail and get some exercise.

We walked up an appetite and boarded the bus to Brother's Pizza! This place was WONDERFUL. The food was tasty, the dining room was spacious and the staff were great. We each had the opportunity to wait in line to order at the counter as well as pay using the dollar up strategy. We had a great time socializing with our friends.



# LINKING LEARNING TO LIFE

## THE PENNCREST PERK!

BY: MRS. KAUT'S & MR. HENDERSON'S CLASSES



The Penncrest Perk is up and running this school year! Students in the Linking Learning to Life class prepare for the coffee cart each week. The first thing that they have to do is shop for what is needed at ACME. Then, each Thursday the students make the delicious coffee cake muffins for the cart that everyone loves. On Friday mornings, the day of the cart, the first two students who are working the cart have to get the cart ready. They have to set everything up and go through the checklist to make sure everything is on the cart. They also need to check the list of teachers who would like the cart to stop by their classroom.

Lastly, you have to make sure the money box is on the cart and you have to make sure there is enough change in the box. Coffee is \$1.00 and snacks are .50 cents. When the cart travels around we have different jobs. Someone is the "cart keeper" and they push the cart and make sure it looks nice and the trash is in the trashcan. Another job on the cart is to be the "greeter". This person's job is to knock on classroom doors to let teachers know that the cart is available. The cart is self serve but one other job is to give the customer change when they buy something. We think this is the hardest job on the cart, but we are getting better at it each week. We like working the coffee cart and we think the teachers love it. Mr. Casner tells us every week that the Penncrest Perk is the favorite part of his day, week, month and school year!

# SPEECH!

## MEDIA RUGBY

BY: MRS. KOKOSKA

My family has been involved with rugby for decades, and I have been spending some time outside of speech-language therapy on the pitch with the Media Unified program! It's an exciting and dynamic way to boost communication and social skills, all while learning the game, enjoying time with friends outdoors, and staying active. Media Unified is an all-ability, non-contact rugby program open to both male and female special-needs players in high school or older. Media Unified is one of just four clubs on the East Coast to offer the adapted sport, and enjoys playing matches with clubs from Bucks County, Washington DC, and Virginia. The team is organized and coached by volunteers from the Media Rugby Football Club and the surrounding community. Family and friends are welcome to attend practices, and are encouraged to attend matches! Come cheer on the three team jamboree on November 9th!



All practices are located at Longview Park (742 W. Rose Tree Rd).

Tuesday: 6pm to 7pm

Saturday: 10am-11am

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## SPEECH SPOTLIGHT!

BY: MRS. ROCHE & MRS. SPINOGATTI



We are excited to share that our students jumped right back into speech-language therapy during the first week of school! The initial weeks have focused on establishing routines and setting clear expectations. For our students using speech or AAC devices, we've created a language-enriched environment that strongly emphasizes the use of CORE words—especially the words “want, go, stop, play, more, finished”. Motivators and reinforcers have played a key role as we welcome both returning and new students. We are building a space where students are encouraged to use CORE words, develop a desire to communicate, and engage in positive experiences with their peers. You might see bubbles, music, scooters, and fidget toys being used in our classrooms as rewards for the hard work your children have already put in during these first few weeks. As we look forward to the fall season, we are excited to start incorporating “Fringe” words into our vocabulary and continue making progress!

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY!

## MAKING PLACEMATS!

**BY: MRS. ROCCIA**

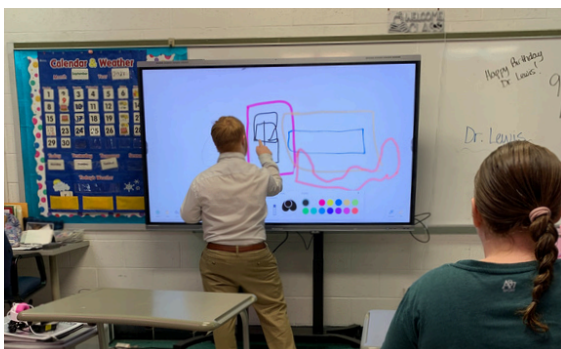
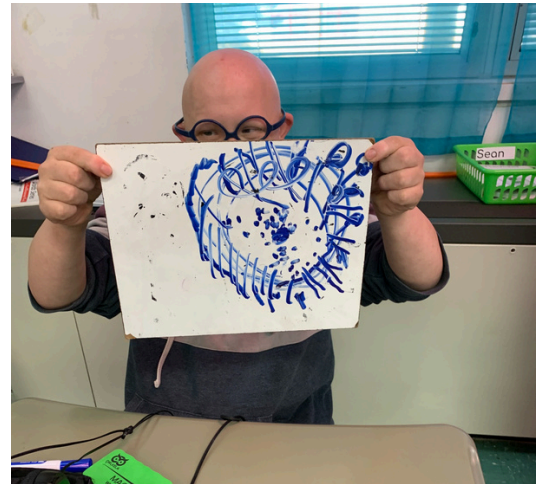


The Thankful Tea is fast approaching and our students have been busy making placemats during OT. One method we have been doing is good ole coloring! Coloring books and crayons are still one of the best way to work on fine motor skill development. Using the small muscles of the hand for coloring within the lines is important for developing the "pencil grip" muscles and it also works on focus and attention. Textured coloring has been included too- coloring over different templates is a fun way to work on endurance to keep coloring until the student can see the image appear! Using different stencils (shape, letters) is a good way to incorporate using two hands together while coloring. Finally, we included some scissor skills by cutting shapes to glue onto the placemats. It will be a very colorful Thankful Tea!

## THE COPY GAME!

**BY: MS. SANTISI**

The students in Mrs. Falkenstein and Dr. Lewis's rooms enjoyed playing the copy game during the first Occupational Therapy group of the school year. Drawing "monsters" is a lot of fun because they are silly and open-ended. When I am the "leader" I draw a monster and add specific ( and unique) number of eyes, arms, legs, antenna, etc. Then, students who chose to be a leader got a chance to lead the class.



They loved a chance to be "the boss" and lead their classmates in a guided drawing. The Copy Game is a fun way to work on visual-motor skills, creativity, and visual memory. This is a game you can also play at home. Divide the paper in half and have one side for the leader and one side for the copier and then switch who is the leader and copier on the second turn. Have fun with it! Please share your pictures with me!