

December Newsletter

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Cincinnati Center for Autism

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CENTER NEWS

Susie's Corner...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Time is passing so quickly we are now planning holiday events for this month. Management staff has begun planning for the summer and I hope to have information to you by early January. Remember to check school listings/closing on local TV stations in case of bad weather. Now that we are prepared there will be no inclement weather. Please check out CCA's new parking lot lighting and the gym windows. Both projects should be completed this month.

Box Tops For Education

CCA has received approval to participate in the Box Tops for Education program. The Box Tops program is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs. There are over 80,000 K-8 schools participating in this program. CCA will be able to use the Box Top cash to buy whatever we need. Every Box Top that is sent in is worth ten cents. The earnings are sent to the schools twice a year. Please start saving your Box Tops and drop them off in the collection tub in the parent lounge area at CCA or send them in your child's backpack. When you buy products with a Box Tops on them, please cut out the Box Tops on the dotted lines and save them in a baggie. We have to mail them in baggies of 50 Box Tops, so it would be helpful if you could count and bag them. Thank you to Beth Barr and Debbi Connelly for coordinating this project. If you have questions please email Beth at bethkbj@gmail.com



The Giving Tree



Josie Harlan has submitted a community service project for the Harriet Tubman Award. She is going to provide a Christmas Tree for the CCA lobby and place die-cut ornaments on it. Staff will submit materials/supplies they would like for their classrooms or students. Josie will write the suggestions on the ornament. Parents, family members or guests can choose to take a paper ornament and fulfill a staff wish for their classroom, the Center or a student.

University of Cincinnati Service Learning Fair

On November 9, 2015, Susie Wolfe and Sara Clark-Hazelton attended a Service Learning Fair at the University of Cincinnati. The Fair was designed to help students in the College of Allied Health Sciences find the best match for their service to the community. Susie and Sara were able to engage with the students in the following areas: occupational, physical and speech therapy, dietetics, psychology and social work. This is an opportunity for CCA to support future professionals.

REMINDER: *Our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for December 16th. If you would like to make a dish or volunteer to help out on the day of the luncheon, there is a sign-up sheet at the front desk or you can contact me at chrisgalish@gmail.com. Volunteers will go from car to car at morning pick-up on the 16th collecting donated food items. If possible, please bring food in disposable containers. Thanks!*

-Chris Galish

Super Hero Room Experiences the Meaning of Giving

Thanks to several parents, students and staff, the Super Hero Room was able to raise enough money to purchase snacks for one of our students who recently lost a parent. The students went to Kroger to purchase the snacks and experience firsthand the meaning of "giving". Along with the experience of "giving", the students were able to practice their social, organizational (making a grocery list) and mathematical skills. This was a tremendous learning experience for our students. At this time of year, when we reflect on giving and thankfulness, it's important to know that helping others is what it's all about. We are very thankful for our CCA family!



Music Therapy

Music therapy groups have gotten off to a great start and are settling into a rhythm for the fall semester! Groups are scheduled on Tuesdays. Please keep an eye out for periodic correspondence that will provide updates as to what your student's classroom is learning through music. This may be in the form of text, photos or video. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kate at

klegge@cincinnati-center-for-autism.org.

Fun Fact: *Did you know that simply listening to music activates regions in our brain that are involved with attention, planning, memory, and movement?*

Important Dates at CCA

December 16th – PTO Meeting & Staff Luncheon

9:15 a.m. at CCA

December 18th – Parent Conferences
at CCA

January 4th – School Resumes
at CCA

January 18th – Family Movie Event
"Winter Theme" at CCA from 3 -5 p.m.

January 18th – Martin Luther King Day
CCA Closed / No Staff

Thanksgiving Parent Night

CCA's Thanksgiving Parent Night was held Friday, Nov. 20th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Approximately thirty staff, parents and children attended. There were six craft activities: icing cookies, turkey pins, picture frames, "thanks for friends" wall hanging, tree stamping and scratch off leaves. Parents had the opportunity to interact with their children and staff creating these crafts. Of course, there was pumpkin pie to finish off the evening. Please mark your calendars now for the Valentine Parent Night on Friday, February 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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