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SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!

Some DCIU programs are winding down for their summer breaks and some are gearing up for summer programs, but both can be exciting.

Perhaps most exciting, though, are the programs preparing for graduation! Seeing students achieve goals like this is a shining example of the positive outcomes of the work we do. So, as we watch several of our students embark on to the next stage of their life’s journey, we wish them absolute luck in everything they do.

But, as Alexander Dale Oen once said, “Nothing comes sailing by itself.” So, I would be very remiss if I congratulated these students without also congratulating the teachers and staff that helped all of our graduating students get to this stage in their lives. Thank you all for your hard work and for helping to live out the mission and vision of DCIU!
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HEAD START PARENT/FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST

DCIU EHS/HS/CCP Families Can Cook

DCIU Early Head Start, Head Start, and Child Care Partnership program hosted its annual Parent Recipe Contest sponsored by Liton’s Food Service company and judged by Penn State affiliated nutritionists.

THE COMPETITION
This year, 15 parents participated with 20 entries. The first, second, and third place winners each received an Acme gift card.

Some amazing dishes made it to the table this year! Judges got to sample potato salad with chicken, teriyaki chicken, banana pudding, Flancocho Puerbriqueno, triple cheese baked ziti, spring roll pastries stuffed with chicken breast, curry chicken and rice, pineapple coconut pound cake, strawberry red velvet cupcakes, cikus soup, island heavenly fruit and yogurt granola bar parfait, and the winner of the day, Moroccan Couscous. Overall, it was a fun event with some truly delicious food!
UPCOMING EVENTS
AND OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Hours
The summer office schedule will begin on Monday, June 19, 2017. It will be in effect until August 25, 2017, with the exception of July 3-July 7, 2017, when everyone will work from 8:00AM to 4:00PM all four days (with one hour for lunch).

403B Plan
All employees can enroll in a tax sheltered annuity (403B) plan. This retirement plan allows you to make tax deferred contributions to an approved vendor via a salary reduction agreement. For more information, please contact Joanne Matteucci.

MEC Events
Marple will be having an art show/coffee house in the Marple Cafetorium from 9:30 to 10:30 on June 2.

MEC Graduation is on June 7 at 10:30 in the Marple Cafetorium.

Employee Access Center
You can log into the Employee Access Center for a range of information, including leave time. You can find it in the IU Staff dropdown menu of the DCIU website and log in with your employee ID# and SSN.

Attendance Reporting
The Business Office and ITS are coordinating with HR to implement a Pentamation product called "Electronic Leave Request," which is done through Employee Access Center. Effective July 1, log in here to request time off.

Opening Day Video
Students from DCTS’ Apple Systems and Design program are creating the video for Opening Day. If you can contribute videos of your program, please contact Rebecca Smith at rsmith@dciu.org.
IN THE SUMMER TIME

Keep tech skills up this summer with these camps and trainings

DCIU AND DREXEL UNIVERSITY PRESENT LOCOROBO
Our signature summer camp is back to teach your child real-world coding and robotics!

Program the sound, motion, and lights of the Locoextreme Robot with Python.

Wednesday, August 9 - Friday, August 22 from 9AM-3PM
Location: DCIU Morton
Audience: 4th and 5th Graders
Cost: $135

Please register at http://www.locoextreme.co/store/p7/dciu-workshop. It will prompt you to log in.
USERNAME: education@locorobo.co
PASSWORD: dciustemcamp

SUMMER TECH TRAINING
Common Sense (Media) Education, July 11
Fee: $100
Learn more or register at https://goo.gl/8UTJ5L

MICROSOFT O365 TRAINING
Introduction to O365
Full Day with Jonathan Regino, June 19
DCIU Staff Only! Search for the workshop in our internal catalog!
O365 and Special Education
Full Day with Lindsey Troyanoski, June 20
Fee: $75
Learn more or register at https://goo.gl/y0wPC0

OneNote for Organizing Your Life
.5 day with Virginia Glatzer, June 22
Fee: $45
Learn more or register at https://goo.gl/TeH29a

OneNote Class Notebook
.5 day with Virginia Glatzer, June 22
Fee: $45
Learn more or register at https://goo.gl/uPO6TX

*TAKE BOTH JUNE 22 CLASSES AND GET A DISCOUNT!*
https://goo.gl/D92VsL
Project Max
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE LEARNED BY MAXIMIZING ACCESS TO GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

In the Low Incidence Department, Miss Avi Finder’s Elementary Life Skills Classroom and Mrs. Courtney Smith, Speech Therapist, are in their second year of participating in Project Max. Miss Carlye Hewitt’s Elementary Autistic Support Classroom and Mrs. Abby Lucking are in their first year participating. DCIU Project Max believes all students can achieve. Therefore, the project seeks to maximize all students’ access to standards aligned instruction in the general education curriculum.

Avi is currently teaching her students about Pennsylvania, a social studies topic that students in school districts across the state learn in 4th grade. So far, the class has learned about maps, Native Americans, the regions of Pennsylvania, William Penn, Colonists, Betsy Ross, the First American Flag, Benjamin Franklin, and a unit on Philadelphia.

Carlye Hewitt’s class is working on a science topic: life cycles. They have learned about the life cycles of plants, frogs, and butterflies and habitats - a topic covered across the state in 2nd grade.

ITHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On May 11, Avi Finder, Courtney Smith, Carlye Hewitt, and Abby Lucking took their classrooms on a field trip to Ithanh Elementary School in Radnor School District to share a comprehensive review of what they learned this year with students who attend Peggy Rush’s DCIU Intensive Learning Support Classroom. The three classrooms were able to use the outside Amphitheater to share their student lead presentations. Avi Finder’s class presented a timeline of what they have learned with visual representations. Mrs. Rush’s class then shared with the students a fact they learned about Philadelphia. Using their live classroom pets, Miss Hewitt’s class shared what they learned about the life cycle of a frog, a turtle, and a butterfly. Mrs. Rush’s class also shared interesting facts about their favorite animals. All three classes then practiced social skills and conversation skills through participating in a Pennsylvania Food Festival for lunch.

The day was a success thanks to the great collaboration and team work of DCIU staff. The field trip allowed the students to share what they learned throughout the year by accessing general education curriculum.
SECONDARY MDS CLASS

ENJOYING SPRING

Rebecca Haynie’s Secondary MDS class had a blast on their walk at Marple Education Center on May 2nd. Now that the weather is nice, they hope they have many more opportunities to go outside and enjoy the spring sunshine!

"We love Spring and we love getting to go outside for recess!"
Out and About: Some Awesome Class Trips

BASEBALL AND BAROMETERS

Miss. Kayla Kishbaugh and Mrs. Evelyn Mcilvain’s students in their Autistic Support classes have been studying weather as well as the scientific process throughout the Spring. On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, both classes participated in the 3rd Annual NBC 10 Weather Education Day at Citizens Bank Park. During the program, Glenn “Hurricane” Schwartz, Tammie Souza, Bill Henley, Krystal Klei, Erika Martin, and Bioleta Yas led 12,000 students in learning about the following topics: Hitting the Ball in Hot vs. Cold, which included a hitting demonstration by Phillies second baseman, Ceasar Hernandez; Storm Science; Learning About Lightening; Storm Ranger and Storm Force Stand Out; and Cool Clouds. At the end of the Weather Education Program, the students were able to meet Bill Henley, NBC10 Meteorologist. Both classes then enjoyed lunch at the ballpark and a few innings of the Phillies vs. Mariners baseball game. Both teachers also received a Weather Education Day Curriculum Guide and have plans to conduct weather experiments in their classes, such as: How to Make a Cloud in a Jar and How to Make a Tornado in a Jar. It was a wonderful day had by all.

And a trip to the zoo, too!

Mrs. Mcilvain’s class also enjoyed a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo, where the students loved seeing all sorts of animals, from lizards to giraffes!

All in all, her class has had some amazing outings so far this Spring!
Planting with Purpose

Two Head Start students at the Sharon Hill Early Childhood Learning Center planted flowers that will be placed at the front entrance of the building, helping to make the building more attractive for families, students, and employees.

The students worked on this project during their speech therapy session with their speech-language therapist, Miss Margaret. One of the students practiced answering Wh-questions, i.e., "Where do flowers grow?"; "What color is this flower?", while the other student worked on functional communication skills, such as: "More dirt", "My turn", "Put it in", etc. Both students had a great time working together and admiring their finished product.
congrats!

DCTS CULINARY ARTS AND FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT STUDENTS EARN OVER
$200,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

MARTAYJA, $400
SARAH, $500
DEAIRA, $3,000
JADON, $3,500
DAIJA, $5,000
JOHN, $5,000
DAVID, $5,000

TOBY
FULL TUITION TO THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
$54,240

RANDY
FULL TUITION FOR JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY
$121,584
CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

MAY 4, 2017

May 4, 2017 marked the 11th annual Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. The day promotes the positive youth development, resiliency, and recovery, along with the transformation of mental health service delivery for youth, adolescents, and their families. This year’s theme, “Partnering for Help and Hope,” focuses on the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children, youth, and young adults with mental and/or substance use disorders.

DCIU'S TRACEY WISE, AS PART OF DELAWARE VALLEY ROCKS, RECEIVED RECOGNITION FROM DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Delaware Valley Rocks attempts to spread positivity by painting rocks and hiding them across the Delaware Valley for people to find. To the right are a few examples about what the rocks look like. The group ballooned in mere months, inspiring families to paint and hide their own rocks together. The goal of this activity is to make the people who find the rocks smile and spread a little bit of joy.
HEAD START

DCIU EARLY HEAD START, HEAD START, AND CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

▼ Self-Assessment

On Friday, May 26, 2017, DCIU EHS/HS/CCP met to do a Self-Assessment - an annual process designed to reflect on program goals and opportunities for improvement.

▼ Who Met?

Administrators, Supervisors, Lead Teachers, Community Members, Partnerships, and parents discussed the progress and annual plan to improve their program.

▼ What they Talked About

Some topics discussed included: EHS partnerships, wage study and benefits, the online application process, and ELL services.

▼ Thank You

Thank you to all who participated and provided valuable feedback and suggestions for the program!
Variety Show

On Thursday, May 25, school-age students from Pennington Education Center and Delaware County Academy presented their 2017 Variety Show at Pennington.

Demonstrating the drummers’ good listening, focusing, reading, and teamwork skills, four classrooms of DRUMLINE wowed the audience with their cool, rhythmic phrases, in the 2017 Variety Show, directed by DCIU’s Miss Cindy Rietz.

The talented students kept the audience entertained with their variety of acts, such as a recitation of a Shakespearean sonnet, a guitarist/vocalist performing the African American spiritual, “Peace Like a River,” an a cappella rendition of “Fallin,” karaoke performers singing “Troubled,” “Stressed Out,” and “Ave Maria,” groups singing “One Man Can Change the World,” “No One Gonna Love You,” “Ghost Busters,” and “7 Years Old,” watching original choreography set to “Water Wipin GM,” and dancers moving to “Forever,” and “Rolex,” students jamming in C Pentatonic with xylophones to “Somebody,” and watching students do amazing acrobatics, twirling ribbons and having circus-like fun to “This is How We Do It!”

Congratulations
to all of the
performers on a
wonderful event
and thank you to
all staff involved!
It turns out that laughter really might just be the best medicine. More and more research supports the idea that laughing is good for us! "I think it's a great form of stress relief, and keeps you positive and happier," says Cleveland Clinic Chief Wellness Officer, Michael F. Roizen, MD.

**Laugh it up to Reduce Pain**

If chronic pain has got you down, spend time with a funny friend, rent a sidesplitting movie, or go see some stand-up at your local comedy club. Laughing can help take the edge off your discomfort. But polite titters won't cut it. To get the soothing benefits, your laugh should be hearty and unrestrained. And the longer your laugh, the higher your pain tolerance. Researchers found that cracking up for just 15 minutes decreased distress by 10 percent. The reason: Laughing releases endorphins, those same feel-good chemicals that give you a buzz during exercise. Not only do the brain chemicals boost mood, they also bust pain. Consider them you body’s natural source of morphine. Find a workout buddy who makes you howl and you've got yourself a double-whammy weapon against pain.