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Friendship Fields NEWSLETTER



MAKING FRIENDS AND CREATING COLLEGE EXPERIENCES

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Thanks to our program interns for writing the articles for this edition of our FF newsletter!



OUR THIRD YEAR: REFLECTION AND DIRECTION

We are in our third year of Friendship Fields, and it just gets better and better. This year we have increased our curriculum work in our own classroom, learning valuable life skills lessons, and we have been blessed to learn from Friends staff such as Dr. John Taylor, Dr. Alan Maccarone, Professor Adam Koch, Librarian Anne Crane, and other coaches, students, and club members.

Two exciting new opportunities are planned for the near future. In June we will be facilitating a Friendship Fields Academy with workshops to include a basketball camp, the arts, microwave cooking, social media, sign

language, greeting card making, Botanica gardening, computer skills, dance class, make-up and hair with Eric Fisher, photography, and first aid. In addition, we are providing a Leadership Rally conference for high school students on April 21st. This conference will not only educate the typical peers about disabilities, but the students in special education also will be included to learn about their own advocacy and involvement.

As always, I am thankful for Bill Allan, the parents of our students, and Dr. Carey for their support in all of our endeavors.

--Valerie Wall, Director

OUR INTERNS SHARE THIS YEAR'S SUCCESSES

GOLFING LESSONS

By Taylor Sandoval



I really enjoyed this experience! It made my heart so happy to see the smiles on their faces when they discovered that they could play golf. Teaching them the fundamentals was all I had to do. They seemed to be naturals. My favorite part was watching them take attempt after attempt of trying to hit the ball, and when they finally did it was like a light went off in their head and they were no longer frustrated. I can't wait until they can come out on the course and hit a real ball!



BOTANICA GARDENING

By Darrien Collins

Our students were ecstatic about teaming up with Botanica this school year. Twice a month in the warmer months, we have learned about gardening, plant preparation, butterflies, and the many different types of flowers that Botanica has to offer. Our students love learning in our outdoor classroom, and we have helped the staff plant over 300 tulips and also assisted them in preparing the gardens with lights for the illuminations ceremony. We have enjoyed offering a helping hand, getting outdoors, and creating new friendships along the way.



MUSIC CONCERT

By Lauren Herren

For three years the Friendship Fields class has learned about music with Dr. Taylor, and this year he wanted them to perform in our own concert. Some of them read about what they had learned and then demonstrated it to the others.



AND MORE FROM OUR INTERNS ...

DISSECTIONS IN SCIENCE

By Bethany Vonada

A very fun and educational part of science is dissection. With dissection, we are able to look inside an animal and see how it functions. Some of the group came twice to watch us dissect sharks the first day and birds the next. At first all the students reactions were "ewww", "gross", and "what is that?" They asked questions if they were confused on what was what. The Friends science students in the vertebrate class enjoyed their company, and Dr. Maccarone loved to see how intrigued the Friendship Field students were with the dissections. He invited them back next year if they want to watch more dissections.



ZOO SCIENCE CLASS

By Megan Couey

This semester Friendship Fields students had the opportunity to visit Dr. Alan Maccarone's science lab where they were able to interact with the class's students and watch them dissect various animals. It gave them the opportunity to see what a real dissection lab looked like, without having to do the messy work! It also gave them a chance to meet some of the zoo science students on campus and have a chance to learn about the job they want to have when they are done with college.

COMPUTER CLASS

By Megan Couey

Friendship Fields students also had the opportunity to take a technology class led by Friends University student Tatyana Barnes. In the lessons they learned about how to make a PowerPoint, how to access their email, and what websites they could go to that had interactive games to teach them about science and geography.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Madison Matthews

Every year the Friendship Fields class has a Christmas party before the start of winter break. This year we met on campus to begin festivities and organize car pools before departing to the restaurant, Old Chicago. Each person, both students and staff, were to bring a gift valuing \$10, already wrapped. The gifts were assigned a number then everyone drew numbers out of a hat to be randomly assigned gifts. The party was wrapped up after dinner and presents by watching a screening of the new Disney movie *Moana* at the Warren Theatre .

