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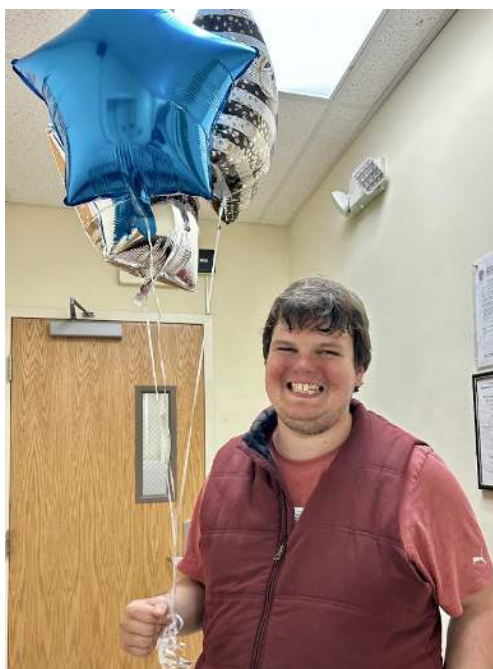
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End of 2022-2023 School Year

Dear TEC Campus School Families,

Every year when we come back from April vacation and jump into May, the year seems to fly by. Classrooms are busy finishing up the year’s curriculum with continued work on individual skills as well. I will highlight some of the special events experienced by our school community as we wind up another school year at TEC Campus!

In May the staff enjoyed an amazing Staff Appreciation Week complete with a game loosely based on a combination of Survivor and Wheel of Fortune. The prizes were a hit for sure along with lots of fun amongst our amazing group of educators, therapists, and nurses!



In June, we celebrated one of our long-time students, Matthew O., who turned 22. Matthew is a genuine, hardworking, and kind young man, who always loves to share a good laugh with his peers and staff. Matthew completed his school experience in our Transition program, which also included a paid position at Russell’s Garden Center in Wayland. He will be missed by the TEC Campus School Community. (Incidentally, we are planning to bring back our Fall Homecoming event now that we are post-Covid!) We wish Matthew the best in his future.



Field Day was spectacular! Our new APE Teacher Stacey Spaner planned and orchestrated a fabulous day for students. (OK, the staff had some fun, too!) We were given a warmer day than we had hoped for, but we made very good use of the water to stay cool! Students rotated through stations and enjoyed opportunities for both competition and teamwork. The sense of accomplishment felt by students was evident in their smiles.



Prom! We made the decision to have Prom at school this year in the library and committed ourselves to transforming our common area in an Enchanted Forest...and boy did that happen! The Prom Committee worked for months planning this event and many staff volunteered their time and effort to make it absolutely magical. Students dressed up, posed for pictures with their families, danced, sang, smiled, and just had genuine FUN! The pictures and videos tell more of a story than I could ever put words to!



Our younger students' special spring event this year was Alice in Wonderland's Tea Party. There were lots of fun games and activities to participate in, and even more fun with moms and dads and sisters!





Our teachers and therapists are busy planning for an exciting summer. There will be some office and therapy spaces moving prior to the summer session and a couple of classroom spaces moving locations at the end of the summer. A few students are making transitions to new classrooms for the summer session, while some others will make transitions in the fall when we will also welcome some new classmates to our school community (these transitions are still in the planning process and will be announced in August). You received the summer letter already (sent by Hayley) and your teacher will provide information for your related service providers at the start of the summer session.

Summer will include maintaining individual skills, fun summer classroom (and community-based) curriculum, and a number of school-based activities and events. These include, but are certainly not limited to a bike club, school choir, a music and literacy group, “Splash Pad”, pool swim time, Cafè Events hosted by our Transition Program, the annual amazing reptile show (July 14)...and more! As I have said before - every kid deserves summer - and we will do our best to provide a fun-filled summer program for your children. Gordon Lang will once again serve as the Summer Coordinator and will be your point of contact instead of me for daily needs beyond your classroom teacher/nurse. I am on-site part-time over the summer and can best be reached by e-mail. Please see the summer letter that you received (sent by Hayley) for further summer information.

We recently gathered to say goodbye to staff member Speech-Language Pathologist Sarah (Gardella) Anania as she moves onto new adventures! We wish her the best!

A reminder that the staff are off after the end of school until July 5th. Please make sure that you have:

- Completed your annual student forms (questions please contact Hayley Gardiner hgardiner@tec-coop.org)*
- Communicated any planned vacations from summer session (one week or longer) (mfalettra@tec-coop.org)*



We cannot thank you enough for your support, your honesty, and your hard work to make this year truly great! I do hope you are able to enjoy time together as a family over these couple of weeks. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us every day. They are the source of joy and love that have brought us through this year together!

-Meredith Faletra

TEC Campus School Program Director



Mark your Calendar!

<i>Thursday, June 15, 2023</i>	<i>Walpole Campus - Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 5, 2023</i>	<i>First Day of ESY Program</i>
<i>Friday, August 11, 2023</i>	<i>Last Day of ESY Program</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 30, 2023</i>	<i>First Day of 2023-2024 School Year</i>

→ School Calendars 2023-2024:

- [**TEC Campus School 2023-2024 Calendar - English**](#)
- [**TEC Campus School 2023-2024 - Spanish**](#)
- [**TEC Campus School @ Westwood High School 2023-2024**](#)

→ ESY/Summer 2023 Info

Dates: *July 5 – August 11, 2023*

Hours: *Monday-Thursday: 8:00-2:00*

Friday: 8:00-11:30

All TEC Campus School Summer/ESY classes are located at:

141 Mansion Drive, East Walpole, MA

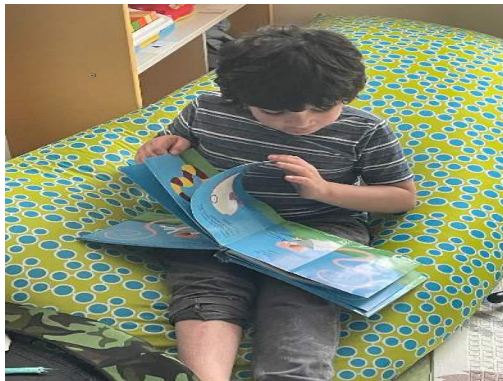


Classroom News:

This portion of the newsletter will take you on a tour of our programs. Each teacher submits a piece to provide a glimpse into their classroom. Enjoy!

Room 213 - Kara's Class

In early childhood, we went to Wonderland! We reviewed shapes, emotions, turn taking and reviewed our story of Alice in Wonderland. We prepared for a parent event and made wonderful crafts related to the characters. We also made some delicious treats that related to the story. Our students loved the pool at Field Day and got to enjoy the nice weather. We are looking forward to exploring more fairy tales this summer!





Room 212 - Caitlyn's Class

Happy June! We're so excited for the end of the school year! We've all been doing great work in the classroom and have been enjoying the wonderful weather. As it gets warmer we've been spending more time outside having loads of fun. We had so much fun at field day playing all sorts of different games and playing in the water. We're looking forward to even more fun at our upcoming tea party and all the summer activities that we have to look forward to. One more week and then a well earned break for our superstar students!





Room 211 - Erin's Class

We had a spectacular spring in 211 and can't wait for summer. We spent time learning about spring and discussing our favorite things to do during the spring season. Students shared that their favorite spring activities include going to the playground, gardening, baseball games, and spending time outdoors. We have had fun celebrating the end of the school year by having a lot of time to play outdoors. Our class loved participating in field day with our new APE teacher Stacey! We can't wait to see what fun the summer will bring!





Room 218 - Shawn's Class

We have had a very busy spring and are looking forward to the summer! We've enjoyed Stacey, our new APE teacher and have been biking up a storm! We've also been learning about different countries and our favorite so far has been Egypt!





Room 219 - Ian's Class

As we close out the school year, Room 219 is looking back on all the fun things we have done this Spring! We learned about America's National Parks, Asian nations and the Pacific Island nations for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and the wonders of our solar system. We've enjoyed going for a swim and spending time outside with our APE teacher, Stacey.





Room 108 - Kelly's Class

We cannot believe summer is almost here! Room 108 has been enjoying the nice weather and hanging out with classmates outside. This spring we learned about plants and gardening and watched our own sunflowers grow. Our class also had so much fun at different events such as Field Day and Prom! We are looking forward to a little break and then to come back and have fun during the summer program!





Room 109 - Brittany's Class

What a fun year we have had in room 109. We had so much fun at field day and prom! The girls have been enjoying reading the Scholastic News articles and learning about plants, bees, bugs, tadpoles and frogs, all while trying to help our class tadpoles grow into frogs. We planted a small garden outside in April and the girls love going outside to check on the plants and water them. Recently we've been reading about the Special Olympics and learning about the different sports that are played. Happy Summer!





Room 111 - Dana's Class

The end of the year is here! We can't believe it! It has been a busy year in our room. This year we have learned about school, community helpers, various holidays, and seasons. We participated in fun events such as Prom, Fall Festival, Halloween, Field Day and a visit from Santa. We have been loving gym class with Stacey.

In June we had fun at Field Day. We played in the water, painted with paint/water, played with bubbles, did relay races, rode bikes, and socialized with other friends.

During the summer we will have some familiar faces and some will be moving onto different classes. We will still see each other though and definitely make time to socialize.

Time to rest and celebrate your accomplishments this school year! We are so proud of all of you!





Room 315 - Thomas's Class

Congratulations to Matthew Olney!
Best of luck on your transition to adulthood.



Matthew has been a student with TEC for many years.
He accomplished a great deal during his time with us, including obtaining
competitive employment at Russell's Garden Center.

Matthew will be missed by many!
We wish you the best of luck in your transition and all future endeavors.



Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

Ms. Kelly's Class

The TEC students, Friendship Club and Key Club co- sponsored a charity drive for Cradles to Crayons. We collected children's pajamas and shoes, and children's books and art supplies.



This spring we read Dr. Dolittle and learned about veterinary medicine, wild animals, zoo animals, and household pets. We had a wonderful time visiting the Franklin Park Zoo.





Outside Resources:

The following are not TEC-sponsored activities, but they may be sources of fun over the break and summertime!

Adaptive Sports New England: 2023 Track Meet and Running Clinic

Braintree, June 17th, 2023, with Adaptive Sports New England. For all ages. Adaptive Sports New England hosts its 2023 Track Meet and Running Clinic is a Move United Sanctioned Competition, officiated and timed by USA Track & Field.

* Track events include 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m races for track sport classes.

To register or for more information visit <https://adaptivesportsne.org/2023-track-meet/> or contact joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org, 617-690-9103

“All Access” Evening at The Museum for Kids with Disabilities

<https://www.discoveryacton.org/visit/accessibility-inclusion-especially-me>

Acton, June 17th, 2023, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Free. Explore the accessible Discovery Museum and Discovery Woods during this free evening event especially for families with children with disabilities.

* Your family can play, explore, experiment, and imagine together while the museum is closed to the general public.

* Dinner, including a gluten-free option, will be provided. Advance registration is required.

Advance registration is required to

www.discoveryacton.org/visit/accessibility-inclusion-especially-me or contact The Discovery Museum asgarzi@discoveryacton.org or 978-264-4200.

Accessible Beaches/Beach Wheelchairs in Massachusetts

Sand beach wheelchairs and floating beach wheelchairs are provided in Massachusetts state parks with the DCR Universal Access Program. For further information contact the DCR Massparks Accessible Beach Page or the Universal Access Program office 413-545-5353

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/beach-wheelchairs>



And for your indoor time:

Disability Media Network Offers Rarely Seen Content for Disability Community

https://enablingdevices.com/blog/disability-media-network-offers-rarely-seen-content-for-disability-community/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=jun2023_DisabilityMediaNetworkOffersRarelySeenContent

The new streaming service Disability Media Network (DiMe) offers free content including movies, documentaries, sports coverage and short series that deal with disability-related themes and present the work of disabled filmmakers and actors.

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***These pictures are worth 1,000,000 words!***

*Field Day*

*Prom Perfect*

*Prom Families*

*Prom Friends*

*Tea Party*

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