

THE PRIDE OF THE PACK

A LOOK INSIDE ROSE TREE MEDIA'S INTENSIVE PROGRAMS



1ST ANNUAL DROP + SHOP

By: Dr. Orrin



evening for our secondary students from seventh grade through those in the Linking Learning to Life Program.

Parents were able to drop off their children at Game on State with RTMSD staff on hand to help facilitate play. Our goal was for parents to be able to use the extra time to prepare for the upcoming winter holidays or just get a bite to eat.

As you can see from the pictures, students were able to enjoy each other's company while playing all types of arcade games from pinball to skee ball and everything in between! Students also had the option to make a [snowman sensory bottle!](#)

We had two fun nights at Game on State on December 12th and 13th for our First Annual Drop & Shop for students in RTMSD's intensive program! Students enjoyed an evening at the TOPS Shop full of arcade play, music and fun with school friends. One evening for students in Kindergarten through sixth grade and another



DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT

2ND ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

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The 2nd Annual secondary cookie exchange took place on Thursday, December 15th! Students from Penncrest's Life Skills and Linking Learning to Life programs came together to celebrate the winter holidays by enjoying each other's company, exchanging cookies and watching a holiday movie while eating lunch together. 7th & 8th grade students from the Springton Lake Life Skills



program were supposed to attend with the high schoolers, but a district wide two hour delay kept them back at SLMS. Luckily Penncrest made sure to get the cookies they made over to Springton Lake and the cookies baked by the middle schoolers went to PHS!

On December 16th elementary students from the Autistic Support and Intensive Learning Support programs had a cookie exchange of their own at Indian Lane! 6th grade students from Springton's Life Skills program traveled to Indian Lane for a morning of fun together listening to holiday music, crafting and exchanging cookies!



[CLICK HERE](#) or
to see Cookie Exchange pictures!



SEASON OF GIVING!

By: Maverick George



In the spirit of giving to others, Maverick George shines! Maverick used his creativity, support and resources from home, along with the content he was learning in school to provide a unique gift for one of his teachers. It was a December morning, Maverick was sitting quietly at his desk in homeroom, and next to him was an object that created with his 3-D printer. When asked about the object, Maverick's response was "It's a double helix for Mr. DelPrato, since it's his birthday". Wow – above and beyond!

After spending a moment in Mr. DelPrato's class later in the week, he mentioned how impressed he was with not only Maverick's performance in class, his many strengths, but also his self-less extracurricular effort he put in. The double-helix Maverick created, sits prominently on Mr. DelPrato's desk!

INDIAN LANE

GINGERBREAD MEN

Mrs. McMorrow



Students also rolled and cut out gingerbread men with scented playdough. We had tons of fun re-telling this classic story!

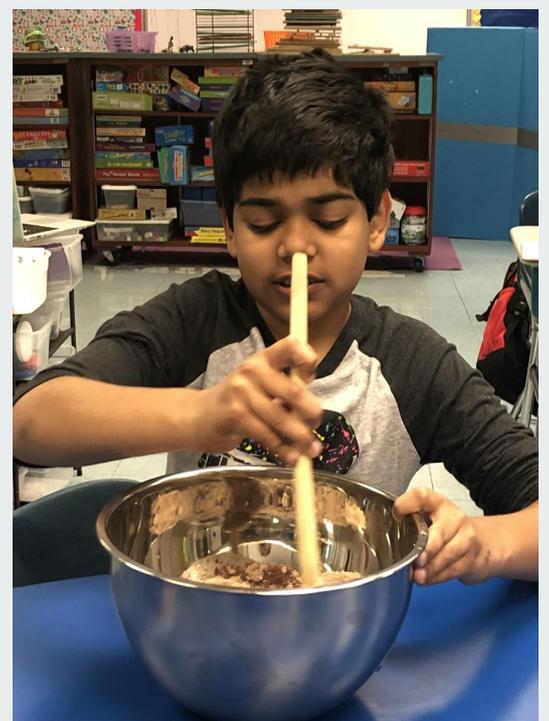
Students in the K-1 Autistic Support Class had fun making gingerbread men! They read the story, identified the characters, sequenced the events using felt pieces, and decorated their own Gingerbread Man!



HOLIDAY EXCITEMENT

By: Mrs. Arias' Students

Holiday excitement has struck at Indian Lane. Everyone has been busy preparing for the holiday concert, making holiday gingerbread houses, and working hard on holiday crafts! We made cookies for the December Cookie Exchange and enjoyed music and a craft with our friends from both Indian Lane and Springton Lake Middle School. Everyone had a great time!



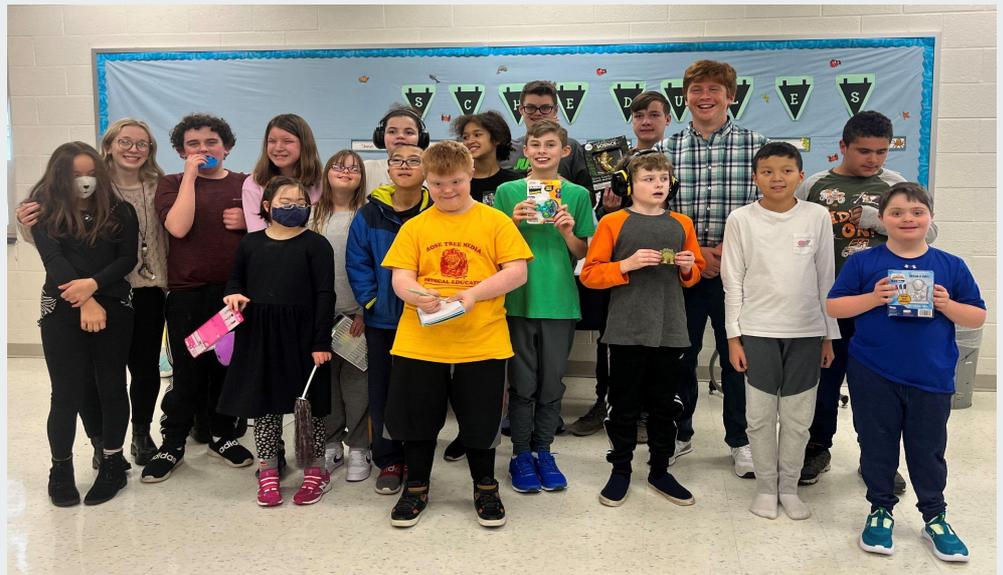
THE LAKE

HOLIDAY POLLYANNA

By: Miss Clark & Mr. Potts

Students at Springton Lake Middle School took part in a holiday tradition at the middle school - a secret Pollyanna. Students began by doing a lesson on what a Pollyanna is and gift giving. Students then picked a name out of a hat, received a list of what their Pollyanna was wishing for, and began planning.

All of Springton Lake's students took a trip to the Five Below where they picked a special gift out for their Pollyanna. Functional skills such as following a list, comparing prices, and using the self-checkout were all practiced. Students then got to pick a restaurant for lunch and spend time with friends while out in the community.



Once back at school, students worked with the Occupational Therapist to write out gift tags and wrap their presents for the Pollyanna. Lessons in social skills continued with topics such as being thankful and how to receive a gift. Students then got together to exchange gifts. Springton Lake's 2022 Pollyanna was a huge success!



PENNCREST

ACME TRIPS

By: Dr. Lewis & Mrs. Falkenstein



Students in the Life Skills Program at Penncrest enjoy their weekly Acme trips. Every Tuesday, the students go to Acme to make purchases for Mrs. Anderson's cooking class as well as their own class for cooking lessons on Thursdays. The students are given lists consisting of items for both programs and have to locate these items in the aisles. Once found, the students must check prices and sales to see what is the best deal. Problem solving is involved if there is not enough of each item, or if the item we need is not in stock.

After the purchases are made, the students are responsible for unloading the cart onto the belt and properly bagging the items. Always be careful with the eggs! Freshman, Danny W. was lucky enough to help scan the items and move them along the belt. We are so grateful for our community Acme workers for being so kind to us!

HOLIDAY CARDS

By: Mrs. Falkenstein's Class

During the week of December 12th, the students in Mrs. Falkenstein's and Dr. Lewis' classes filled out holiday cards to their loved ones. Some wrote cards to their parents, others to cousins, and some to friends. These cards reached as far as England! They practiced proper spacing to fit their words within the card. They also worked on writing an address neatly on the envelope. Lastly, the students popped a sticker on them and on Friday, December 16th, they had the opportunity to mail these letters at the post office in Media. We hope that everyone who received our letters are happy we sent them!



SPEECH GROUP THURSDAY!

Each week, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Kokoska join a morning meeting period for our speech and language group. During this time, there are different themed activities, that include upcoming events (i.e. holidays, community outings, school events, etc.). This is a time that we also focus on following directions, asking questions, turn-taking, encouraging our classmates, and other specific skills. We always look forward to, and enjoy, our time and conversations in Mrs. Kokoska's speech and language group.



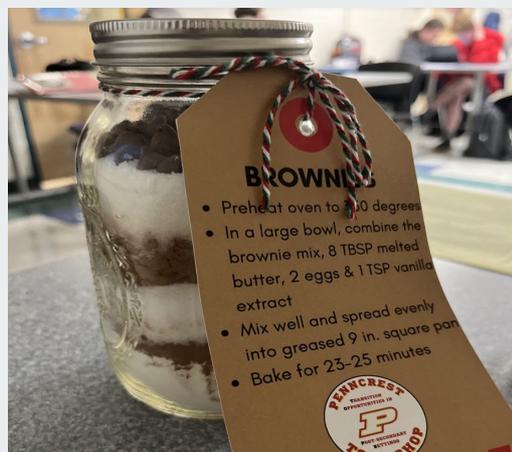
LINKING LEARNING TO LIFE

FUN IN PHILADELPHIA!



On December 2nd, 2022, the student in the Linking Learning to Life transition program and the students in Penncrest's Life Skills program combined to take a trip to Philadelphia! Our first stop was the Comcast Center, where we watched the holiday show. Our student's favorite part was when the snow fell from the ceiling! Following the show, the students ordered lunch at the restaurants below the Comcast Center. They used their money skills including dollar up strategies and counted their change to be sure it was calculated correctly.

We made sure their phones were off and away, so they could engage in conversation with their peers at lunch! Next we visited the Christmas Village at Love Park. Several students enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate, while they perused the shops. The bus ride back to Penncrest was certainly much quieter than the way there. The students were exhausted from a day filled with community based activities to develop their life skills.



HOLIDAY CATALOG SALES

This Holiday season the students in the Linking Learning to Life program put together recipe jars to sell. To start, the students voted on the recipes that they thought would sell the best. It was decided, and the vote was close, that the jars that we sold would include brownies, m&m cookies, blueberry muffins, coffee cake, hot chocolate and s'mores. We found recipes for each of the jars and then we carefully measured and built the jar with all the dry ingredients. We then sealed the jars and added a recipe card so that customers could take the jars home and make the yummy treats when they wanted. We sold a ton of jars and did a great job putting them together but that is not all we sold. There were many items in our catalog for sale and we especially like putting together flower arrangements. We made and sold nearly fifty modern and country holiday arrangements. Beyond flowers and jars, we prepared cards that we took the photos for and even created calendars out of other pictures we took at Ridley Creek State Park and Longwood Gardens. We spend time in the classroom learning to prepare recipes and decided to put together a cookbook filled with our favorites to sell in the catalog. Lastly, we made candles and they turned out great. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming sales that we will be holding especially for Valentine's Day!

