

### Upcoming Events & Information

- Teachers' Appreciation Week is May 7-11! PVG Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon on May 10th.
- The Upper School Community Shopping Trip and Job Training days in May will be on Monday, May 7th and Monday, May 21st. Community Shopping for Job Training students is May 15th and May 30th!
- The Shore Center Spring Concert & Art Expo will be held on Fri., May 18th from 1:30-2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you!
- Whole school field trip to see The Blue Claws baseball game will be on Wed., May 23rd! Permission slips will be sent home the week prior.
- May Diner Days will be on May 4th (Tacos) and May 24th (Burgers) and will be run by Ms. Jacky's Class and Ms. Paige's Class! 😊
- Field Day 2018 will be held on Friday, May 25th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm! Parents are welcome to join us! If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Mr. Colin Parsons (PE Teacher).
- School is **CLOSED** for Memorial Day on Mon., May 28th!
- Carbone Parent Workshop will be held on June 7th (6:30-8:00pm).
- Parent Appreciation Dinner will be the same day as the Carbone Parent Workshop (5:30-6:30pm).
- Check Shore Center website at: [www.theshorecenter.org](http://www.theshorecenter.org)

# The Shore Center Newsletter

**The Shore Center Lights It Up Blue! for Autism Awareness!**

### The Shore Center Celebrates Autism Awareness Month!

On April 6th The Shore Center students and staff kicked off Autism Awareness Month with a School Spirit Day where everyone wore BLUE to promote Autism Awareness and to celebrate the exceptionality of our students! As



part of our Pre-vocational program, The Shore Center students and staff established an "Autism Awareness Pop-up Shop" with merchandise made by our students within each class! Students made Autism Awareness themed plaques, bracelets, lapel pins, choco-



late covered pretzels, chocolate puzzle pieces, ornaments, popcorn, etc.! Students in Ms. Jacky's Class created order forms and set up the shop during the month for sales. Parents, staff and members of the community were able to purchase using the order forms or by coming to the shop to purchase from the students directly. Parents had the chance to shop during Parent Conferences on April 18th and 19th and were so pleased with both the merchandise available and the fact that their children made everything!

The skills required to make the products, classify, sort, bag, sell and distribute were previously taught and then reinforced through this community service project and we are so proud of the results!



Our students sold over \$600 in profits which will be added to our other fundraisers during the month of April. Funds raised will go towards a purchase for each classroom to further enhance our educational programs!

The Shore Center also held its 3rd Annual Autism Awareness T-shirt fundraiser and all students and staff were asked to wear their T-shirt or BLUE for our 1st April School Spirit Day!

As a culminating event, The Shore Center hosted its 1st "Annual Autism Awareness Walk-A-Thon" on Monday, April 30th! It was a great success, with our parents, staff and community friends donating to this cause! With all of our month-long fundraisers our school raised \$4,000.00 towards our educational programs! Wow! Thank you to all of you who supported any / all of our Autism Awareness initiatives! Not only did this benefit our students by enhancing their classrooms but also celebrated and highlighted the unique talents of our students all while promoting Autism Awareness within the community! Well done all! 😊



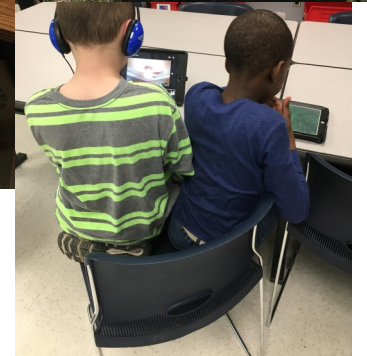
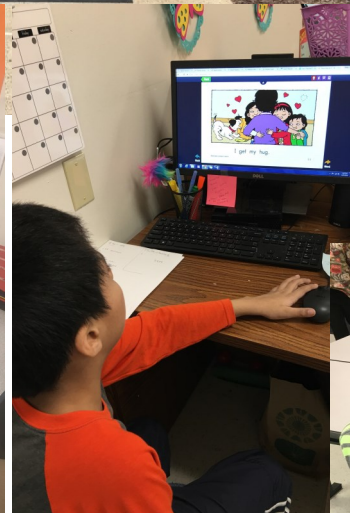
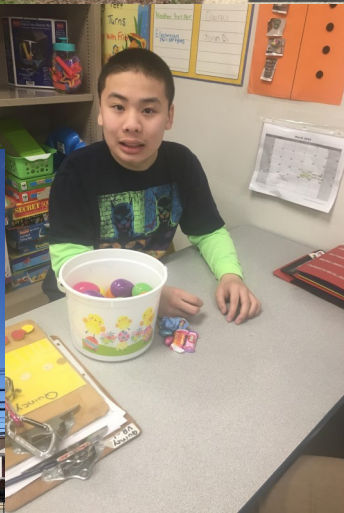


## Spotlight On... *Autism Awareness Month!*

During the month of April, The Shore Center engaged in schoolwide events to celebrate and promote Autism Awareness throughout our school and local communities! Although we celebrate the unique qualities and accomplishments of our students each and every day here at The Shore Center, this is the month that we seek to let others know about our amazing students & staff!



We all fit together, to make one beautiful and perfect puzzle!







# Spotlight On...

## More Photos of Shore Center April Activities / Events...



### ***Message from the Principal...***

Dear Shore Center Families,

The month of April was an exciting month here at The Shore Center that ended with a cognition of Autism Awareness Month! We had a School Spirit Day each Friday to celebrate and promote Autism Awareness and community service projects to raise money for our school's programs! In addition, we held a Spring Clothing Drive sponsored by The Shore Center Student Council & School Safety / Climate Team! Our clothing drive was a HUGE success with nine large bags of "gently used" clothing which were donated to Goodwill! Thank you to those who used this opportunity to do some "spring cleaning" while benefitting those in need. Our PVG (Parent Volunteer Group) also ran a "Popcorn for the People" Fundraiser and we appreciate all of you who donated to that cause, as well! All of our Autism Awareness initiatives were a huge success and we are so thankful to all of our families who supported us! On April 26th our students enjoyed a field trip to Turtle Back Zoo as a culminating activity for our Science units on Living Things / Life Cycle. We have a lot more fun left in the school year so please check our website for updates! Thank you all for your on-going support!

Hope to see you for the Spring Concert / Art Expo on May 18th and Field Day on May 25th! ☺

Yours In Learning,

Dr. Dionne Ledford ("Dr. D") ☺