



The Shore Center Newsletter

The Shore Center Has Plentu o' Lucku Charm! 

Upcoming Events & Information

- Spring Break - Fri. 3/30/18 through Mon. 4/9/18.
- On Fri. April 13th The Shore Center will celebrate our 1st Autism Awareness School Spirit Day! All students and staff are asked to wear the Shore Center Autism Awareness T-shirts or a BLUE T-shirt! Our Autism Awareness Fundraiser begins on 4/16 and proceeds will be used for our Shore Center families in need and also our Shore Center Pre-Vocational program!
- Upper School's Community-Based Instruction/Shopping Trips and Job Training Trips in April will be on the following days: Wed. 4/11/18 and Mon. 4/23/18. Job training students only will have their Community Shopping Trip on Monday 4/30/18.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days will be Wed. April 18th (1-3pm) and Thurs. April 19th (6-8pm). Note: EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS!
- The School (Safety) Climate Team's Annual Spring Clothing Drive is until Friday, May 11th!
- Our April Diner Days will be held on Thurs. 4/12 and Wed. 4/25 and will be hosted by Ms. Stephanie's and Ms. Amanda L.'s classes! Details to follow!
- Our School Field Trip to Turtle Back Zoo will be on Thursday, April 26th! Permission slips will be sent home!
- Please continue to check our school's website! 😊

Shore Center's Newest Teacher of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year!

Here ye, here ye! Announcing The Shore Center's newest Teacher of the Year, Ms. Jacqui Marra (Art Teacher) and newest Educational Services Professional of the Year, Ms. Jess McGowan (Para)! With the start of the new year, The Shore Center joined the other NJ Public Schools across the state in selecting a teacher and an educational service professional to represent our school district as "Teacher of the Year" and "Educational Service Professional of the Year." We have many teachers and staff members who are deserving of these titles which makes this a difficult process each year! The selection committee consists of teachers, paraprofessionals, BJEAL Leadership and as part of this process, all members of the school community were provided with an opportunity to nominate!



We thank the members of the selection committee and all participants in the nominating process, as without you volunteering to participate in this process, it wouldn't be as meaningful for our honorees! Enjoy this time, Ms. Jacqui and Ms. Jess! You deserve it! 😊

A special "Thank you" to Ms. Stephanie (Teacher of the Year 2017) and all of our former Shore Center honorees!

Our Diner Days Program is a HUGE Success for Students!

The Shore Center's Diner Days Program has expanded since school year 2016-2017 to where our Upper School students are using our Community Shopping Days as part of the preparation (menu planning, budgeting, purchasing, etc.) and the learning process!

The increase in the number of Diner Days from 1x to 2x per month has also proven to be a great benefit to our students, as it has increased the number of opportunities that each Upper School class has to learn and practice pre-vocational skills necessary to be a productive employee on a real job site one day. In addition to developing our students' pre-vocational skills, our Diner Days Program has helped to develop a better understanding of the relationship between what they are learning in school and potential employment beyond the age of 21. This is a huge part of the transitional planning process as this helps us know what our students need to work on in order to be effective on a job site and assists us in being able to effectively plan on how to



develop these skills.

We appreciate all of you who place orders for each of our Diner Days every month, as without your orders, our students

wouldn't have the opportunities to learn and practice these important job skills. Nice work everyone! 😊



Spotlight On...

Photos of Shore Center School Events!





Spotlight On...

More Photos of Shore Center March Activities / Events...



Photos above are of Ms. Jacky's Class STEM Challenge!
(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
Nice Job!



Message from the Principal...

Dear Shore Center Family,

March certainly came in like a Lion but we are still awaiting the Lamb! Despite the “wacky” weather during the month of March we had another productive month here at The Shore Center! We started out the month with the conclusion of our Read Across America Week and our Scholastic Book Fair! We are so thankful for the support of our Shore Center Parent Volunteer Group as without the support of our wonderful parents, we could not have accomplished as much as we did on behalf of our students! The winner of our Dr. Seuss Doorway Contest was Ms. Paige’s Class who won a pizza party as a result of their efforts! Of course all of our classes are winners in my book! ☺

The inclement weather during the month of March caused us to have to reschedule and then eventually cancel our field trip to The Lanes at Sea Girt. We apologize for this disappointment and will try our best to make it up to the students before the end of the school year!

On March 6th, the students in Ms. Christine’s Class did a fantastic job with our “Brunch” Diner Day! The menu for Ms. Christine’s “Brunch” Diner Day included French toast sticks, eggs and bacon! Yum! On March 26th we had another fantastic Diner Day serving up chicken patties, chicken nuggets and French fries! This 2nd Diner Day was prepared and hosted by the students in Ms. Michele’s Class! Needless to say, BOTH Diner Days were BIG hits! ☺ Our students did everything from creating the menu, purchasing the food and supplies, generating order forms, distributing food order tickets, food preparation, cooking, serving and delivering. It was so amazing to watch our Upper School students run the diner on behalf of their schoolmates, most with limited assistance from their teachers and paras! We are so proud of what they have accomplished through participation in our Diner Day Program and we look forward to our April Diner Days!

Our MARCH community service project was on behalf of the March of Dimes and was in the form of a “Dime War” sponsored by the Shore Center Student Council! Each class was challenged to collect the most dimes by March 29th! The winning class for this event will be announced upon return from Spring Break and will receive a pizza party! Thank you and great job to all who donated dimes on behalf of this worthwhile cause! Also, our “Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive” is going on now until May 11th! Thank you for all that you do to support our community service projects! We have the BEST students because we have the BEST parents here at The Shore Center!

Sincerely,

Dr. Dionne Ledford (“Dr. D.”) ☺