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## Picnic in the Park

Our September Picnic in the Park was held on a beautiful fall day and many families joined us for great food, fun and the opportunity to connect with other members of the Reece community. The parachute games and tug of war were the highlight of the day, with congratulations going to the children's team, who were victorious in their challenge with the parent's team!



## December Winter Wonderland

This holiday season, Reece students, their families and staff members joined forces with a local shelter to donate gifts to women and mothers in need. Parents' and families' generous response to this event, which was organized by the Social Skills Committee, far exceeded any of the committee's expectations. Everyone enjoyed wrapping and delivering the gifts to the local police precinct. The experience of working together to give to those in need is one that will not soon be forgotten by our students.



## Pumpkin Roll

Our first annual pumpkin roll was held in Central Park this past Halloween. Each class rose to the occasion, decorating and rolling their class pumpkin down a slope in the park as an audience of parents, grandparents and many onlookers cheered them on. The children in Ms. Erin's class, with the help of a certain Teaching Assistant, rolled to victory, while the team from Adaptive Physical Education beat all of the other staff teams' pumpkins. After trophies were presented to the two winning teams, we all returned to the school for lunch and then enjoyed trick or treating on campus.





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## Parents' Association Annual Appeal

The Reece School offers a heartfelt "thank you" to our Parents' Association for all that they do for our school and our students. We are incredibly thankful to all of the families who generously contributed the wonderful gifts and donations this year. We also wish to thank an anonymous donor whose donation enabled us to bring Mad Science back to Reece every Friday for the 2016 summer session.

## Expansion

Reece School is currently working with the New York City Department of Education and New York State to add an additional classroom with a capacity of eight students to our campus and to include students with "high functioning" autism to the children we serve. Additionally, Reece is planning to create a new Science Program, which will focus on Living Environment and Earth Science for our older classes and a "hands-on" Horticultural course for the younger classes.

## October Fall Festival

We had a great turnout for our October Fall Festival. Families, children and Reece School alumni enjoyed art, a wide variety of baked goods, and participated in craft activities.



## Alvin Alley Culminating Performance

Another year meant another exciting performance by our students! Classes worked together to make this annual performance for the parents a huge success



## Clearpool Outdoor Education Trip

The older students in Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Jessica and Mr. Evan's classes had an amazing overnight outdoor education trip to the Clearpool Campus in Carmel, New York! Students were introduced to forestry, pond study and the natural environment through experiential learning; enjoyed campfire activities, including songs and skits; and developed new friendships, skills and self-confidence during teambuilding activities, which included the exciting high ropes course.

