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Reece School

NEWSLETTER

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SO Fun at Reece!



We had so much fun celebrating our students' achievements at our SO Fun Saturday Festival! During their eight week residency with SO Fun City, our students gained a real sense of teamwork, friendship, and accomplishment and our SO Fun Saturday event was the culmination of their hard work! From magic tricks to creative artwork, their talents were on full display! We can't wait for our next collaboration with SO Fun City!

"I liked making key chains and I hope they come back!"
- Riley, 210

Read on to see what our students had to say about their experience with SO Fun City:

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Dear Reece School Families and Friends,

NBA Hall-of-Famer Charles Barkley made headlines in 1993 when recording a commercial in which he said, "I'm not a role model. Just because I dunk a basketball doesn't mean I should raise your kids."

Many of the younger students are often short on patience, waiting for their bus as the line of buses goes around the corner and down Fifth Avenue.

Recently, a few of the older students have stepped in during the dismissal process to help, comfort, entertain and act as role models. It's wonderful to watch these adolescents share their social skill knowledge including patience and empathy, to continue to create a culture of caring with their younger peers.

As you read the stories in our newsletter you will learn a little more about our wonderful students as they learn and continue to become role models to their peers and the larger Reece Community.

All the best,

Dr. Duncan
Executive Director



Winter Giving is coming!!

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Family Bowling at Bowlmor Lanes

Saturday, January 11, 2020





SO FUN CITY

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"We had to work hard to earn the party, and we earned and it was amazing! Please come back!" - Lacine & Sebastyen, - Class 417

"Making balloons was super fun! We like SO Fun City! We hope they come back!" - Xavier, Denzel, Jazmiah, - Class 510

"It was cool and we miss it. We liked making key chains and papier-mâché balls and we hope they come back! We did a lot of fun projects together and liked working together!" - Class 312

BACKPACK AWARENESS



On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 the OT Team hosted a Backpack Awareness Day downstairs in the Gym. There were four stations such as Backpack Weighing, Compare the Backpack Weight, Coloring Station, and a Backpack Organization Station. The Red Cohort helped out during the Backpack Awareness Day. I assisted the OT in weighing backpacks and wrote down information. It's important to have kids not carry heavy backpacks to School. Backpack Awareness Day talks about the importance of carrying the right sized backpack.

BY: JAYDA, 317

UNITY DAY!

On October 23rd, Reece students and staff proudly displayed their orange in support of Unity Day! Each year, Unity Day is an excellent reminder that we must all do our part to put an end to bullying and promote kindness! Our day began with all students and staff receiving a positive message from another student or staff member, continued with classroom activities that promoted inclusion and acceptance, and ended with a school photo that really shows our support!



BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH BROOKSOURCE



This September, volunteers from BrookSource helped us kick

off the school year with a day of team building activities! They spent the day with our younger students creating kindness chains to display in our hallways and helped our older students work together to create a Reece banner that is proudly displayed in our lobby! The theme of the day was "Building Community" and we certainly felt a strong sense of that around school. Thank you to BrookSource for donating their time and resources and thank you to our students for brightening our hallways!





PITCH IN, PICK UP!

In connection with Reece's November theme of giving back, Class 410 and 311 participated in Central Park's "Pitch In, Pick Up" at the North Meadow Recreation Center. Students received grabbers and garbage bags and spent time cleaning up wrappers, caps, coffee cups and other garbage throughout the surrounding area in Central Park. After the trip, some of the students had an opportunity to complete a reflection activity where they designed brochures and posters that described their experience and why volunteering and giving back is so important to do. We are very grateful to have had this opportunity to show our appreciation of our community and keeping it clean! Happy Thanksgiving!!



INTERNATIONAL KINDNESS DAY



On World Kindness Day at the Reece School, my class was being kind. One way my class was kind was when we wrote an essay about being kind. Then, Jordy and I announced it on the morning announcements. After that, we wrote some kind notes to 411 and we got notes from 412. In conclusion, World Kindness day is a great day!!!

BY: SIERRA, 410

MEET NURSE SHAHLO



Hello Reece Family,

I am Nurse Shahlo, your new school nurse!

A little about me: I am originally from Uzbekistan in Central Asia. I speak four languages.

My original dream was to become foreign language teacher in middle or high school, so I went to state university in my hometown to major in linguistics.

After college I moved to the United States and instead of teaching, I wanted to help children who are sick, so I then proceeded to go to nursing school to become a nurse.

During the summers I worked as camp nurse in upstate NY.

Why I love my job: I love kids and I love to take care of kids. Being a school nurse combines my passions for treating patients and being compassionate about the needs of our children. The team members and staff at Reece are really supportive and make a great community which allows me to be successful in my role. Having a smaller number of students gives me a chance to know each of them well which would not be possible in a larger setting!

I look forward to working with all of you and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free call me. X120





Halloween

A little rain on Halloween didn't stop us from having fun. We weren't able to go to Central Park for the annual pumpkin roll, so instead we did a pumpkin judging contest in the gym. We also had So Fun City come and lead us in some spooky indoor activities. In the gym, they had us dig our hands into plastic pumpkins and guess what was in each one. They were all supposed to be creepy items. We also got Halloween themed tattoos, and there was a photo booth. Before we left the gym, we had to guess how many candy corns were in a jar.

We also went trick or treating around the school. Although, some of the treats were bad tasting gummies, it got us out of a regular day of school work and an excuse to wear comfy layered clothing at school.

We saw many costumes throughout the Reece School such as Pokemon and Naruto characters, a burrito, witches, skeletons, Harry Potter, and many super heroes. Halloween is always fun at Reece, and a little rain won't stop us!

BY: CLASS 411



After a school-wide vote, Alpha was Superman this year!!

REECE RACERS in the Game!



Since the beginning of September, we recruited five new members to the team! Our weekly meets involve timed relays, running the 1.5 mile length of the Central Park Reservoir, and the Great Hill in Central Park. It's also fun for everybody because of the events. As a team, we went to Icahn Stadium, attended New York Rising Road Runners meets at Van Cortlandt Park and we went to an event called "Run with the Champions!" We even crossed the finish line of the NYC marathon route! We were happily surprised when we got uniforms this year. We hope others join and if you do, we will make sure you strive to meet a goal you want in running!

Team Leadership: Alvin R., Co-Captain
Alexis O., Co-Captain
Christian R., Co-Captain





PUBERTY EDUCATION PROGRAM

During the month of October, Kate Greenberg, M.A., a Certified Health Education Specialist, returned for the second year of our Puberty Education Program for students in the Yellow and Orange cohorts. As a part of the program, Ms. Greenberg held a parent information session to provide parents with an overview of the program content and distributed parent resources on adolescent development. She also instructed students in the Yellow and Orange cohorts for three 45-minute sessions on topics including the physical, emotional and social changes associated with puberty. Kate Greenberg is scheduled to return to implement the upper middle school program with our Red Cohort. The parent information session will be held on March 10th and the student sessions will be held on March 17th and 19th.

“Dancing with the Snowman” Winter Dance

December 13th!



Details to come!

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COHORT SPIRIT DAY!



Our students continue to dress to impress on Cohort Spirit Day! In addition to their unique and creative styles, their enthusiasm and team spirit makes these days all the more fun! We look forward to celebrating more spirit days in the upcoming months! Be sure to mark the dates below on the monthly school calendars:

12/20: DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY

1/31: JERSEY DAY

(WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS JERSEY)

2/28: PAJAMA DAY



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