

LINKING FAMILIES TO:  
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*LET'S GET MOVING!*

Every Tuesday & Thursday morning, the *Let's Get Moving* Program at Happy Day School is taking place either inside the gymnasium or outside on the circle. On a rotating basis every school age student has an opportunity to participate, either in their wheelchair, gait trainer, adapted trike or other pieces of equipment to **MOVE**. Sometimes some of the preschool children from the ESC join us. Fun is had by all!



## Indoor Activities

As the weather changes from warm to cold, kids begin to lose the chance to get outside and burn their energy. It becomes more challenging to come up with ideas of fun indoor activities to keep kids busy! The following activities are indoor appropriate and a fun way to keep busy on cold winter days! Also, if you have not checked out Pinterest ([www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)), this website is a great resource for indoor activities for babies to teens. Once you start seeing different uses for household items and use them in creative play, the possibilities are endless for indoor fun!

- Create forts by putting sheets over a table, and use flashlights as lighting.
- Create a large pillow pile to jump in and climb out.
- Keep empty shoe boxes, tissue boxes, plastic containers, and spice containers to stack or open and close.
- Play bowling with empty water bottles and a ball or play table top bowling using toilet paper rolls and a small ball.
- Draw and play in shaving cream or flour on the table
- Make a dough to play in out of 8 parts flour mixed with 1 part baby oil.
- Play with magnetic toys on a cookie sheet or muffin tray.
- Create aluminum foil art.
- Play in water in the sink (funnels, cups, turkey baster) and blow bubbles using straws.
- Keep lids to baby food, or any container to stack, put in containers, or just give to kids and see what uses they come up with. Any item in a large quantity is fun and leads to creative play.
- Let your child help you make pudding, jello, or any simple dish.
- Wrap up toys in wrapping paper and unwrap. That simple trick alone may make an old toy new and exciting again!

### **Thank you Staff and Families!**

**With the support of families and staff, Happy Day's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Auction and Craft Show was a huge success! We had 27 vendors, 100+ items for silent auction, 11 large raffle items, vendor baskets, over 50 certificates to various places throughout the county, the Kids Korner and concessions. The shoppers turned out in full force to participate in this important event and helped us raise \$7,507 towards our next levy campaign. Thank you to all who helped support the event by donations, time, or spending money.**

**Please check out our student of the month on our Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities website at [www.portagedd.org](http://www.portagedd.org).**

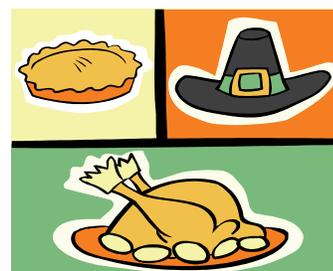
**A new student will be chosen monthly by a voting committee.**



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**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

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11/15/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	TODDLER SWIM GROUP
11/15/2013	9:30-10:15 AM	KINDERMUSIK
11/15/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	KINDERMUSIK
11/20/2013	5:00 PM	PCBDD BOARD MEETING-BOARD OFFICE
11/22/2013	9:30-10:15 AM	KINDERMUSIK
11/22/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	KINDERMUSIK
11/22/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	TODDLER SWIM GROUP
11/24/2013	1:00 PM	MOOSE THANKSGIVING DINNER-Happy Day School
11/26/2013	6:00-7:30 PM	BOARD ELIGIBLE FAMILY SWIM
11/28/2013-11/29/2013		THANKSGIVING BREAK-PROGRAM CLOSED
12/3/2013	9:30 AM	SANTA SHOP
12/3/2013	3:15-4:15 PM	MARKET DAY PICK UP
12/4/2013	9:30 AM	SANTA SHOP
12/6/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	TODDLER SWIM GROUP
12/6/2013	9:30-10:15	KINDERMUSIK
12/6/2013	10:30-11:15 AM	KINDERMUSIK
12/9/2013	4:00 PM	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING-HDS CONFERENCE ROOM
12/10/2013	1:15 PM	ANNUAL SCHOOL-AGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
12/10/2013	6:00-7:30 PM	BOARD ELIGIBLE FAMLY SWIM
12/13/2013	10:00 AM	TODDLER HOLIDAY GATHERING
12/17/2013	6-7:30 PM	BOARD ELIGIBLE FAMILY SWIM
12/18/2013	5:00 PM	PCBDD BOARD MEETING-BOARD OFFICE
12/23/2013-1/1/2014		WINTER BREAK
1/2/2014		PROGRAM RESUMES

To better serve our families, Happy Day School is pleased to partner with a number of area physicians and contractors to provide services here at school. Besides the obvious benefit of being more convenient, both families and physicians have commented on how nice it is to have a child's team of instructors and therapists available to share information and discuss treatment strategies.

- Akron Children's Genetic Center Outreach Clinic for Portage County is offered at Happy Day. Clinics are held every other month for any resident of Portage County. The clinic is recommended for any child with developmental delays, autism, problems with growth, or birth defects. The geneticists help determine if the developmental differences can be explained by a specific syndrome. This can be beneficial in determining prognosis, medical planning, and to help identify future problems. The Geneticists are also a great resource to improve access to additional medical care and support services.
- Physiatrist, Dr. Henry, who holds clinics several times per year at Happy Day. A physiatrist specializes in physical medicine. Dr. Henry addresses how the muscles in the body work. This can be looking at the tightness of muscles that are causing contractures, the low tone of muscles that are making it difficult for a child to reach developmental milestones such as sitting, or even looking at how the smooth muscles of the intestines are functioning. Dr. Henry can also improve access to additional medical care by coordinating additional medical services or equipment needs.
- Akron Orthotic Solutions continues to visit weekly to make or adjust any braces or orthotics on our student. This is a great partnership as the therapists who work with your child can attend the appointment to offer input on what developmental milestones are being worked on and what support is needed. They also are very familiar with the orthotics being used and what adjustments need to be made for a better fit.
- Millers Medical Equipment comes to the school as needed to measure, quote, or adjust wheelchairs.
- Our newest additional service will be the ability to offer an "Enhanced Assessment" for families that have concerns relating to autism, including the use of the ADOS (Autism Diagnostic and Observation Schedule). We are hoping to have this service up and running by January 2014. Families that are looking for a possible diagnosis or that want to rule out autism as a concern can work with their Early Intervention Specialist to initiate a diagnostic team which will include members from other disciplines and an area pediatrician.

Naturally we will work with any physician or medical company a family chooses. We have provided the above opportunities as a convenience for our families and as a way to fully involve your child's team. All of the above physicians and companies work with all insurance plans including Medicaid and BCMH. If you are interested in taking advantage of any of the opportunities listed, please contact the school.

### SHOP FOR CASH-IT IS EASY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Save your ACME receipts from September 21, 2013 to February 18, 2014. Send them to Happy Day School. Special Olympics will make 5% of the Cash Back amount printed at the bottom of the receipt. Thanks!