

ROOM 006

WHAT'S THE SCOOP

Fall 2008

Welcome back to another year. For five of our classmates, this is their last year at Radnor High School. Already, we have celebrated two twenty-first birthdays, Marie Hudson and Valerie Cascio.

Students have been focused on improving their reading decoding and comprehension skills. Their writing skills have really improved and they are writing great stories. We recently completed reading the classic story, *The Jungle Book*, by Rudyard Kipling.

In math, some students have packets which contain bills for the month. Each packet has two paychecks, deposit slips, and a variety of bills. Using their checkbook, checks are written to pay Comcast, PECO, Verizon, and rent. Each monthly packet has a surprise bill.

Welcome to the real world! Each entry is accounted for in their checkbook ledger.

To complete the process, each check and receipt are placed into an envelope and addressed for mailing.

Another year of Best Buddies is up and running. We had an overwhelming response with many new and returning members. As always it creates a wonderful addition to our class. Students are always in our room, greeting students in the hall and enriching our lives. We have so many exciting activities planned for this year.



GETTING AROUND TOWN

We have been going out every Thursday for community based instruction. We took a shopping list through Wayne and had to decide what store to go to. Once inside of the store, we had to do some problem solving to make the best purchase. We went to the post office, bought some stamps and mailed a package to Anna at college. We had a list of items to buy at Rite Aid, where we practiced rounding up the cost to estimate the total price.



After learning about warning labels on medicines, we visited CVS. The pharmacist, Joe, sat with us and talked about being safe when taking medicine. He showed us how the descriptions of the pills are on the side of each bottle. We talked about side effects and when your doctor should be called. We wrote a thank you letter to Joe thanking him for teaching us so much.



We compared the price of many types of medicines, such as flu medication, cough syrup and antibiotic creams. We had to make sure we compared the same size containers. We noticed that the store brand was usually a little less money. This is a good thing to know when you are living on a budget.



A TRIP TO THE BANK

We took a trip to Bryn Mawr Trust where one of our classmates made a deposit to his new bank account, using his paychecks from work. He filled out the deposit slip, added up the total and handed them to the teller.

During another trip to the bank, we had a tour of the whole bank. Mrs. Callaghan helped us to practice writing checks and deposit slips. We got to stand behind Doris the teller while Kevin Leaming made a deposit to his account. Then we had a chance to watch the teller help a customer at the drive thru; he gave the dog a biscuit when he returned their receipt. Going into the vault was really cool. We took out a small safety deposit box and talked about the things people put in those boxes for safe keeping. We had a lot of change from Best Buddies. Alexis placed the coins in a coin machine. It printed out a receipt which we took to the teller for a ten dollar bill.



BEST BUDDIES BEGINS A NEW YEAR

Our first event this year was a pizza party and football game. We played 'human bingo' to get to know each other.

We walked around and asked questions like, find someone who has an older brother or find someone who went to camp this summer. Then during our dinner we played another get to know you activity. We had many new members and a lot of members from last year. For dessert we had a birthday cake for Valerie Cascio who turned 21 years old.

Our club went down on the field and cheered on the players as they ran onto the field. Then we sat together in the stands and cheered for the team.



MORE BUDDY ACTIVITIES

We had our Buddy Match party which was a lot of fun. We were each given a piece of puzzle. Then we had to find others who had a puzzle piece that matched ours. When we were done, it was a heart. Some of us had three buddies, others had four and everyone was excited to meet their new buddies.

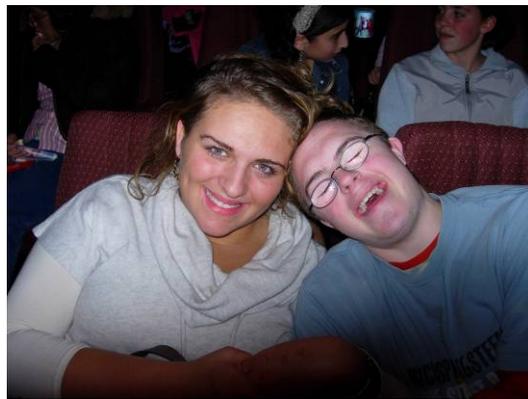


WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!!

The Best Buddies Club went to see the opening of High School Musical 3. Since some of the songs from the past two movies were in our sing-a-long show, we were all excited to see the newest movie.

We met in Wayne and then broke up into smaller groups to go for dinner. We were first to line up and get good seats for the movie. There was a lot of candy and popcorn. There was clapping and excited chatter throughout the whole movie and at the end everyone in the theater cheered. We were quite a presence in the movie theater.

There were some fun songs and everyone was thinking as we left about what we will include in our next show.



A SPOOKTACULAR BEST BUDDIES PARTY

When it comes to parties, no one can throw one like Best Buddies. We started celebrating Halloween by decorating pumpkins with our buddy groups. Some pumpkins wore hats, some had visors and one had a beautiful crown. After all were decorated, we lined them up on the table to be judged. Each pumpkin and buddy received a certificate.

After yummy snacks, we sat around in a circle and told scary stories. It was an awesome Halloween.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A little heads up on some
upcoming Best Buddies activities:

- December 12th - sleep over at
Radnor High School (details to
follow)
- February 6th - Third annual Best
Buddies sing-a-long show
(practice dates 1/25/09, 1/31/09,
more dates tbd)