



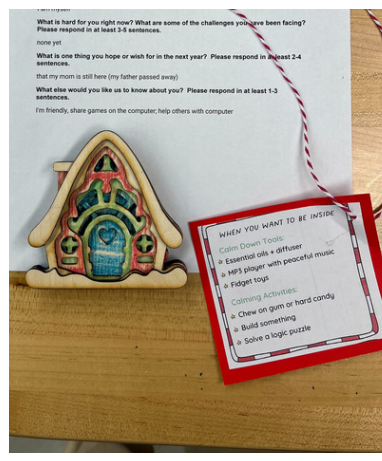
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE STUDENTS

The Kids for Kids program was a success! The program was made possible through the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the National Road Heritage Corridor, under the leadership of Dr. Jason Margolis. Kids for Kids was designed to uplift youth facing hardship through art, while fostering empathy and the development of literacy skills in K-12 students. Among the 5 schools participating in the spring program, 25 students from IU1 Redstone, McMurray, and Waynesburg campuses completed various art projects between November 2022 and May 2023. The program included five rounds of projects, which allowed students to learn more about who they were creating art for and just how impactful their work could be in another student's life. The first round of projects involved getting art back from other schools, while the other four rounds involved creating art for students facing hardship in shelters or in the community with special needs. The IU1 Campus schools, students and teachers alike, all enjoyed the project and hope to continue the program in the future.



REMINDER ROUNDUP!

- IU1 will be closed Tuesday July 4th in observance of Independence Day
- Central Office: Summer hours begin June 12th and run through August 11th (1/2 day on Fridays)
- In-Service will be held August 14th - 18th, with general session on the August 16th, at Charleroi High School

TECH-TIP!



PASSWORDS:

- MAKE THEM COMPLEX
- DON'T USE THE SAME ONE FOR ALL YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNTS
- CHANGE THEM EVERY 120 DAYS

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

IU1 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Tobi Lacey and Sumerlea McGuire are two successful paraprofessionals who work seamlessly together in their Washington Park classroom. From assisting Mrs. Alison Radic execute her lessons, to providing a friendly and optimistic classroom experience, students feel welcomed and encouraged to perform their best on a daily basis. Whether it be individually, or small group, Sumerlea and Tobi go above and beyond to provide a classroom experience that improves the climate that impacts the daily lives of students that attend the Washington Park Elementary School.



FRESH FACES: *GET TO KNOW OUR MAY NEW HIRES!*

- Cheyenne Reid-Winterborne, Paraprofessional (Early Intervention Program), Charleroi
- Steven McIntire, Maintenance I, Central Office



UPBEAT UPDATE

Variety - The Children's Charity of Pittsburgh came back to IU1 for another exciting presentation of adaptive bikes and strollers from their My Bike® and My Stroller® programs.

Children of all ages from across the region had previously been measured and fitted for a bike or stroller made just for them, and Tuesday May 23rd was the day they got to try them out and take them home! Representatives from Variety - Pittsburgh as well as Blackburn's Medical Equipment were on hand to present the bikes and strollers, and to demonstrate to the families how they maneuver, as well as collapse for storage and traveling purposes. After the kids and families were comfortable riding and operating, everyone made their way outside for a parade around the parking lot!

FROM THE DESK OF DR. KRISTIN SZEWCZYK

I hope you have had a great start to your summer! While summer is considered a time for rest and relaxation, these months are some of the busiest for IU1. Planning for the new school year is underway with in-service preparations finalized. Our Early Intervention program ended its spring session on June 16th and will return the week of July 10th. Extended School Year (ESY) programs began at each of our Campus Schools on June 19th and will continue through July 20th. Our Human Resources Department and administrators are working diligently to conduct interviews for open positions. All part of a typical summer for IU1!

I do hope you will set aside time for the rest and relaxation I mentioned earlier. Enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperatures with your families and friends. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and programs! Have a wonderful June!!

