Therapeutic Activities Schedule

The monthly Therapeutic Activities Calendar is posted in the hallway. Please check to see what activities are planned for your child.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

November activities will follow the theme of gratitude. The following dates will be All Day Recreation:

11/5  Election Day: Sunshine Voters Booth
11/11  Veterans Day: Special Themed Activity
11/27  Project Thank You
11/28  Thanksgiving Parade, Turkey Craft
11/29  Black Friday Bingo

The Sun Shines on...
Lisa Weeks

Lisa began her teaching career in 2001 when she volunteered at her son’s Pre-School. The following year, Lisa got her first teaching position as a Teacher’s Assistant and shortly after decided to go back to school to earn a Master’s degree in General and Special Education, Birth through 6th Grade. Since then, Lisa has worked in a Special Education Pre-K classroom, as well as a Kindergarten and First Grade Special Education classroom. Lisa has had a wonderful teaching experience and is happy to have now found herself at Sunshine. Lisa joined the Sunshine team in September and says, “everyone here is so friendly. Even if I don’t work directly with them, everyone is so kind and it feels like a big family here.” While Lisa has found enjoyment in working with the Sunshine staff, her favorite part of her job is being with the children. “I just love coming into work in the morning! It’s amazing when I get the children to smile. I understand why it is called Sunshine – every child is a ray of sun.” Although the school year has just begun, Lisa has enjoyed getting to know her students and learning about who they are. “They all have their own personalities and are all so special. I really try to individualize my time with them. I find something that they respond to.” Lisa explains. Lisa works towards the infants’ individualized goals, which includes being aware of their environment and enhancing their sensory skills. She also enjoys talking and singing to the children. “I love each of the kids and want to give them the care and attention that they deserve,” Lisa beams. Outside of the classroom, Lisa loves reading and spending time with her family, especially her son, two dogs, two cats, and two turtles! Welcome to Sunshine, Lisa! We are so happy to have you as part of our team!
Neurology Services

Sunshine is pleased to announce the addition of Steven M. Wolf, MD and Patty McGoldrick, NP to our team. Dr. Wolf is board certified in pediatrics, epilepsy, clinical neurophysiology and neurology with special recognition in child neurology. He is well-recognized as an epilepsy authority. Patty McGoldrick, NP is his partner in a unique collaborative practice. She trained in neurology and epilepsy at Beth Israel and St. Luke’s-Roosevelt. Together, they direct the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Center and the Developmental Disability Center at Mount Sinai West; and the Tuberous Sclerosis Center at Mount Sinai. They are dedicated to helping people with epilepsy and to caring for people with a wide variety of neurological diagnoses. They have focused on bringing epilepsy surgery as a treatment to those who would not necessarily have been considered candidates, as well as enhancing everyone’s understanding of epilepsy and other neurological diseases. They also address quality-of-life issues by focusing on the needs of their families, and by recognizing behavioral and school issues and the co-morbidities of epilepsy, including headaches, learning disabilities, and attention deficit disorders. Dr. Wolf also has a large headache practice and also sees many patients with tics, neurodegenerative disease, cerebral palsy, strokes, Guillain-Barre, and all other neurological diagnoses. Dr. Wolf and Ms. McGoldrick have been honored for their work with people with epilepsy and developmental disabilities, and serve on the boards of several organizations. Dr. Wolf and Ms. McGoldrick will work alongside our medical team to address the neurology needs of our children. They will conduct monthly rounds with our medical team.

NOVEMBER is National Epilepsy Month

Here are some tips from the Epilepsy Foundation:

How to Keep Your Child Safe during a Seizure

During a seizure, the most important thing you can do is keep your child safe. You can help do that by remembering the following:

- Stay Calm - A seizure is frightening for everyone. The calmer you are, the better.
- Don't Restrain.
- During a seizure, the less you have to move or touch a child, the better.
- Do not try to stop the child’s movements or force anything in the child’s mouth.
- Observe and Report.
- Try to remember as much as you can about the seizure to tell your doctor after.
- Monitor or watch your child after the seizure. Your child may seem tired or confused, complain of sore muscles, or have a headache. Contact your doctor immediately if you are concerned.

WELCOME

New Staff

Caroline Alves Serbonchini
Registered Nurse
Sheila Greason
Certified Nursing Assistant
Heejung Kim
Registered Nurse
Lovely Llamos
Registered Nurse
Caitlin Owoo
Certified Nursing Assistant
Aesol Park
Registered Nurse
Joina Santos
Respiratory Therapist
Massiel Vargas
Certified Nursing Assistant

Our Feature of the Month is...
Sunshine fundraises for Breast Cancer Awareness

Every October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year, one of Sunshine’s residents opened a store and sold salty and sweet snacks to staff to help raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. 100% of the profits went directly to the Foundation, which is described as, “one of the top breast cancer organizations that invests in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer.”

Congratulations and a job well done!