Therapeutic Activities Schedule

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

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2 - Labor Day celebration with games and activities!

September 19 - Bubble Bus is coming to Sunshine! Everyone is familiar with the concept of bubbles, right? The kind you would blow through a little wand? Well, multiply that by 1,000. No wait. Multiply that by 5,000. Imagine a continuous sea of bubbles filling the air. More bubbles than you’ve ever seen in one space at a time. It’s a Bubble Extravaganza, a Bubble-Palooza!

A Stunning, Extreme Bubble Spectacular that delights people of all ages! And it’s happening at Sunshine on September 19th for an hour of crazy fun! And, as if that wasn’t enough - Samantha cooked up some treats for all to enjoy!

Welcome New Staff

Jessica Brown
Clinical Nutrition Assistant

Gregory Brownstein
Certified Nursing Assistant

Julia Castro
Registered Nurse

Adrianna Lovett
Certified Nursing Assistant

Andre Maldonado
Facility Management Assistant

Alyssa Martucci
Certified Nursing Assistant

The Sun Shines on....

YOUNG JU, NP

This month we shine a light on Young Ju, NP; Sunshine’s newest addition to our fabulous medical team! Young Ju first joined the Sunshine family five years ago as a Registered Nurse and has recently transitioned into the Family Nurse Practitioner role. Young Ju “strives for excellence” and feels that Sunshine is a place where she can continue to grow and gain amazing experience. Over the years, Young Ju has developed various skills that she is able to apply to her practice. One of the skills that Young Ju believes is crucial to be successful in her profession is careful listening. “Listening is so important for my job. I work with the nurses every day and many times they have new information about one of the residents that I need to know.” Young Ju feels very connected to all the staff, “Sunshine staff is like a family; we are more than just coworkers. I am very happy to work with everyone!” In addition to the staff, the residents are what really make Young Ju’s work days shine. “The best part about my job is when I see that the kids are happy and doing well!” Between working with supportive staff and children that make you smile all day, Young Ju is pleased to be on Sunshine’s team. When Young Ju is not working, she enjoys watching Netflix, hiking and catching up with friends! We are so fortunate to have Young Ju on our team!

Fall Fashions

With cooler temperatures approaching, please begin to remove summer clothing and bring in fall and winter clothing. All new items should be given directly to the Quality of Life team and added to your child’s Personal Belongings Inventory sheet. As you are aware, there is limited space available for each resident, so choose wisely.
Sunshine Updates

More news on our construction project: we are nearly complete with phase two – which has been largely the building of our new entrance road. Turners construction has been working diligently these past months to ensure that our roads are wider, safer, and easy to navigate. Phase 2 will move to the actual building area, starting with more rock removal. Please visit our website at www.sunshinechildrenshome.org for further construction updates and schedule.

Back to School!

The 2019-20 school year at Sunshine promises to deliver enriched services to every child. Below are details of each program, including the teaching staff, school hours, school schedule and a brief description of services. We look forward to continuing our wonderful partnerships between Sunshine staff, educators, rehab therapists and parents. Parents and family members are invited to visit the classrooms, meet your child’s teachers and be involved in educational plans.

PRESCHOOL: Children, ages 3-5 will be provided with special education instruction and their related services (PT, OT, and ST) in the Kids Clubhouse for Learning & Play. All services are determined through the child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The program follows The Creative Curriculum, with a focus on exploration and discovery.

Preschool classes begin on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Pre-School hours are 8:30am-2:30pm.

Special Education Teacher: Cathy Griffin
Teacher Assistants: Sharon Fitzmaurice, Nahila Echavaria

PINESBRIDGE SCHOOL @ SUNSHINE: The full-day schedule and intensive staff-to-student ratio will provide a variety of learning environments designed to meet the cognitive, sensory, physical, emotional, and social needs of each student. Children, ages 5-21 will receive special instruction and their related services (PT, OT, ST) as determined by their IEP’s. Elementary 1 classroom will be in the Kids Clubhouse for Learning & Play; Elementary 2 classroom will be in the Main Building/Dayroom; the Middle/High School Classroom will be in the Main Building/Sunroom.

PinesBridge classes begin on Wednesday, September 4th.
PinesBridge hours are 8:45am-2:45pm.

Students will have their lunch and snacks will be served in the classroom during scheduled breaks.

The staffing model for PinesBridge at Sunshine will include:

Three Special Education Teachers: Shannon Gaynor, Megan O’Sullivan and Kathy Hanlon

Teaching Assistant: Stephanie

Nine Teaching Aides: Olga, Veronica, Oksana, Jennifer, Brandon, Barbara, Isabella, Judy, Lourdes

PINESBRIDGE SCHOOL/PNW BOCES: For children who will be attending the PinesBridge program on the Yorktown campus, parents can expect separate mailings and calendars from BOCES regarding required school consents, classroom assignments and schedules. Sunshine Social Work will assist with coordination of transportation.

September is National Baby Safety Month!

Things to Remember:

- Always put your baby on his/her back to sleep.
- Use a firm sleep mattress with a fitted sheet.
- If you need to use a bumper pad, use the mesh “breathable” type.
- No smoking around your baby.
- Watch the temperature in the room and car to avoid overheating the baby-be aware of the type of clothing they are wearing.
- Never leave baby alone in a chair or stroller, make sure they are strapped in at all times.
- Baby should be in arms reach throughout bath time.
- Always test bath water with your wrist or elbow before bathing.
- Keep baby in a rear-facing car seat in a back seat for as long as possible.
- Keep ALL medications and cleaning products out of reach and locked up.
- Keep emergency phone numbers easily visible.