

Lutz Journal



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If you listen to the weather forecast it seems we are about to experience fall in a big way! The leaves are turning and nights are getting chilly. I would like to thank Pet Supplies Plus of Clinton Township and their managers Jeff Bonanni and Brian Verkest for donating our new aquarium that you will see in the Lutz lobby. Check it out the next time you stop in. The Parent Group is off and running, busily planning another year of exciting activities for our students. Please consider volunteering your support for the many events and fundraisers they provide throughout the year. Our next meeting is November 14th, please join us!

Thank you for all of the caring and support you provide for our Lutz staff on a daily basis. They truly appreciate everything you do.
Chris



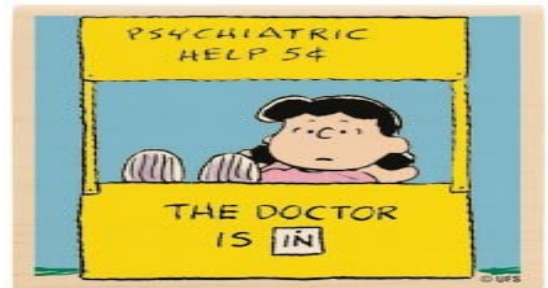
When calling in an absence, be sure to notify transportation and the school.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 10/31 | Half day for students |
| 11/7 | ELECTION DAY |
| 11/10 | FULL SCHOOL DAY |
| | VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY 8:00AM |
| 11/16 | PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES |
| 11/22-26 | THANKSGIVING BREAK |
| 12/22-1/2 | HOLIDAY BREAK |
| 1/5 | FULL SCHOOL DAY |

Hi! I'd like to introduce myself. I am Susan Tatro, the School Psychologist for Lutz School. I provide direct support and interventions to students to help them succeed vocationally, socially, and emotionally. Students can face problems from time to time related to learning, social relationships, making difficult decisions, or managing emotions. I collaborate with teachers and other professionals to develop a safe, productive, and supportive learning environment. I strive to engage students at all levels of development to meet challenges, build new skills, and reach their vision of adulthood. Currently, I am facilitating a social skills group once a week with the Community Prep classroom. We just finished the topic of "Making a First Impression". Students learned how you look, what you say, how you act, and other factors convey a message to employers and how to pay attention to these things to make a good impression.



GREENHOUSE CLASSROOM

The Greenhouse welcomed 11 new students into our classroom this fall & got busy right away by fulfilling a floral order of 100 arrangements for Opening Day! We've also been working on getting to know one another along with the routines of our classroom. Students have been doing a wonderful job of stepping up and volunteering for tasks around the room & outside in the gardens. They also seem very interested & excited to learn about the plant science our classroom has been focusing on.

True to our classroom, we have been busy pulling weeds & cutting back plants around the building, getting ready for the cold weather. In class we harvested some basil, cilantro, & continue to harvest tomatoes. Afterwards we enjoyed preparing & eating Bruschetta & Salsa! We've also been busy harvesting some native/butterfly attracting flower seeds for planting this winter & growing in the greenhouse until spring when we can transplant them outside.

In addition to the seeds we'll be planting, we took a trip to Weigand's Nursery where Irma Weigand donated 25 native/butterfly attracting plants. We have already transplanted them into bigger pots with fresh soil. Now students will care for them until spring when we can create a Michigan Native Plants & Pollinator garden here at Lutz School.



VOCATIONAL READINESS

The Vocational Readiness class is excited to start a brand new school year! The last 2 months the students have been learning about what our room has to offer. Vocational Readiness has 2 work sites (Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Hubert's Church) where they learn custodial maintenance skills. These skills include: washing tables and chairs, vacuuming and washing windows. Learning these skills will help them transition to other rooms within our building as well as transition them out into the work force! We also run the school snack store and learn about social skills, money skills, doing inventory and buying items for the store at Sam's Club.

This month we went on 2 great CBI trips. Our first trip we was to River Bend Park. We went with the Life Skills Classroom and while we were there we did a scavenger hunt and ate lunch! It was such a beautiful day so we were very lucky. Our class also went bowling to Imperial Lanes. Bowling teaches our students about taking turns, social skills, and team work. They loved this CBI and their behavior was impeccable. We hope the rest of the school year is successful and continues to provide many more great opportunities for our students to learn and grow!



HOSPITAL HOUSEKEEPING

The Hospital Housekeeping classroom is busy learning new skills to use at Henry Ford Hospital and Martha T Berry nursing home. We are practicing our table manners, etiquette and proper ways to work with our community partners.

Students are required to learn about each other by asking questions and having conversations. Who, what, where, how and when are the words we use to find out information about one another. It's amazing what we all have in common when we ask these questions.

You never know if you're going to walk by our classroom and see us learning, dancing, singing or listening to some soft jazz music. When it rains outside, we look for rainbows. If it is dark, we try to find the brightest stars. Stop in and say hi if you're walking by our door.



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