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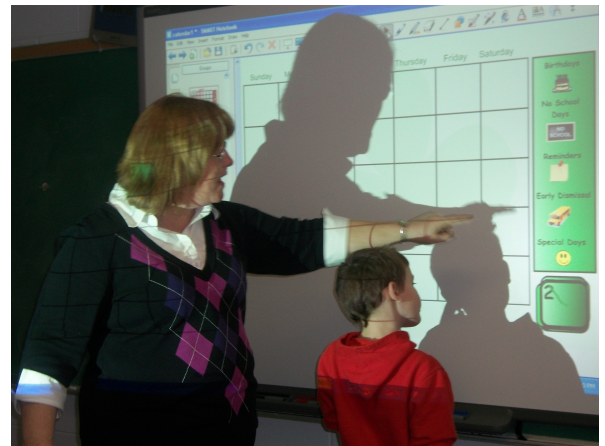
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Focus on the Classroom **Primary A Classroom**

It is not 'location, location, location,' but

'communication, communication, communication' for students in the Primary A classroom. Autism brings with it a high need for sensory input, such as deep pressure massage or swinging. Learning visually is an important mode of gaining information. Being able to communicate with others can be a struggle.



Kim Barnhouse, the teacher for the Primary A classroom, focuses on giving the students visual tools to communicate with their peers and adults. Use of the newly acquired SmartBoard, a large white board projected with interactive media, aids in the presentation of classroom material. Daily calendar review and the reading of stories come to life using this technology. Students are able to 'touch' the answers on the board, and turn the pages with their fingers.

Besides science and social studies, the students in this class concentrate mainly on math and language arts content areas. Kim, along with classroom aide Rebecca Wirth and district aide Michelle Keim, guide the students through lessons in numbers, letters and printing their names. Practice of sorting, adding and money skills takes place daily.

Students use visual picture schedules and Picture Exchange Communication Systems to tell other their wants and needs. All of these skills lead to a more independent lifestyle for the students. Honing their self help skills such as preparing and eating meals, brushing their teeth and helping with daily living tasks (laundry, cleaning, etc.) gives the students the tools to be more successful as they mature.

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IDA SUE SCHOOL – NICK AMSTER WORKSHOP 2011-2012 CALENDAR

4 Open – No Transportation
5 **Program Closed**
22 Teacher Report Day
23 School Begins

AUGUST 2011						
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5 Labor Day
Program Closed
12 Fair Day
Program Closed

SEPTEMBER 2011						
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21 All Staff In-Service
Program Closed

OCTOBER 2011						
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10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
11 Veterans Day
Program Closed
23-25 Thanksgiving Break
Program Closed

NOVEMBER 2011						
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21-30 Winter Break
Program Closed

DECEMBER 2011						
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2 Winter Break
3 Programs Resume
16 M.L. King Jr. Day -
Program Closed

JANUARY 2012						
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17 All Staff In-Service
Program Closed
20 Presidents' Day
Program Closed

FEBRUARY 2012						
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MARCH 2012

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2-6 Spring Break ISS
6 Good Friday
Program Closed

APRIL 2012						
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28 Memorial Day
Program Closed
31 Last Day for Students

MAY 2012						
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1 Teacher Report Day
11 Staff Report Day -
Summer Program
12 Summer Program Begins

JUNE 2012						
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4 Independence Day -
Program Closed
27 Summer Program Ends

JULY 2012						
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Ida Sue School Make Up Days
April 2 - 6, June 1, 4-8

Nick Amster Workshop Make Up Days
April 6, 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WORKERS-IN-TOUCH

Workers-In-Touch (WIT) is a group of friends/co-workers who decided to get together and try to come up with ideas to bring our department together as a team. WIT is here to provide encouragement, support, prayer, sympathy or a pat on the back. The group wants to create ways to make people smile, make them feel good, let them know that others care about them and are thinking of them. WIT chooses to be anonymous because we want to focus on others. WIT is based on the similar philosophy as Secret Sisters. The group focuses on positive thinking to promote peace, prayer, healing, joy and laughter. Each month, we have a lottery and pull out 5 to 7 names of co-workers to send a card or note to. Each person in the group gives a card or note to those 5 to 7 people. We also get together to make up little gifts such as candy with a note or heart pins.

SERVICE COORDINATOR PROFILE—BONNIE HARROLD

I was born and raised in Wayne County and have not moved far during my lifetime. My parents lived on the west side of Guerne when I was born, and I now live on the east side. (For a true Guernite, the dividing line is Fredericksburg Road). My husband, Dennis, and I met at the Wayne County Fair when he returned home from Vietnam. We joke each September that we return to the scene of the crime during fair time. We have a son, Tom, and a daughter, Amanda, and four grandchildren: Tom, Cyrus, Selah and Gabriel. We also have two Jack Russell Terriers, Chloe and Tobie. I went back to finish college as an older student. I graduated from the University of Akron with an Associate's Degree in Social Services and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work and certificates in Gerontological Services and Therapeutic Activities. I am a Licensed Social Worker, and have been employed as a Social Worker in a nursing home, Case Manager in the Mental Health field, Adult Protection Service Worker and Activity Director at a Senior's Day Program. I enjoy crafts, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy doing volunteer work. I have to admit I do not always enjoy all of the changes that the DD system demands, but I do enjoy my co-workers and the people we provide services to each day.

RELAY FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The Wayne County Board of Developmental Disabilities Busing Beauties and Buddies have started their annual fundraising campaign for the 2011 Relay for Life which will be held on Friday, June 3rd and Saturday, June 4th at Follis Field at Wooster High School. The fundraisers for this year will be a Cake Auction on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 11 am at the Oldman Road facility. On the same day, the group will also be selling hanging baskets and tomato plants at the pavilion from 11 am to 1 pm. Other events include a quilt raffle, selling cancer bracelets and cookbooks. The group has set a goal to raise \$4,000 this year in their fight against cancer. Displays for the fundraising events will be set up at the Ida Sue School, Nick Amster Workshop, Service Coordination reception area and in the break room at the Transportation department. Order forms can be obtained from Tonja Myrda in the Transportation Department with orders and money due by April 14, 2011. Checks can be made out to Tonja Myrda or Ruth Ann Linder.



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Superintendent's Corner

PROPOSED BUDGET – Two major points of the proposed budget are listed below which could have up to a \$500,000 impact on our revenue.

The most significant cuts will be to County Board subsidies, which will be reduced by approximately \$26 million in FY 2012, and then improved that figure by \$3.5 million in FY 2013. The DODD understands and acknowledges the difficulty that these reductions will engender, and greatly appreciates the efforts of County Boards across the state to manage the reduced dollars available. In other County line items, we held tax equity harmless, and reduced the Family Support line item by 10%. To minimize the impact of these reductions where possible, language was added in the budget to make adjustments for specific County Boards, as needed, based upon hardship and efficiency, after consultation with the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB).

The DODD will continue to *rebalance our system by continuing to downsize our Developmental Centers by a total of 90 residents each year, and the money saved will be available to support waivers in the community.* This initiative is both a policy initiative and a fiscal initiative. As a result of this effort, and other cost-saving initiatives, we estimate a \$9.9 million reduction of spending in this area during FY 2012, and an additional \$6.3 million reduction during FY2013. A portion of these savings then will be used to prevent cuts to waiver expenditures, and to support waiver expenditures for those leaving the Developmental Centers. As an encouragement to assuring that individuals reside in a safe and appropriate community setting, a rate incentive is proposed for waivers serving 'high-needs' individuals leaving Developmental Centers. This gradual institution-to-community transition implements the Supreme Court's *Olmstead* Decision, while helping individuals integrate into the community, and reducing overall costs in residential services. We also will be supporting a voluntary ICF/MR downsizing project by encouraging private ICF/MR facilities to reduce capacity by 200 beds, and move the individuals to waivers over the biennium.

