



Providing Special Education and Individual Instruction

January 2018



### Arts & Entertainment Contributed by: Ms Sue, Room 16

This month's school-wide art projects were for the classes to write about their dreams in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr day. Speeches and pictures of MLK were then incorporated into a school wall "tapestry".



Room 11 – most creative

### Staff Spotlight

#### Shine on...Ms Molly!

Ms Molly is a speech/language pathologist who splits her time between the Mentor and Bedford campuses. Here are just a few things she shared:

**Hobbies:** traveling, being outdoors, spending time with family.

**Favorite quote:** "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see."- Mark Twain

**Fun Fact:** I once held the record for the most stolen bases for The College of Wooster's Women's Softball team 😊



"We Have a Dream" Wall tapestry

### Door Prizes

December door decoration winners were rooms 8, 11 and 18 for their portrayals of the theme of Giving.

Our next door decorating contest will take place in February in honor of Valentine's Day.



Room 18 – most original



Room 8 – best use of theme

This month's **Super Artist** is **Mario L** from Room 17. Below is a sample of his artwork on display in the lobby showcase.



## Student of the Month:

**Tremayne K - Classroom 11**

This month's outstanding student is **Tremayne K** from Classroom 11.

Tremayne is a joy to have in class. He is very polite and helpful. Tremayne comes to school every day ready to learn. He is a great listener, responsible, and funny. We love having Tremayne as part of our school and love seeing him do a great job!

## It's All in the Mind

*Contributed by Ms. Nancy*

"Haaiiii—Yaah!!" Hey, what's that sound? Are the students learning Kung Fu in their social thinking classes? No, not this time. But, they are enjoying watching *The Karate Kid* to learn about Growth Mindset versus Fixed Mindset. According to Carol Deweck, **growth** mindset is the belief that anyone can be good at anything, because your abilities are entirely due to your actions. Contrarily, **fixed** mindset is the belief that you either are or aren't good at something, based on your inherent nature, because it's just who you are. Through *The Karate Kid*, our students are watching as a lead-character Dre begins to develop a growth mindset as he learns to be socially successful in a brand new country (China). It's not martial arts, but social arts we are mastering at Re-Ed!



## Kids Love Musicals!

This month kicks off the annual Kids Love Musicals (KLM) program. Arranged by our very own Music Therapist, Ms Mary.

The KLM program introduces students to the transformative power of musical theater by focusing on their abilities to create, shape and share feelings, environment and character. It also focuses on the formation of self, most notably: Identifying personal strengths, challenges and core attributes • Examining the ways in which individuals build relationships and contribute to a group • Exploring the notion of personal "happiness".

This year, the students will be portraying an adapted version of the musical "*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!*" The staff from The Musical Theater Project visited for several days in January, which culminates in a student performance for families on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Don't miss it!



## Remember....

We are still collecting winter accessories to donate to the needy (hats, gloves, scarves, etc). Please send in any gently worn or unused items you may no longer have need of. Thank you!

## Special Celebrations

*Contributed by Ms Heather S*

**Loki, Room 10's guinea pig**, is celebrating her one year anniversary of being in Ms. Heather's room on January 27th! Some fun facts about our furry friend are:

- She loves romaine lettuce
- She always coos when she is being held or is around her sister
- She became a big sister in September
- She is a mommy's girl
- She hates getting her nails clipped



*Loki from Room 10*



*Contributed by Ms Azalia*

In **Room 9** we are excited to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! We will showcase the number 100 in Math, Science, Social Studies, and Writing! We are going to enjoy special "100 day" snacks, art and more! We can do anything if we persevere, and now we can count to 100!



**Ms Julie**

**Jan 6**

**Ms Susan**

**Jan 20**

**Mr Luke**

**Jan 27**