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Back to School Tips for Families of Students with Disabilities

Posted on August 8, 2018 by The Arc

The start of a new school year can bring both excitement and anxiety for students and parents, especially for families of students receiving special education supports. Students with disabilities who struggle with change may need extra help making the transition to a new school or teacher.

To help families start the new school year off right, The Arc@School offers the following tips:

Prepare your children before school starts by discussing any anxiety your child may have, setting clear expectations, and slowly transitioning back to your child's school routine and schedule.

Review your child's IEP prior to the start of the school year to ensure that the goals, support services, and placement are still appropriate. Make sure to consider any progress or regression your child may have experienced over the summer or since the last IEP.

Brittany Hankinson- Meet with your child's teachers and related services providers before school starts to review the IEP together and ensure everyone is on the same page regarding implementation of the IEP. This is also a great opportunity to establish a communication plan with the teachers and related service

> Once school begins, allow your child some time to get used to the new classes, teachers, and schedule, and your child's teachers some time to get used to your child's unique strengths and needs, but do not wait too long to address any issues that might arise! Having open and respectful communication and dealing with challenges early can help avoid much bigger problems later.

> If you have any concerns about your child's services or supports, you can visit The Arc@School or visit your local Arc Chapter to learn more about your rights and where you can

Navigating School – The Arc@School **Launches Website to Help Students** with Disabilities and Their Parents

The secret in education lies in respecting the student." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) have come a long way since children were warehoused in institutions with no future or a real education. One giant leap forward was the enactment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1975, which for the first time required schools to educate all students with disabilities including students with I/DD.

The IDEA lays out a process that schools must follow to identify which children with disabilities require additional services to learn, and which supports and services a child needs. That process often leads to the development and implementation of an individualized education program (IEP). The IEP is the roadmap for that child to succeed. The IDEA has led to a generation of people with I/DD whose education opened doors to employment and meaningful lives in the community. However, far too many families and students do not experience an IEP process where their role and their rights are clear and respected. Instead, they feel left out of the process, which is often overwhelming and confusing.

So in 2016, The Arc launched a new initiative, The Arc@School, to build the capacity of The Arc's nationwide network of chapters to support students with I/DD and their families in developing and implementing IEPs that will help students with I/DD graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education and employment.

Many students and their families seek advocates to help them understand the IEP process and their rights, and many chapters of The Arc provide lay special education advocacy services for students with I/DD and their families. The Arc@School's newly-launched website aims to be an online resource for students with disabilities, their parents, and advocates that includes information, best practices, and a resource directory, where you can find links and contact information for chapters of The Arc, protection and advocacy programs, parent centers, and state education agencies in your state.

A successful IEP is the foundation for a future in the community, leading a life of one's own choosing. If we are to improve outcomes for students with I/DD, we must follow Emerson's guidance and focus on an IEP approach that respects the student's goals to achieve his or her dreams.

ARC HAPPENINGS

285 N. AMERICAN ROAD



From Lincolnway and Southwest Drive

to 5th St. Turn Right on 5th St.

north to 5th St. Turn left on 5th St.

Building entrance faces 5th St.

From College and I-25

Take a left on Southwest Dr. go over the tracks

Go east on College Dr. to Southwest Dr. (Turn

left just past the Arby's). Take Southwest Dr.

Don't want to wait for the train to pass?

EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00-3:00PM

Project of the Month Instructors Choice

September Class Dates: 5th. 12th. 19th. 26th

Art class is free to all Arc Members. Non-Members will be charged a \$5.00 fee to attend.

Art for Arc is a program designed to encourage creativity, communication, and socialization. This program is open to all Arc Members and is designed to develop and advance artistic skills, giving each individual an opportunity to find their own voice through art.

Cancellations will be posted on Facebook*

"This world is but a canvas to our imagination"



Directions:

FEARLESSNFIT

Do you want to get fit and have fun while doing so? Saturday Arc Sports Activities are coming to a park near you!!

Join members for Flag Football and Volleyball!

When: September 15th – Flag Football

September 29th, 2018 -Volleyball

Where: Sun Valley Park off of 12th St.

Time: 9-10am

Mark Your Calendars

18th Annual Buddy Walk in Laramie

Join the Wyoming Down Syndrome Association as we unite for a common cause and raise funds at the 2018 Wyoming Buddy Walk®! Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, take the first step and donate or register today! Help us spread the word; all are welcome for our day of celebration! Anyone who registers for the Wyoming Buddy Walk® will have the opportunity to purchase a football ticket for the discounted price of \$15 a ticket!

To register, go to https://give.classy.org/WyoBuddyWalk

Chevenne Fall Fest

CRAFT FAIR! Fall Fest is an outdoor event where families and friends can attend a craft fair of local vendors and enjoy the beauty of autumn. It will be held on Saturday, September 8th from 10am - 5pm at 1461 Obsidian Road, Cheyenne, WY.

Celebration of Life

A celebration of Life for Pat Butera will take place on October 13th, 2018. The celebration will take place at Pat's home at 1265 Road 141. Hillsdale. WY. Time: To be determined.

Thankful Thursday

Special Olympics of Cheyenne will be hosting Thankful Thursday on Sept. 6th, 2018. The event begins at 5pm. No one under the age of 21 permitted. The fun will take place at AMVets Post 10.

Save the Date

October: Bowling Sign up Halloween Party DATES: To be Determined

November: Arc Talent Show Date and time: To be Determined

EASY TASTY-BITS: CABBAGE BURGERS



Ingredients

- * 3 (1 pound) loaves frozen bread dough, thawed
- * 5 pounds ground beef
- * 1/4 cup water
- * 1 large head cabbage, chopped
- * 1 large onion, chopped
- * 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- * salt and freshly ground black pepper to
- * 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Directions:

Prep Time 20 min • Ready In 21 min

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Divide each loaf of frozen bread dough into 6 pieces, and roll into balls. Set aside.
- 2. Crumble the ground beef into a large pot over medium heat. Cook and stir until evenly browned. Drain off grease. Add the water, cabbage, onion, and garlic. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring as needed, until the cabbage is soft. Season with salt and pepper to taste. I like to use more pepper than salt. Drain off any excess liquids, and set
- 3. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough balls into 5 inch (approximate) squares. Place about 3/4 cup of the cabbage burger into the center, fold the dough over, and pinch to seal. Place on a baking sheet with the seam side down.
- 4. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven, and brush with melted butter. Serve hot

Reminders

- * Arc activities are open to everyone and are free unless otherwise stated to members The fee for non-members is \$5.00 an activity. We encourage everyone to become a member. We offer individual, family and corporate memberships. Contact the office for more information.
- * Also, if you have moved or are moving please let us know your updated address. Newsletters will not be forwarded. So stay in the loop by updating.
- * Like seeing your Arc Newsletter in color? We are currently looking for people and or business to sponsor the newsletter. Call the office for details.

Did You Know?

Did you know The Arc office can help you fill out job applications, prepare a resume, fill out paperwork for assistance such as housing and food stamps, and LIEP? Stop in during regular business hours to use our new setup office area.

Fall Hours

Monday 9-3PM Tuesday 9-3PM Wednesday 9-12pm (Closed Sept. 5th, 26th) Thursday 9-3PM Friday By Appointment



Teen/Adult Social Skills Group



Join your friends & peers for fun around Cheyenne! Learn and practice social skills. Make New Friends!

All events cost just \$5.00 per person and covers the cost of your food and activity.

Safety Demonstration & Safety/Self Defense Skills

Friday September 14, 2018: 5:00p-7:00p Location: Cheyenne police Department 415 W. 18th St.

Cheyenne, WY. 82001

Video Game/Karaoke & Internet/Cell phone skills

Friday October 12 2018: 5:00p-7:00p

Location: TBA

• Dinner at a Restaurant & Relationship Skills

Friday November 9, 2018: 5:00p-7:00p

Location: TBA

• Gift Exchange & Planning a Get-together Skills

Friday December 14, 2018: 5:00p-7:00p

Location: TBA

New Year New You & Health Living Skills

Friday January 11, 2019: 5:00p-7:00p



Please have a support person available for anyone who may need extra support with behaviors, mobility, or personal hygiene care.

Teen Social Skills Events are open to all Intellectual & Developmentally disabled individuals between age 16-30 **RSVP**: No later than the Wednesday before each event.

- Charity Moore: 307.632.1209
- Brittany Hankinson-McGovern: 307.773.5944



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 ADD DAY	4	Art Class 1:30-3PM 285 N. American Rd	6	Social Skills Group Friendship Park 5-7pm	8
9	10	11	Art Class 1:30-3PM 285 N. American Rd	13	Social Skills Group Cheyenne Police Dept 5-7pm	Flag Football Sun Valley Park 9-10am
16	17	18	Art Class 1:30-3PM 285 N. American Rd ARC BOARD MEETING	20	21	22 Cheyenne Oktoberiest
23	24	25	Art Class 1:30-3PM 285 N. American Rd	27	28	Volleyball Sun Valley Park 9-10am
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