

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

March 2023

Les Délices

One of our nonprofit community partners, Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach (ORMACO), brought in a band this month called Les Délices who performed a concert for our kids. Les Délices, from right here in northeast Ohio, plays renaissance style music. Some of the instruments they played are from the renaissance era and included the viol, doucaine, lute (not flute), cello, and violin among others. They also sang several of their songs. Les Délices travels the country performing their unique style of music and we were so fortunate to have them hang out with us for a couple of hours.

In addition to playing and singing, they did an excellent job of explaining the history of not only the music from the renaissance time period but the background of each instrument as well.

Our kids enjoyed Les Délices, commenting;

"I hope they come back!"

"They sounded great!"

"They were super impressive!"

"They had a wide variety of cool instruments."

"They played really well together and I liked their voices."

Thank you to ORMACO founder and Executive Director Tom Sigel (www.ormaco.org) for bringing Les Délices to us as part of their Spring World Tour of Music.



Challenge Yourself!

On March 10th, Assistant Superintendent Millikin and Superintendent Stollar participated in Medina County Share team's Extreme Challenge event with approximately 80 high school students from around our county. Millikin facilitated Bubble Soccer, and Stollar presented to the kids on the topic of Living a Life Worth Living. We met at NEO Extreme Games in Brunswick where the kids enjoyed a day of playing bubble soccer, extreme cornhole, basketball, and they ran an obstacle course, as well as a ninja course.

The purpose of the day was to encourage these students to work as teams, especially with new people they had never met before, and to challenge themselves to experience new and potentially difficult activities.

Stollar did his best to impress upon these young lives how short and fleeting life can be, and to do their best to live a life that is meaningful because we never know what might come our way that may be life changing or even life ending. He gave examples of significant events from his own life that presented him with the options of either giving up, or putting effort into moving forward. Stollar included accounts of other people doing the same thing and how they each made their lives meaningful.

Here are a few of the student's comments about some things they learned from the day:

"A better understanding of leadership."

"That cooperation is important."

"Teamwork!"

"Always be kind to others."

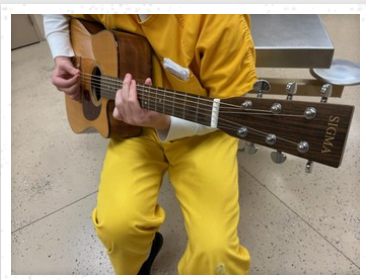
And a very common theme from their experiences that day was, *"To live every day likes it's my last and uplift others."*



Millikin with a bubble



Stollar presenting



Musical Reward!

One of our residents - we will call him DaVonte - loves to play guitar, and he asked Superintendent Stollar if he would allow him to play guitar at some point during his detainment. They agreed that if DaVonte reached Honoree level he would be able to play. DaVonte quickly reached his goal of earning Honoree, so Stollar let him play one of his own acoustic-electric guitars (Takamine G-series). DaVonte (17 years old) played several songs for the rest of our kids and several staff members. One of the songs was an original that he had written just the day before!

The Art of Quilling

This month we welcomed Elise Helms to teach our kids the Art of Quilling. Elise shared with our kids the history of quilling, which has been traced back to Renaissance Europe. Quilling involves using strips of paper that are rolled, looped, and curled to create different shapes, and then glued together to create decorative designs. The art form is called quilling because during the Renaissance time period people would use bird feathers, called quills, to firmly wrap the paper.



There are many different quilling methods, but our kids focused on learning the teardrop, eye, open heart, V scroll, tight, and loose coils designs. Our kids used an 8"x8" shadow box to construct their very own mosaic design, which involved arranging small colored pieces of paper into a pattern to create a picture. Our kids were very thankful for Elise visiting and expressed how therapeutic they found the project to be. Many of them were also surprised at how well they did, and were proud of their finished pieces. Some of our kids are going to give their finished products to loved ones as gifts! We are grateful to our partner Access the Arts for introducing Elise to us and exposing our kids to new art forms.

(www.accessthearts.net)



The Honey Bee And Our Food Chain

The president of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, Peggy Garnes, visited us this month and presented to our kids on the role that honey bees play in our food chain. She uses world famous McDonald's as a great example of how, without honeybees, none of us would have ever eaten a Big Mac. Can you imagine? A world without the Big Mac?? How tragic!



So, a Big Mac without honey bees would look like this because of the alfalfa, clover, and other items cows eat after the bee pollination process:

No beef patty

No cheese

No black pepper

No special sauce

No lettuce

No pickles

No onions

No sesame seed buns

And no French fries (they come from the Early Rose variety of potato)

Peggy, who herself owns approximately 140 beehives, is always fascinating to listen to and learn from. She always keeps our kids' attention and provides them with a true eye-opening experience regarding the life-sustaining role honey bees play in our lives. It is funny, and not so funny, when the kids learn that there is MUCH more to our food supply than a grocery store.



JOG

Lauren Eaken from Jobs for Ohio's Graduates presented to our kids this month on the topic of conflict resolution and setting healthy boundaries. Our kids were tasked with identifying a problem they regularly experience, and finding positive solutions to resolve the problem. Lauren did a fantastic job getting our kids to participate and they asked many questions. Thank you, Lauren, for spending time with our kids!

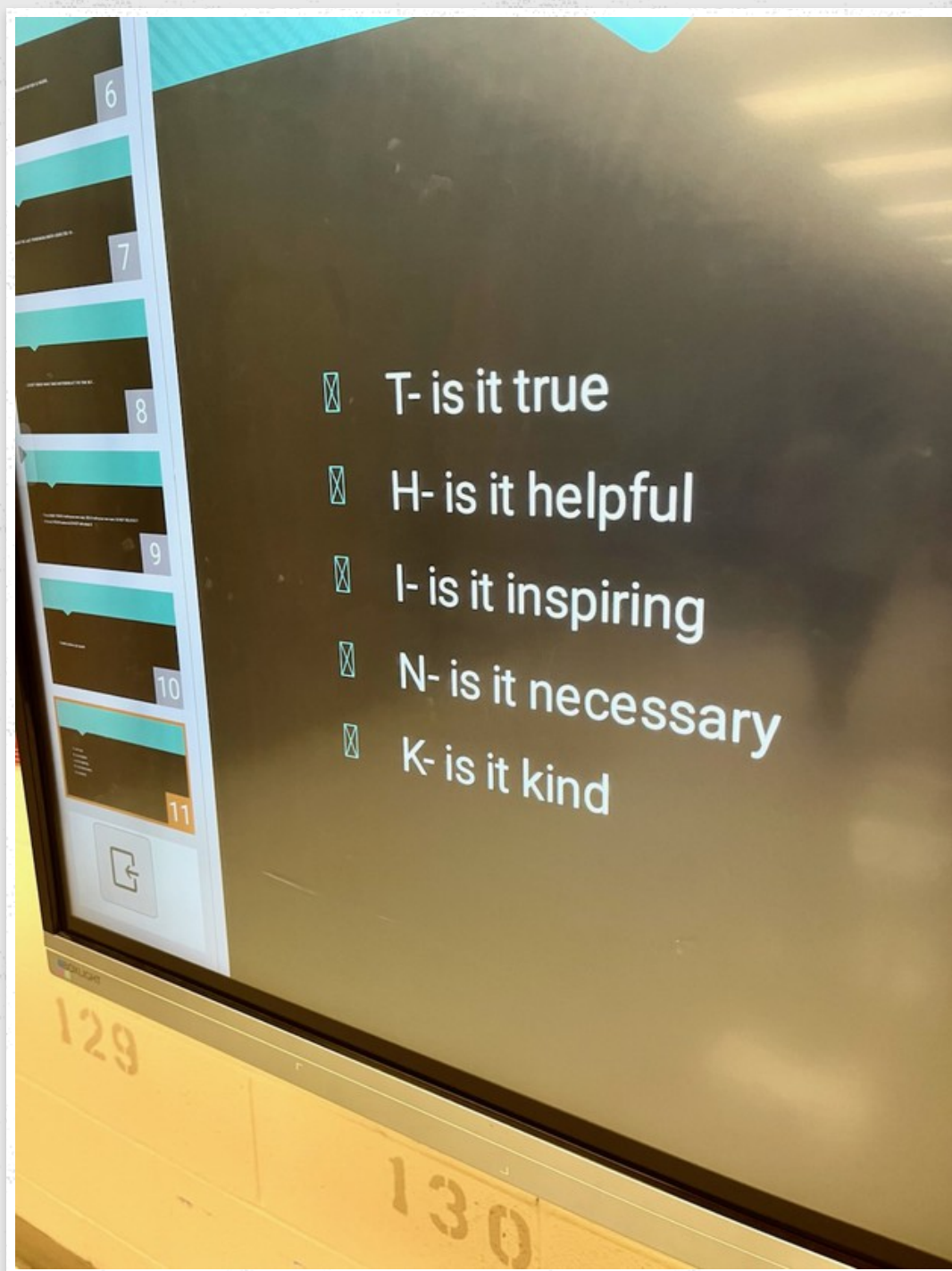
www.jogworks.org

Social Worker Groups

Our Licensed Independent Social Workers conduct group sessions with our kids on a variety of topics.

"Group therapy is a time for our residents to meet in a safe space and discuss their feelings with their peers. Engaging in a controlled topic with a licensed therapist allows our residents to open up and not feel alone. This week in group, our residents focused on understanding other's feelings. This topic encouraged discussion on giving and receiving support, empathy, and how to relate to others in a healthy way. Establishing a safe space to practice these skills with peers can be important to aid the young person in utilizing social skills within the community."

- LISW Alexis Lee





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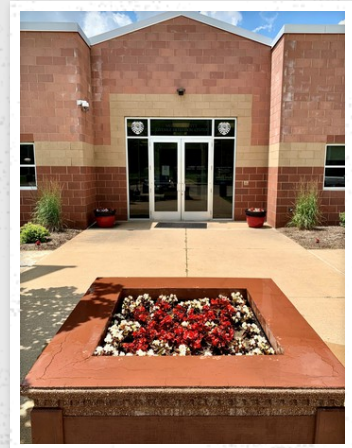
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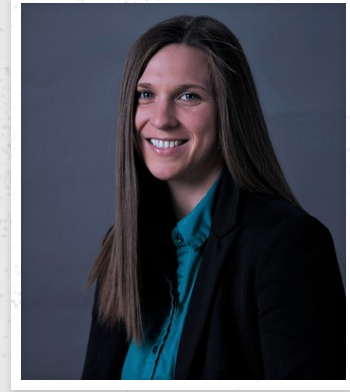




**Judge Kevin W.
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Court**



**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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