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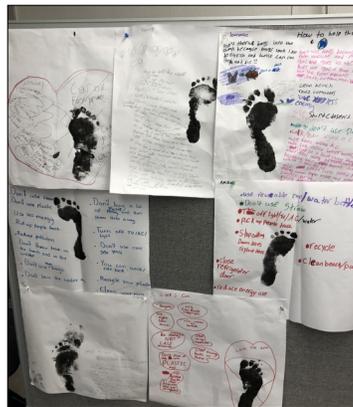
Students Learn About Their Carbon Footprints

Earth Day, the annual holiday to demonstrate support for environmental protection and sustainability was April 22nd. In honor of that and as part of FCD's effort to teach social responsibility and good citizenship, REACH students worked on a mini project about carbon footprints. Carbon footprints are the total amount of greenhouse gases produced directly and indirectly as a result of our lifestyles.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students discussed the life cycle of ordinary household products such as paper towels, plastic cups, straws and plastic shopping bags as well as energy needed to sustain their daily

activities and where that energy comes from. Once the students understood the amount of electricity, water, chemicals and waste required to produce, break down, and sustain these things, they brainstormed ways to reduce their carbon footprint. Next, they made a print of their foot as a graphic and listed their individual commitments to reducing their carbon footprint. When their visual aid was completed, each student presented

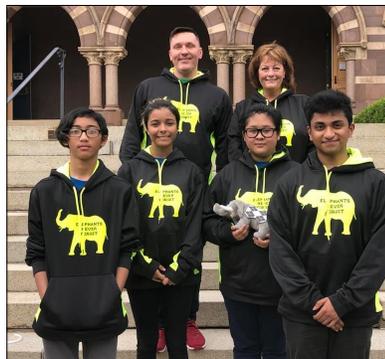
their ideas to the group. Every presentation was unique and thoughtful and the students left with an appreciation for earth's resources and a commitment to conserve them.



FCD Teams Shine at National Competitions



The FCD Middle School Math team traveled to Rochester, NY where they competed in the NTID National Math Competition. The team finished in 2nd place out of 44 teams and Drew Hornyak (2nd from left) placed 1st in individual high score. With Drew are (from left) Coach Rebecca Robert, Taryn Anderson, Nayeli Cruz, Heath Ivey, Coach Addie Osmar and Gary Behm, VP, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).



The FCD High School Team traveled to Washington, D.C. where they competed in the Gallaudet National Academic Bowl. The team placed second in their pool and Vipin Suren (right) was named an "All Star". With Vipin are (L-R) RJ Brooks, Aaliyah Thomas, Tyna Kim and Coaches Franklin Smith (Top row L-R) and Tracy Kasch

Mission Statement

The **FAMILY CENTER on DEAFNESS** empowers Pinellas County's Deaf Community to meet its full potential by providing opportunities to enhance communication, education and independence.

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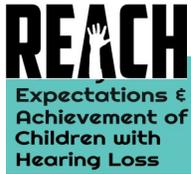
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On Wednesday April 17th, REACH students celebrated Easter by making “peeps in a house”, coloring eggs using rice and food coloring, and playing games. The kids also enjoyed hunting for eggs that were hidden outside in the beautiful spring weather.



The REACH students also had an interesting art lesson on April 23rd and 25th. They studied the work of Michelangelo and learned the method he used to paint the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512.



Students enjoyed yummy treats at the REACH Easter Party

Students then tried to paint while laying on their backs the way the famous artist did. They soon found out what exhausting and precise work was required to create such a masterpiece.



Volunteer Rene Vojonovic works with students to paint using the methods of Michelangelo.

May 15th will be our last REACH field trip and **May 16th will be the last day of Reach** for the 2018-2019 academic year. Jennifer and Caitlyn look forward to seeing all of our REACH kids at camp this summer.



Don't Sweat Get Wet day camp for Deaf and hard of hearing students, CODA and siblings who have completed K-5th grade, will be held June 3-7th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm. This camp includes trips to local pools, Splash Harbor, and Weeki Wachi as well as a surprise indoor pirate/mermaid sign making workshop. The cost for the week is \$75 per child. Drop off and pick up is at Family Center on Deafness-12445 62nd St N #303, Largo.

Campers will need to bring a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen. They should also **bring a lunch from home every day**. Snacks are included. **SPACE IS LIMITED** so please contact Jennifer at Jennifer@fcdpinellas.org 727-269-5674 VP to register your child.

Deaf Week at Florida Elks Youth Camp is new this year for FCD participants ages 9-13. This camp will occur the week of July 21-27th at the beautiful Elks Camp in Umatilla, and offers canoeing, paddle boats, archery, arts and crafts, climbing walls, rope courses, kickball, softball, basketball, gaga ball, and two beautiful swimming pools.

The cabins are fully equipped with A/C, a shower, and bathroom in each cabin. The camp employs a full time certified nurse and has a clinic on the property. Spaces have already been reserved for children who have expressed interest, but registration must be completed by May 10th. After this date, the Elks Camp will not hold spaces, as they have an extensive waiting list. The cost for camp is \$200 per child for the week, (If you helped with Poinsettia Sale, you will receive full or partial credit). Fees include transportation to and from camp. Contact Jennifer or Addie@fcdpinellas.org or 727-403-5711 for more information on how to register.

ASL Music Video Day Camp (for graduating 5th - 8th graders) will take place June 24-28. Campers will learn how to interpret music into ASL, create a music video inside a PROFESSIONAL STUDIO, and take a trip to Busch Gardens for an exclusive tour of the Entertainment Department. The cost is \$70. Only 16 spots are available for this camp, so contact Addie at [727-403-5711](tel:727-403-5711) or addie@fcdpinellas.org to reserve your spot and get specific information on days and times.

REACH

May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 14, 15, 16
Last day of REACH is
May 16th



May 2, 7, 9, 14
Last day of tutoring is
May 14th



May 3, 10, 17
Last Teen Social is
May 17th



In April the Girl Squad learned the importance of problem solving and understanding each other's differences. The girls participated in team building activities and games. They also did some

tie-dying to signify the different colors, just like their different personalities, coming together to create something purposeful and pretty! In March, the Girl Squad had an informative presentation about feminine health and hygiene. They learned that it doesn't have to be embarrassing, and it's okay to talk about! They also learned to "be proud of your body and take care of it." Each of the girls was given a pretty bag with some essential products to put in their purse or backpack.



Family Center on Deafness Staff

Julie Church Executive Director
Kathy Kemp Office Manager
Jennifer Boggess Lead Youth/Family Sup. Specialist
Franklin Smith Youth/Family Support Specialist
Addie Osmar Youth/Family Support Specialist
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Sally Shortz Program Support Specialist
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Tracy Kasch Program Support Specialist

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner May 15

If you haven't received an invitation to FCD's annual volunteer appreciation dinner via EVITE, please let us know! The details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 15

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Mugs

13563 ICOT Blvd, Largo

Please contact Caitlyn@fcdpinellas.org, if you have not received an invitation and you volunteered during the 2018-19 school year.



Financial Donations

Facebook fundraisers

In Kind Donations

Josh Barber
Thomas Bogadi
Crystal Collyer
Chad Craven
Carolina Piamba
Sharon Wildenstein
Daphne Woodham

Volunteers

Chad Harrelson
Rene Vojnovic
Denice Simmons
Katie Killebrew
Ben Wallis
Sirrenna Petty
Brianna Green
Mckenzie Terry
Debbie Connors
Nancy Page
Josh Barber
Susan Isaacs

Bobcat of the Month



Congratulations

Nevaeh Gates
Timmy Barber



Spring Picnic Fun

More than 80 people came out to Taylor Park on April 27th to enjoy FCD's annual Spring Picnic. Grillmaster and parent Josh Barber cooked up hamburgers and hot dogs, while each family brought something to share. There were fun children's activities and crafts also. A good time was had by all and the weather was fantastic.



Middle and High School Graduation Celebration

Please join us for a celebration of our 2019 Graduates on Saturday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Safety Harbor Library, 101 2nd Street N.

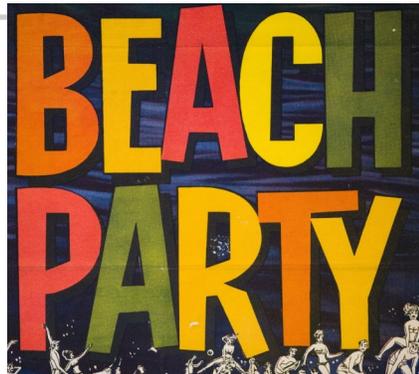
Congratulations to:

Taryn Anderson
Lexi Banks
Ixander Bussi
Shawn and Trevor Egan
Emersen Gonzalez
Emily Gosson
Drew Hornyak
Heath and Wyatt Ivey
Dylan Kelley
Decedrick Mckenzie
Hanna Stengard
Jared Thornton

Refreshments and snacks will be provided
RSVP to Franklin@fcdpinellas.org if you would like to attend.



Go to *FCD Teen Scene* or *Family Center on Deafness*



Attention all teens! Join Addie and Franklin on Saturday, June 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Teen Scene End of the School Year Celebration.

Grab your swimsuit and towel, and don't forget the sunscreen. Students will meet here at FCD, then travel to Sand Key Beach. Please bring money for lunch.

If you have any questions, contact franklin@fcdpinellas.org or addie@fcdpinellas.org.



FCD Week of Giving May 17-24

If you are a friend of FCD, whether you are a client, parent, volunteer, Deaf Community member or you just like the work we do with Deaf and hard of hearing children and families, now is the time to show your support.

One time per year we ask you to reach into your pockets and support our Summer Programs. This year we have activities planned for all age groups, but we need your help to ensure that any child who wants to attend a camp or a program has the means to do so.

You can help by sending a check to FCD or going to our website www.fcdpinellas.org. You can also help us spread the word by sharing our appeals on Facebook and letting all of your friends know.

If we all work together our children can have the best summer ever!