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Happy New Year!

-Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! Another brand-new year is here so recharge your energies and get set to enjoy. Thanks for your great work in 2021 and all the best in 2022!

-The Marketing team is looking for any department accomplishments and highlights from the past year - along with any photos and client success stories - as they begin preparing the 2021 Impact Report. Please send any information - even if just a lead or idea - to Megan Schaefer (Marketing Manager at mschaefer@clevelandsightcenter.org).

January 4th is World Braille Day:

-World Braille Day is celebrated every January 4th in honor of Louis Braille's birthday, who at the age of 15 invented the tactile system for reading and writing for use by people who are blind or visually impaired. Braille is read by passing one's fingertips over an arrangement of between one to six embossed dots, which represent letters, numbers as well as musical and mathematical symbols. World Braille Day is a reminder of the importance of accessibility and independence for people who are blind or visually impaired and was established by the UN General Assembly in December 2018.

What's Happening at CSC:

-Students in Bright Futures Preschool returned to the classroom this week after their winter break. This week, the students transition back into their regular in-school routines and welcome the season of winter. Starting next week, the class looks forward to a five-week theme on "making music."

Image 1 of two preschoolers playing with cups and shovels and a large bin of ice cubes. Image 2 of a preschooler in a winter hat and jacket standing outside by the playground with a fresh coating of snow on the sidewalk. Image 3 of two preschoolers playing inside a large light box with lighted snowflakes hanging down above them.

-Due to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases in Cuyahoga County, all Leisure & Lifestyle programming for the month of January is virtual. Check out the exciting action and to obtain information on how to access the virtual sessions, contact Bobbie Szabo (Leisure & Lifestyles Manager at x4597 or bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org).

Weekly Programs

Yoga: Tuesdays 4:00pm-5:15pm

Coffee Chat: Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am

Trivia: Wednesdays 4:00pm-5:00pm

Additional Programs

Book Discussion: Tuesday, January 11th 10:30am-12:00pm

Poetry: Tuesday, January 18th 10:00am-12:00pm

All About L&L: Tuesday, January 25th 10:00am-12:00pm

Sing It Out: TBD

All About Leisure & Lifestyle is a special program for those who have never participated in any L&L programs to learn about our services and get to know Cleveland Sight Center staff and other clients! Please feel free to share this event with anyone you think might be interested in learning about L&L.



Stay tuned for...

-Virtual activities like "What do you know?", "Think Tank", and "Ted Talks"!

-The return of in-person Recreation Tuesdays!

-Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge

-Outreach continues to connect with community partners, care providers and educators to schedule presentations for 2022. Outreach gave a Blindness Etiquette and agency overview presentation at a Foundation Fighting Blindness virtual meeting attended by 24 local chapter members. The group was so engaged that the Q & A portion lasted longer than the actual presentation. In addition, Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) provided a "Blindness Basics" training which included an agency overview to a new staff member in the Children & Young Adult Services department.

-Leah Griffith (Business Coordinator, Eyedea Shop) is now a Certified Envision Glasses trainer? Leah spent time with a representative from the company a few weeks back and received an official training course on the device. Want to learn more? Contact Leah (x8734 or x4666).

Did you Know:

-Did you know the bite of a grizzly bear is strong enough to crush a bowling ball?