



# PARENT LINK

OTTAWA AREA CENTER

October 6, 2011

*"Every student comes first as we celebrate learning."*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 7—Staff Inservice—Half day of school
- October 12 & 13—School Pictures
- October 19—Early Dismissal
- October 20—Wear ORANGE Day
- October 20—OAC Open House
  
- November 4—Records Day—1/2 day of school for students
- November 10 & 11—Parent-Teacher Conferences—1/2 day of school for students
- November 16—Early Dismissal
- November 18—Picture Re-takes
- November 24 & 25—Thanksgiving Break

### ***STAFF INSERVICE HALF-DAY***

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, October 7 is a half-day staff in-service day.**

Students will dismiss at 11:50 a.m. They will not receive lunch or noon medications. Please be sure someone will be home to meet the bus when it arrives.



### ***OPEN HOUSE***

You are invited to attend our annual Open House which will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 8:45-11:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity for friends and family of our students to see our school and the activities that happen every day. There will also be tours of the building which will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.

### ***SPECIAL VISITORS TO OAC***

This past Tuesday, Linda Bidabe, founder of MOVE International, along with Dave Schreuder, Executive Director, visited OAC. MOVE stands for Mobility Opportunity Via Education and emphasizes sit, stand, and walking skills in the midst of activities in the classroom and at home. They spent time in several classrooms observing the program in action with our students and answering questions from staff members.

### ***SCHOOL PICTURES***

School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13. Your son/daughter's classroom teacher will inform you which date your child's picture will be taken.





## **CLASSROOM CORNER**

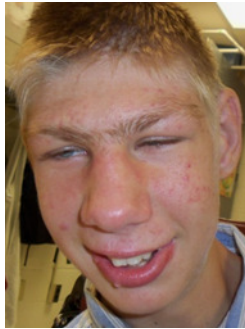
**Taylor Otten**  
**Terri Beechum**  
**Adam Castro**  
**Tracey Mulder**

The 2011 school year has begun! Our classroom has hit the ground running. We have picked up just as we left off last summer.

We would like to welcome three new students to our classroom, Will, Alex, and Travis. These three energetic young men join our already outstanding group. Our classroom is having a blast getting to know each other. We are becoming a very cohesive group!

As a classroom we are set to explore some great topics this year. We are covering our monthly themes as well as our year two Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCEs). We continue to focus on our communication and daily living skills everyday. Our students are becoming masters of the SMARTBoard and enjoy using it every day. Some of our lessons have included social greetings, constitution day, and American music.

We have some great trips planned for this year. In November we are planning a trip to the Grand Rapids Griffins game. We are also planning on visiting the Spring Lake Aquatic center in winter. Both of these trips will be great opportunities for our students to interact with their community and work on vital communication and daily living skills.



We are hoping to have a very successful year, full of achievements and triumph both in academics and daily living. So far, we are off to a great start!

