

June 22, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended Summer Games! It was a huge success. A ton of planning went into the event, and the staff did a fantastic job. We could not have done it without the support and dedication of our families. I am proud to be part of an amazing group of people. Please look out for other fun activities for the summer including outings, Camp Maple and volunteer events weekly. You can view the outing calendar included or contact Lisa New (TAA) for any outing/activities questions.

Overnight camping and day visits to our camp site at Woodhaven will start in July. Our Recreational Therapist Jenna Gasper will be in charge of selecting dates and clients throughout the summer. Please contact Jenna at jgasper@marklund.org for any camping questions.

Various yearly consent letters have been mailed out. Please look out for these forms and return them promptly. Feel free to fax, drop off, scan or mail them back. Whichever is most convenient for you!

Special Events:

- **Camp Maple**
July 25 through August 19
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please call **Natalie at 630-529-2871 ext. 3246** to Volunteer for Camp Maple

Nursing:

We have wonderful news to share! Tom Hahn who is a former nurse at Marklund, and a current volunteer for outings, has accepted our offer to be the outing nurse. Tom will train with Sue (current outing nurse) in the next month, and then will be our official outing nurse on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Sue will fulfill the camping outings for the summer and will remain the Day School nurse for Marklund.

We have also hired a new nurse for the 3p-11p position. Her name is Ashley, so please extend a warm welcome if you see her.

For nursing issues contact Rose Cousins at ext. 3240 or email her at rcousins@marklund.org.

Clothing Issues:

Hilsa Hallihan has been monitoring clothing needs this summer. Please contact Hilsa directly, a week in advance would be appreciated, with any special requests. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact her at ext. 3236 or email her at hallihan@marklund.org.

Habilitation Team:

We continue to have outings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Saturday. Please see the attached schedule, and feel free to join us on any of the outings with your child/ward.

Massage Therapy:

For those parents who have been awaiting massage therapy, I am sorry to say we are no longer offering this service at Marklund Philip Center. Our former massage therapist Karen Selph was an employee/nurse, and we were fortunate to have her extend massages to our clients. However, since her resignation, it has been difficult to secure a massage therapist. Please contact me, and I can provide you with further details on the subject. Again, I apologize however Marklund provides a wide variety of other activities and therapies such as pet and horse therapy which is new and exciting! Equino Dreams came in the month of June with their miniature horses and will continue coming to both Marklund Philip and Hyde Center.

Closing:

Thank you again for your continued support of Marklund. Please feel free to contact me at gpatel@marklund.org for any questions or concerns you may have. Have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gunjan Patel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gunjan Patel MPT, LNHA
Administrator, Marklund Philip Center