



February 2020

Dear MWC Families,

Here is what is happening at the Wasmond Center....

Retention – Selection – Recruitment Project

MWC is maintaining our reduced turnover rate coming in 14% lower than last year at this time. We continue to celebrate achievements with staff. We currently are recruiting for one full-time and one part-time day PSP/Unit Aid; and three part time PM PSP. We also have one part-time every other weekend day shift nurse and one part-time cook position.

Sweet Dreams Campaign

The bedroom renovation has been finished. All the furniture has been delivered and installed. It looks great! Staff and residents are enjoying the ease and functionality of the new beds.

DI Update

We have a new DI in classroom four, Nadine Lepley. All of the Developmental Instructors have committed to providing a solid curriculum to enrich the lives of everyone that attends the CDS Program. Marklund has added a Prowise Smart Board to each classroom to enhance the residents' experience. The staff will use these smartboards throughout the day to assist in curriculum delivery and resident interaction.

CDS Program Manager

We have hired a new CDS Program Manager, Janet Churchill. Janet comes to us with over 25 years' experience as a Program Manager, Area Director and a Special Education Teacher. She is excited to join our team and loves getting to know the staff and clients in CDS.

Nurse Case Manager

As you know, Emilie Peters has resigned her position as Nurse Case Manager. Emilie will stay on with us as needed and continue to assist until we find a replacement. Emilie made the decision to resign her position to become a stay-at-home mom. She and Marcus are expecting twins.

The facility is currently in the process of interviewing for this position and we will let everyone know once a decision is made.

Flu Season

Flu season is in full swing. Flu is a potentially serious, contagious disease. It can cause mild to severe illness. CDC recommends a three-step approach to fight flu:

1. **Get a flu vaccine.** Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine by the end of October. Getting a flu vaccine every year provides the best protection against flu.
2. **Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs.** Try to avoid close contact with sick people, and if you [become sick](#), limit your contact with others. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands often.
3. **Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.** If you get sick with flu, prescription flu antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications.
4. **Stay Home.** If you believe you may be sick or exposed to someone that has the flu. Please stay home. Do not put your loved one or other residents at risk.

2020 Budget Approvals

Currently we are in the process of replacing all the existing televisions at not only our campus but also at all three campuses. The televisions are being upgraded to a bigger size and a better picture. We will also be exploring the option of adding something like Netflix or Hulu to all televisions.

In addition, we have completed a few painting projects around residential and CDS. Also within the next several months, we will be starting flooring replacement for the main lobby and administrative hallway along with the main entrance in CDS.

Furniture for the main lobby was purchased and will be delivered within the next month.

Never hesitate to call me or stop in for a visit if you have any questions or concerns. Our entire Marklund Wasmond Center Leadership Team is committed to making everyday life possible for your children/loved ones.

Sincerely,

Michelle