

January 8, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope all of you had a wonderful New Year. Thanks to all of the families who participated in all of the wonderful Holiday events! It was very exciting celebrating the season with the many families, volunteers and staff. Winter is here! Please take care and caution when entering and exiting the building. We do shovel and salt the walkways, but if the conditions are severe, I advise everyone to wear good boots and attire when visiting.

We have a new member of our Marklund family! Sarah S officially joined Marklund this week. We welcome Sarah and her parents. Please introduce yourselves to Sarah and her family when visiting.

Your child/ward received many Christmas gifts. Our team is in the process of organizing all the presents and changing out clothing for the New Year and for the chilly weather. Please feel free to let us know special clothing requests you might have.

We regularly monitor the client sign-in book which is located on the Pod at the nurses' station. We have noticed that some parents/guardians aren't signing in on a regular basis. This may seem cumbersome to families that visit often however it is vital that we know who is in the building at all times. The safety of our clients, their families, visitors and staff is of outmost importance. Also, visiting hours are 10am-10pm. We ask that visiting hours are adhered to.

Nursing:

We are in the flu season so please wash your hands often. Proper hand washing is a great defense against fighting the flu. If you are ill, we ask that you postpone your visit until you are feeling better. If you have not received your flu vaccine, it is not too late. For nursing issues contact Rose Cousins at ext. 3240 or email her at rcousins@marklund.org.

Clothing Issues:

Hilsa has gone through all of the wonderful gifts that your children/wards received for Christmas. Everyone is looking great! If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact her at ext. 3236 or email her at bhallihan@marklund.org.

Habilitation Team:

We have a new Therapeutic Activity Aide (TAA). Her name is Lisa New. Lisa will be handling outings and activities. We continue to have outings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Saturday. Please feel free to join us on any of the outings with your child/ward.

Contact Natalie Rubino for any QIDP/social service needs at ext. 3246 or nrubino@marklund.org

Lisa New's email is lnew@marklund.org for any activity/outing questions.

Building updates:

We have been using the multi-purpose room for events and activities. The space, aquarium, and sound system have made these events wonderful. Feel free to use the multi-purpose room during visits with your loved one. Please remember to tell the nurse where you will be visiting. Lastly, if you are using the "family visiting area" down the hall from the nurse's station which is the room with the pinkish sofa, please remember that this is a classroom. Siblings are not to use the supplies in the room. These are specifically for the Day School students. If you need games or activities, please ask our staff at the nurse's station for assistance.

Have a safe and prosperous 2016!

Sincerely,

Gunjan Patel,
Administrator of Marklund Philip Center

