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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 delightful Holiday events! It was very exciting celebrating the season with the many families, volunteers and staff. Our Habilitation team is in the process of labeling all the amazing gifts received. 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. It is a good idea to use the hand rail when walking down the hill to the North Entrance if you have parked at the top of the hill.

As many of you know, Flu Season hit us and other facilities, like hospitals, very hard. We have been cancelling outings due to the severe weather and to keep everyone healthy. Activities also may be cancelled on a day-to-day basis to limit the amount of germs being spread. Lastly, we also have been having more lotion rubs and TV time INSIDE the bedrooms. Again, this is to limit the amount of interaction and spread of germs from client to client and staff/family/volunteers to client. I hope this is understandable, because the health of your child is our number one priority. If you are sick, please limit your visiting time or ask the Nurses for a face mask to wear during your visit. There is also hand sanitizer as well as Clorox wipes available for disinfecting. For those parents who would like to exchange phone numbers and email addresses, I will e-mail you separately with an attachment of the information. If you haven't done so, and want to share your information, please let me know. You can e-mail me at gpatel@marklund.org.

We are in the second quarter of our Strategic Plan of obtaining specialty clinics (Pulmonary/ENT and Neurology). We are pursuing this with Marklund Wasmond Center and are in the process of sending letters to potential candidates to secure interest.

Nursing:

As mentioned, we are still 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 to get it. We are still recruiting for a 3-11 RN as well as a Nursing Unit Coordinator. We continue to recruit CNA/PSPs, especially a Therapeutic Activity Aide

(TAA), but overall our staffing looks good as our current staff do pick up open shifts. For nursing issues contact Rose Cousins at ext. 3240 or email her at rcousins@marklund.org.

Clothing Issues:

Our clothing coordinator, Jenna Gasper did a fabulous job dressing everyone during all the Holiday events. You can reach her at ext. 3286 or at jgasper@marklund.org if you need anything specific for your child.

Habilitation Team:

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.

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

Contact Jenna Gasper for any activity/outing questions at X 3286 or jgasper@marklund.org.

Have a great 2018!

Sincerely,



Gunjan Patel,
Administrator of Marklund Philip Center