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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone's summer is going well. Students have already headed back to school. We will be purchasing school supplies for the upcoming school year. Unfortunately we did not go camping this summer. The weather and schedules did not align with us this season. The campsite did have some work done to it so we will be definitely going next summer! We are having a **"Movie in the Park After Dark" Friday September 21**. It will be outside on the grounds right at dusk and should be a ton of fun (weather permitting). Please let Jenna Gasper, our Recreational Therapist and Activity Director, know if you will be attending. Please take the time to fill out our parent satisfaction survey using the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR3XDFJ>. Paper surveys are available at the front desk.

We are still looking for a Therapeutic Activity Aid and Nursing Unit Coordinator. We did have some Personal Support Professionals (PSP) transfer to In House Registry on the 3-11pm shift. We will be actively recruiting PSPs with the help of our HR specialist Adam at Marklund Philip Center. If you need the attention of staff during your visit, please be patient and we will attend to your needs in a timely manner.

We are in our Illinois Department of Public Health survey window. The surveyors will come unannounced anytime from this week until November. I will let you know when they exit with an update on our results.

We are revamping our parent/family meeting room! It is located down the end of the hallway from the nurses' station to the left. It has a sofa, table, refrigerator, microwave, and some simple furnishings to help make your visit more comfortable. We are encouraging family and visitors to use the room, and also the courtyard or multipurpose room when visiting. Just a friendly reminder to call ahead of time when taking your child out of the building. We want to give staff plenty of time to provide the care and attention needed in order to get ready to go out. Thank you for your consideration.

Nursing:

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

Clothing Issues:

Jenna Gasper is our clothing coordinator. Please feel free to contact her at X3286 or email jgasper@marklund.org for any clothing concerns, especially as we transition into the Fall Season.

Habilitation Team:

We continue to have outings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and on Saturday. Please see the attached schedule, and feel free to join us on any of the outings.

Closing:

Thank you for returning any forms that needed to be updated. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gunjan Patel".

Gunjan Patel MPT, LNHA
Administrator, Marklund Philip Center