



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/FALL 2000



Jessica and Dr. Israel at the Student Dance, June 23, 2000.

Well, there I was, standing on the sidelines, watching our students enjoy their first social dance when Jessica, one of our students, took me by surprise and invited me to dance! I couldn't say no, and before I knew it someone snapped the above photograph! Anyway I cannot think of a happier event that JRC has had for its students and its staff in our 29 years of existence (see photos, page 10). The students all requested more and a second one was held on August 18. Should I brush up on my dancing?

We have now grown to 116 students, 4 of whom are respite students. Sixty-seven are under twenty-one and forty-nine are adults. We have added three new residences in Canton and Stoughton, MA, bringing our total number of residences to seventeen.

On June 8 Fleet Bank recognized us as one of their valued, long-term customers (see the photo, page 2). On July 10, I gave an invited presentation on JRC's treatment procedures and results at a conference on the Experimental Analysis of Behavior in Amiens, France.

We have almost completed the decoration of the new lower level of our school building. We have hung prints by Georgia O'Keefe, Klimt, Lichtenstein, Warhol, Dufy and others and created a beautiful and whimsical lobby (see photos, page 11-12).

We have purchased more computers for students and staff. There are now 52 student computers in our classrooms and 30 in our residences. And we are developing a custom-designed, networked, precision teaching

authoring system. It requires each student to reach a mastery level in each chapter of the curriculum before being allowed to advance. It also enables our precision teaching director to know immediately what each student in every classroom has worked on each day and what progress he or she has made.

JRC is flourishing. Come and visit the school to see how much progress our students have made and what a beautiful environment we have developed to facilitate their learning.

Dr. Matthew Israel,
Executive Director

School News



Dr. Israel, Ann-Marie, and Terry Murray, CEO of Fleet Bank, at an awards reception for long-term customers.



Jessica is choosing a reward to work for in the Contract Store, with help from Ms. Carmody.



Chris is making copies for the HR department as part of his in-school job.

Since moving all the classrooms to the lower level of the building we have grown to twelve classrooms and now have a larger work activities center. The classrooms are spacious, attractive and conducive to learning.

Our precision teaching curriculum continues to help our students increase their math and reading skills by at least two or three grade levels in one year! All the students are required to learn to type and one can type 55 words per minute! We have recently installed a computer program that charts the progress of the lessons that a student completes.

Some students are participating in an evening computer class coordinated by our precision teaching specialist, Edward Langford. The students have learned how to use Microsoft Word and Excel programs. Some students have progressed to creating their own web site and are learning Microsoft PowerPoint.

In the spring some students attended the Special Olympic area games in New Norfolk. The students enjoyed participating in many activities and events.

Many of our students have jobs within the school building in various departments, such as personnel, human resources, and administrative offices. We have also had several students working in the community at restaurants such as Wendy's, Dunkin' Donuts' and a local café .

In June, our graduation/culmination ceremony was held. The four graduates spoke to the audience about their experience at JRC.

Alexis Hazard
Director of Education



Nathan shows a winning smile in the Big Reward Store!



Josh gets a bandage from head Nurse Doris Baron.



Greg enjoys his lunch in the brand new cafeteria.



The lunch crew gathers for a picture at one of our weekly barbecues.

News from the Residences



Staff and students at a recent open house for neighbors in Stoughton.



Jacque is the master chef at his residence!



Eric likes to nap on the hammock in the backyard of the Frenier St. residence.



Shatika, Marlene and Jacqueline rehearse their dance routine.



There was much preparation for the arrival of summer. BBQ grills, hammocks, volleyball nets, and basketballs for all. The students at JRC love to spend their evenings and weekends outdoors!

Rehoboth house spent the early days of summer working on a garden full of fresh vegetables. Nice job boys! They also invited the students from Frenier over for an exciting afternoon outing full of games and activities.

The guys at Stoughton helped their new neighbors with some landscaping. The extra money sure came in handy for the trip to Six Flags!

The girls at Turnpike St. just moved in. They have been involved in the organizing and planning at their new home.

Moberg students have been spending their time at local parks and playgrounds, while the men at Crystal Village have gone to movies, restaurants, and the mall.

The students at the Arboretum and Bolivar apartments have been out looking for new bike trails, although they continue to enjoy their weekly trips to the mall.

Brae has enjoyed the long awaited opening of the backyard pool, often inviting their neighbors from Highland house over to join them.

A fishing tournament in the works for the County and Norton students is a competition to look out for. Overall, the summer has been a happy, fun and exciting one for all of the students at JRC!

Glenda Crookes
Director of Residences



Steven does a wonderful job ironing his clothes.



Eric, Elly and Gabe get ready for a field trip.



Natish completes her nightly chores at the Highland residence.

Teachers Report the News

CLASSROOM 1

Classroom 1 welcomes new additions of teacher Jen and students Vernon W. and Steven V. Everyone else has been doing very well. Ernest P. has been working hard at his new job. He helps prepare various mailings for the school. He often works so quickly that they have a hard time keeping up with him. Luigi D. has been improving his workshop skills and will soon be paid for his work. He's almost there!

The other students have also been working hard. Matthew S. is learning how to type and Jenny H. is improving her signing. Wayne M. is getting fast on the computer and Brendon S. is using his voice more often. It seems that everyday someone is learning something new.

Classroom 1 took several outings during the summer and made use of the Brae pool.



Malcolm takes a break from his work for a picture.



Elijah enjoys the new JRC computer programs.

CLASSROOM 2

The students in classroom 2 have been very busy! Johnny C. has been making his way through the basic skills computer program. Duane B. is working on computer tasks and money identification skills. Janine C. is continuing to earn red stars on her multi-day calendar. Red stars denote the number of days Janine has earned her favorite rewards - bologna and cheese, pizza and chinese food! Andrew T. has also been working on the basic skills program and is learning to communicate his wants and needs by pointing to a picture of food during mealttime. Sharon H. is a social butterfly who has been earning many social opportunities with staff members. Caroline B. is working on the computer and is learning to recognize and identify numbers. Brandon S. is doing very well on the basic skills program as well. Good work everyone!



Good work on the math decks, Jessica!

CLASSROOM 3

The students in classroom 3 have been working very hard on their academics. Malcolm H. and Natish R. enjoy working together on group reading and word building activities. Terrence E. has been excelling academically. He has learned to identify the letters A, B, and C, as well as the numbers 1, 2, and 3. David P. and Natish R. have been sharing the responsibility of class weather person. They have kept the class informed on local weather by posting weather conditions on the bulletin board daily.

We have also had a lot of fun. Cleo L. recently won a bowling tournament we had against classroom 2. The students are eagerly awaiting an upcoming trip to Boston Aquarium. All of the students are looking forward to earning time at the Brae pool, field day barbecues and home visits in the upcoming weeks.

CLASSROOM 4

Classroom 4 has been experiencing change and new beginnings with new teacher, Chris M., and new student, Rebecca B. We are also proud to announce that Ed. F. earned the "Student of the Week" honor.

Kathleen M. is making many great strides and Danielle D. is doing a great job working independently with precision teaching. Andrew G. is improving his workshop skills. Darryl H. is increasing his competency in math. Gabriel R. is gaining confidence in all academic areas. Irene R. loves to work with the letter recognition program on the computer. Erid R. is enjoying workshop tasks and Nelson T. has greatly improved his skills with precision teaching.



Matthew spends his break checking the movie listings in the paper.

CLASSROOM 6

Everyone in classroom 6 has been hard at work with math and language arts, precision teaching, repeated reading and other academics. Jessica N. recently completed the entire multiplication series on the computer with high scores. Nick V. has been earning preferred rewards on a regular basis. Brian A. has mastered multiplication and division and has begun the fractions series.

The class looks forward to our trip to the Canton Library every other week. Students check out fiction for book reports and non-fiction for class reports. Marie R., Steven G., Star H., Brian A. and Jessica N. did reports on five of the states on our classroom state quarters map. Jimmy M. and Lisa H. did reports on different dinosaurs in preparation for our upcoming trip to the dinosaur exhibit at Roger Williams Zoo. Jonathan S. does an exceptional job on the educational video quizzes. We are very proud of the academic progress classroom 6 is making.



Eric gets ready for the assembly work in the Workshop Activity Training Center.



Jonathan works on his precision teaching skills.

CLASSROOM 7

The accomplishments of classroom 7 are the result of their hard work. Jonathan C. has been excelling on the phonics and reading programs, while Joseph B. is mastering the math program. Many students are also participating in employment opportunities. Jackie G. has a job at Wendy's. Fawn M., Arrie J. and Chris N. participate in in-school jobs helping prepare lunches for the other students.

Most of the students in classroom 7 are taking the necessary steps to prepare themselves for the future. These students have come a long way since starting at JRC and have earned the opportunity to have a higher level of independence.

CLASSROOM 11

Classroom 11 is basking in the glow of our sparkling new classroom! The surroundings must be inspiring because everyone is doing a fantastic job. James C., the newest member of our class, is excelling in his precision teaching, especially vocabulary. David S. has finished the math facts program with very high rates. Marlene J. and Shawna S. both enjoy the math program and are doing a great job on it.

Rhonda O. is still working part-time at a local cafe, and recently received her learner's permit. Stella C. also has a part-time job and is preparing to take her road test. These ladies are inspiring!

Classroom 11 bids a fond farewell to several students. Krista C., Richie M., and Stella C. graduated at our Graduation Ceremony that was held on June 22. We will miss them and are proud of all that they have accomplished during their time at JRC.



What a beautiful smile you have, Peter!

WORK ACTIVITIES TRAINING CENTER

The Work Activities Training Center (WATC) currently has nineteen energetic, productive adults. Michael M., Ed E., Phil D., Eric L., Michael T., Guo W., Jaque W., Elly N., Brian S., Eric V. and Sean W. all work together in an assembly line placing craft items into bags and sealing them. This small assembly line produces at least 1200 bags per week. Once the contracted job is finished it is then delivered to a local business that combines our items with other small objects which completes an arts and crafts assembly kit. These craft kits can be purchased at large vendors located in various parts of the country.

Michael S., Nike S., Javier S., David M. and Heather S. are working with staff on a one-to-one basis filling and weighing small bags of plastic crystals. Greg M. currently works part-time in WATC. He is capable of completing all contract tasks independently with little to no supervision from staff.

When workloads are completed early, the students have been able to go on field trips such as hiking, bowling and roller-skating. Good work is rewarded with fun for all. Keep up the great work, WATC!



Josh is hard at work on precision teaching skills.



Ms. Sims helps Jeffrey with his work after class.

CLASSROOM 8

The students of classroom 8 continue to make great academic and behavioral strides. Jaysen H. recently received the "Student of the Week" award. Alexis T. is consistently accomplishing his math goals. James W. earned the privilege of getting an in-school job. Tyshon Y. continues to produce great poetry in which he takes tremendous pride. Christina E. and Shatika W. pass their contracts regularly.

The class enjoyed a trip to the Boston Museum of Science. Our most recent field trip to the Ladd Observatory was exciting for all who attended. We had an opportunity to gaze into the heavens through a high-powered telescope. A trip to Six Flags is being planned for the near future.

CLASSROOM 10

Classroom 10 has seen many new students in the past month. David S. is our youngest and is working hard on math, phonics, and tying his shoes. Nicky P. has earned a lot of time in the Big Reward Store for passing his contracts. William F. has become quite a computer whiz; if there's a problem, he can fix it! Jessica B. has passed a lot of her contracts and is working hard on the math decks. Eli D. is one of the fastest typers at JRC. Modesto S. has earned the reward of riding his mountain bike outside. Jeff E. recently went on a home visit to participate in his brother's wedding. Chris J. plays basketball almost everyday. Chad R. has been playing many games of UNO with staff members. Rick N. is doing a wonderful job on the math program.



Nice work on the computer math program, Marlene.



Steven has learned to be a part of an assembly line in the Workshop Activity Training Center.

CLASSROOM 12

Since moving downstairs to our wonderful new classroom the students of classroom 12 have been doing great both academically and behaviorally. Many of the students are passing their contracts consistently and earning rewards. Kevin H. and Jessica M. have been receiving a preferred lunch every day this month. Most of the students attend field day every Friday. Twice a week, Chase M. and Shmuel T. play a friendly game of pool in the Big Reward Store. Several students attended the first school dance that was held on June 23rd. They had a wonderful time dancing the night away.

Classroom 12 has been using a new computer program that utilizes the precision teaching method. They love it! Jesse M. has mastered the vocabulary section. Danielle R. completed the addition and multiplication problems and earned a coffee Coolatta as a reward. All students should be very proud of these accomplishments.



Mr. Assalone and Mrs. LaChance congratulate Richie on his accomplishments at JRC.



Jennifer and Rebecca enjoy field day together.



Staff member Sandra takes Luigi to McDonalds for passing his contract.



Your family is very proud of the achievements you have made, Stella!

Field Trips



Fawn and her housemates spend a Saturday afternoon at the town carnival.



Krista, who was awarded a diploma from her home High School, is congratulated by her mother.



Ed goes on a field trip to see a Pawtucket Pawsox baseball game.

Culmination



Looks like Emily is having a wonderful time at the roller-skating rink.



Ms. Sims and David show off their matching sunglasses!



Krista and Stella in their caps and gowns!



Richie and his mom at Culmination 2000.



Christina displays a bright smile while preparing food for the weekly barbecue.



The students love the decorations and festivity in the new cafeteria.



Irene and staff member Angi cheer on the athletes at the Special Olympic trials.



Richie and Terrence prepare snacks for field day.

Special Olympics



Some students play a game of basketball as part of their physical education class.



Elly wins a medal at the Special Olympic trials.



Phil hams it up for the camera!

Field Day



Are you having fun at field day, Malcolm?



You're almost at the finish line, Guo and Brian!



Way to go, Nelson!



Nice shot, Michael!

Residential Coordinators Report the News



Shatika and Jacqueline: "We're ready for our close-ups!"

ARBORETUM I

The current residents of Arboretum I are Greg M., and Tyshon Y. They are both doing exceptionally well in the program.

Greg M. has global independence. He enjoys going out for walks and riding his bike around the apartment complex. Greg's favorite past-time is working on his models. He has put together some wonderful kits.

Tyshon Y. has floor independence. He loves poetry and enjoys going to poetry readings with his teacher. Tyshon also likes helping out with making the weekly menu and list for grocery shopping.

The students at Arboretum I are always looking forward to the weekend because they know it's going to be filled with fun and exciting trips to the mall, bowling alley or a sporting event.

ARBORETUM II

For the past three months, the girls at Arboretum II have been very busy. On Monday and Wednesday evenings, they have had computer classes. The girls are learning many things on the computer that fit into everyday and future life.

Stella C. is now working at Wendy's and Rhonda O. is working at Mont Bleu Cafe. If you are in Canton, stop in and see the girls hard at work. Kashawna S., Krista C. and Marlene J. all have in-school jobs and they are doing great! Way to go girls!

We are pleased to announce that Stella C. and Krista C. graduated this June. Congratulations and good luck to them.



Sharon and Irene have lunch together in the backyard of their residence.

BOLIVAR II

Bolivar II is one of our newest apartments at JRC. The students of Bolivar II are learning independent living skills in the apartment environment. Jonathan C. came to us from Norton House. He is doing very well adjusting to apartment living and has improved dramatically. We are very happy to hear that Steven G. would be moving to Bolivar II. In the past few months, Steven has learned a great deal about cooking, ironing, doing his chores properly, and getting along with others. Way to go, Steven! Danny R. moved to Bolivar II a short time ago and has been adjusting well. Danny is the only student at Bolivar II that has earned floor independence. The students at Bolivar II apartment are looking forward to many field trips this summer. Keep up the awesome work, guys!

BRAE

The Brae students are ready for some summer fun! We have already started with a field trip to the beach in Newport and a picnic with the view of boats and sea birds. The students have also spent a lot of time going to the local parks where they enjoy playing ball, feeding ducks, and going on wonderful nature walks.

The students are also working on their living skills. Caroline B. does a great job washing dishes. Janine C. loves to listen to music as she vacuums the floor. Brendon S. never misses a spot dusting and Javier S. makes sure there isn't any trash lying around. Cleo L. is making leaps and bounds on her self-care academics.



Shmuel and Sam prepare a barbecue in the backyard of their residence.

COUNTY

The guys at County are excited about spending a lot of time outdoors this summer. James C. likes to divide his Saturdays between the basketball court and fishing at the pond located on the property. Modesto S. and William F. take turns taking naps on the oversized hammock in the back yard.

Robert S., Kevin H., and Rick N. prefer spending their time playing basketball. They can play for hours and sometimes the staff will play a game or two with them.

After a day of fun in the sun, the guys like to have a barbecue. They all gather around the picnic table for hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and soda. This is the perfect ending to a summer day.



Marlene prepares hamburgers for the weekly barbecue.

CRYSTAL VILLAGE

"Hello" from the Crystal Village Apartment gang. Elly N. is our official guest greeter and always has a big smile for whomever comes to visit. All of the students at Crystal Village (CV) are learning independent living skills and enjoying time with their friends. At CV we do our own grocery shopping. You will always find Eric L. looking for the cookie aisle.

On the weekends, CV participates in various activities. Whether it is a trip into town or just a relaxing day at the house, Nelson T. is sure to be smiling.

DEDHAM

The students at Dedham house enjoy a high level of independence and a variety of activities. Alexis T. spends his free time playing video games. He also enjoys cooking and doing chores around the house. Checking out the newest release at the movie theatre is one of Richard M.'s favorite things to do. David S. loves outdoor activities, especially basketball. Skateboarding is one of Chris N.'s favorite past-times. Ivan B. is a very unique student who professes to be the house clown. He entertains both students and staff at Dedham house.



Brian uses one of the treadmills in the physical education room.

FRENIER

The students at Frenier are very excited about the warm weather. Sharon H. spends her time in the backyard collecting different types of leaves and rocks. Kathleen M., Nick S. and Irene R. enjoy working on their tans. Eric V. likes to play horseshoes. Malcolm H. spends his time drawing pictures. Michael S. loves playing kickball. You can find Mike M. dancing around while listening to music.

All of the students enjoyed going to the Massachusetts Special Olympics this year. Everyone brought home a medal.

HIGHLAND

Danielle. Natish R. and Emily R. are the newest additions to Highland house. Jenny H. and Heather S. have made them feel right at home.

Jenny H. frequently gets her nails painted for passing her contracts. Natish R. loves playing with her toys from her mom. Heather S. has been earning much more independence. Danielle D. enjoys cooking with the staff and looks forward to visits with her parents. Emily R. enjoys playing board games with her housemates.

As a group the girls get along well. They play ball and swing together on the playset in the backyard. The girls have also enjoyed the summer field trips.



Eric thinks we have the best field trips!

LORUSSO

The students at Lorusso have been spending a large amount of time outside. From football to baseball and everything in between, the students have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather.

Marie R. and Lisa H. just returned from the Massachusetts Special Olympics with 3 medals and 1 ribbon. Way to go girls! Stephanie B. recently passed her special contract to have her nails manicured. Our newest additions, Danielle R. and Jessica M. are settling in nicely. Jessica B. has come a long way with her independent living skills. Cooking dinner for her housemates is one of her favorite things to do. Jessica N. now has an in-school job. Star H. recently earned the opportunity to move to the newly opened Turnpike St. residence. Good luck, Star!



Johann does a load of laundry as part of his nightly chores.

NORTON

We currently have nine young men living at Norton house. Every evening they participate in their nightly routine. This consists of academics, cooking, cleaning, and ironing.

The students enjoy going to the movies and to the go-cart track.

Jonathan C. spends his time working on academics and relaxing. Playing video games and watching movies top Jesse M. and Josh B.'s list of things to do. Chris J. likes to play basketball. Brian A. does an excellent job drawing maps. He also likes to play with his Legos. Elijah D. enjoys video games and watching movies. The newest addition to the house is Nicasio P. who has been a great help cooking dinner. David S., our youngest student, is full of life and brightens up the house.

REHOBOTH

Rehoboth currently houses twelve students. As a major part of their residential life, these students take part in activities that enhance their independent living skills.

The students recently planted a backyard vegetable garden. With help from staff they cleared the ground and then had a meeting to decide just what to plant. Wayne M. made sure hot peppers were on the list! The students then went shopping for the various vegetables to plant. Ed F. took charge of the purchases and presented the receipts to the RC-A at the end of the day.

The students look forward to the wonderful produce their garden will supply.



James W., Jeff E., James C., and Robert pose for a picture at the Stoughton residence.

STOUGHTON

Playing a game of basketball after a home-cooked meal is how the guys at Stoughton enjoy spending their summer nights. However, there are always chores and homework to do. After that, Chase M. and Jeffrey E. choose to play games on their new Dreamcast systems. Terrence L. and Tony S. listen to music and Jaysen H. watches a sports game on our new Direct TV. Joe W. spends his evening planning his next trip to Battleship Cove or to the mall.

Jaysen. Terrence, and Chase have been helping the neighbors with their landscaping and yard work next door. What a nice part-time job this turned out to be!



Andrew and Mr. Bruno are great pals!

MOBERG

The summer at Moberg started with much excitement! Phil D., David P., and Brian S. all spent a weekend in a college dorm while competing in the Massachusetts Special Olympics. They all brought home medals and exciting stories about their weekend away.

Erid R. has been improving both his academic and social skills. During leisure time, David P., Peter B., and Mike T. enjoy painting. Terrence E. enjoys building structures with his Legos. Phil D. and Gou W. are the first ones to offer to bake cookies.

We have planned an exciting assortment of activities for the months ahead. Trips to the dinosaur exhibit, children's museum, Newport Jazz Festival and several backyard barbecues are all part of the schedule.

TURNPIKE

JRC's newest house is located just down the street from the school building. The six girls are involved in a variety of activities and are learning life skills along the way. They love to shop for groceries and on weekends shop for clothes and self-care items.

Turnpike's horror movie enthusiast is Daphne B. She also likes working on her academics. Fawn M. enjoys listening to music and Shatika W. likes to dance. One of Star H.'s past-times is to paint her nails.

Christina E. spends her time reading and Jackie G. is an aspiring poet who likes to collect stuffed animals.

All of the girls love to participate in computer class on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The weekends are spent outside playing games, going to the video store and eating at various restaurants.



James to staff member Cherie: "May I have this dance?"



Stella, Marlene, Rhonda, and Kashawna can't wait to dance!



Rhonda and staff member Felix show their broad smiles!



How's the punch, Jackie?

Student Dance



Robert, James, and Josh: "Move over John Travolta!"



Josh and Krista dance the night away.



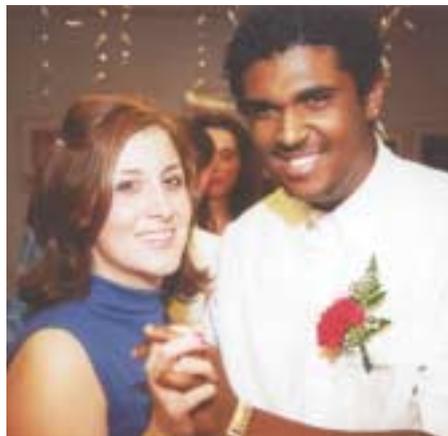
Best dressed couple: David and Kashawna.



Alexis, Richie, David, Ivan: Looking good guys!



Good friends Robert and Christina.



Shmuel saves a dance for Ms. Holland.



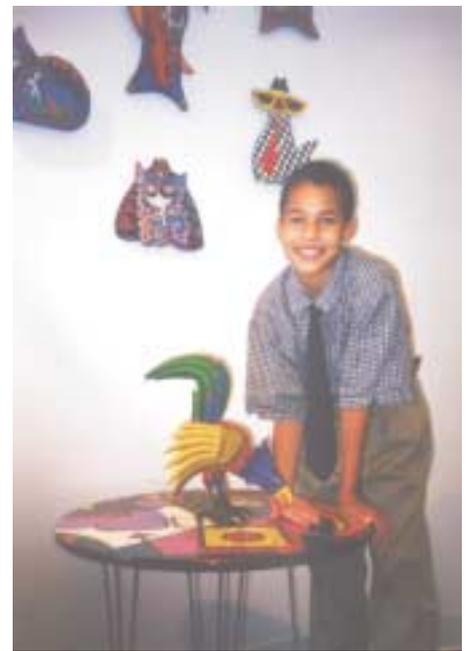
"Is that flower for Arrie, Jonathan?"



Staff member Janet supervises students as they enter our new elevator which makes getting around easier.



Darious stops for a drink of water in front of some happy, new prints by Tom Slaughter, a contemporary American Pop artist.



Nicasio "feeds" a sculptured chicken in front of wall sculptures of cats that are also fully functional clocks!

Our New Downstairs Area



David poses next to sculptures of bunny rabbits and a huge palm tree whose trunk is filled with twinkling, bubbling water.



James gets his picture taken next to his favorite print by Roy Lichtenstein.



On their way back from the multi-purpose room, staff members Sherrie and Shirley walk by the colorful Haring prints.



Lynn and Irene pause in front of a wall decorated with animated Disney prints that move and play music.



Arrie admires the seven colorful, sculptural clocks that line the wall outside her classroom.



The downstairs hallways are now covered with over 200 lively and colorful prints by modern artists.



The new multi-purpose room serves as a student lunchroom as well as a location for field day activities and dances. Coca-cola prints surround the room and the tables have Coke-theme accoutrements.



Fawn admires this print of a bottle of Chanel No. 5 by Andy Warhol which hangs just outside her classroom.

Our New Downstairs Area

We recently remodeled the downstairs area of our school building in Canton. There are now wider hallways and more classrooms for our students. We also put in an elevator that makes getting around much easier! These pictures highlight some of the new areas downstairs.



Martha and Tanika walk up the 'Coke Stairwell' which has duplicate Coke posters on each wall, running 'rope lights' and a Mickey and Minnie on swings.



Modesto stands next to portraits of George Washington and Goethe by Andy Warhol.



Johann stands next to wooden folk-art animal sculptures from Santa Fe, New Mexico, which surround a waterfall and cactus sculptures at the downstairs entryway.



Steven hangs out near the striking new stainless loveseat and chairs under prints by Romero Britto, a contemporary Brazilian pop artist.