



Newsletter

Winter 2006

From the Director's Desk

A stroll through JRC's corridors and common rooms is a little like a visit to an art gallery. When you enter JRC, the first thing you see, after passing the reception desk, is a mannequin dressed in a tuxedo "playing" music at our player piano. Recently, we decorated the top of that player piano with some interesting "Poupie dolls" (see photo below), and many of our visitors have been asking how to purchase them. Judy Weber, JRC's Design Consultant, recently decorated one of our

residences with an American Indian theme. She also did a spectacular re-design of our Whimsy Room, including a wall with 40 Venetian masks. Judy is also designing a school uniform for our students.

Each JRC student has his/her own computer and approximately 70% of our instructional program is carried out through self-instructional software. Recently, we created a special web site for our students, and we have

been adding features to this site ever since (see pages 2-3). They include: a student discussion board, to which staff and students contribute, and where students are encouraged to submit suggestions and issues; a personal mailbox where the student can receive and respond to communications from teachers and administrators; a web page that shows the theme and menu for the weekly Field Day Reward Afternoon; access to the JRC Wellness Program web site; a personal calendar; a



Executive Director, Dr. Israel, our piano-playing mannequin, and Design Consultant, Judy Weber, pose behind "Poupies" (handmade silk dolls) by the artist Isabelle.

Student Web Site/Discussion Board

suggestion box; communications from former students to current students; a weekly math problem; and the monthly menu schedule. Two recent highlights at JRC are shown on pages 4 and 5. One was the dedication of our auditorium in memory of Ogden Lindsley, Ph.D., founder of the field of Precision Teaching and longtime consultant, board member and friend of JRC. The other was a lecture visit to JRC by Howard Lyman, prominent nutritional, environmental and animal rights activist.

Our transition program enables students who have been doing well in their behaviors and academics to get jobs in the community and otherwise prepare themselves for the real world outside JRC. Page 8 shows several aspects of this program, which is under the capable direction of Dr. Timothy Paisey.

We have made several changes to upgrade our Big Reward Store, including the addition of three new video game stations, each with its own 42" flat panel TV (page 7). Kim Coffin, our activities director, has added a number of new after-school clubs and other reward activities (see page 7) including a weekly movie, Karaoke, horseback riding, field trips to restaurants and movies, and visits to a laser game center and to a baseball academy. Perhaps the most meaningful reward—and one that several students have requested—is the opportunity to volunteer in projects such as serving food in a soup kitchen or homeless shelter (page 7).

JRC continues its vigorous growth. Today we serve 253 residential students who live in 49 different residences, with a staff of approximately 1200 employees. To accommodate this growth we recently opened four new duplex homes in Randolph, MA. Page 6 shows some of the rooms of one of our new homes. Judy Weber, our Design Consultant, and Judy Barry, our Assistant Designer, decorate each room with an original theme and in a creative and colorful manner.

We are now renovating both our main school and administration buildings. One early result is that we are now able, for the first time, to use our 250 building for student activities. In September, seventy of our adult students, including all of those in our work activity centers, moved their day activities to that building. By the Spring of 2006, we will have a full commercial kitchen, and expanded dining room facilities in the 240 Turnpike Street building and will be able to prepare and serve our own meals. By the Summer of 2006, the 250 Turnpike Street building will have a number of classrooms, an indoor basketball/gym area, a major Reward Street and all of our administrative and support offices.

Work began this year on a playground area with swings and a jungle gym in the area between the 240 and 250 buildings. The same area has beautiful verdigris tables, chairs, and garden art sculptures scattered among the trees. Staff enjoyed their lunches in this area and parents and students have visited here during the warm weather. There also has been an expansion of our very successful vegetable gardens.

Matthew Israel, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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User	Subject/Message	Date/Time
Frances	Summary: Faye suggest making a step class available for students as a means of fun exercise. step class Hi. I was wondering if the female students could have a step team. It is a great way to exercise and to have fun at the same time. I know that alot of students would want to engage in this type of group.	Ref#: 40541 Sub: 12:39:13 PM 4/11/2005 Acc: 1:50:00 PM 4/11/2005 (Santopietra) Reply Edit Read Highlight
Kimberly Coffin	Summary: Ms. Coffin agrees that adding a step class would be a great addition to the evening activities, and asks if anyone would be interested in joining, as well as teaching the class. Reply To: step class That is a great idea, Faye. We could add it to the evening activities if enough students are interested. Would anyone be	Ref#: 40554 Sub: 12:05:20 PM 4/11/2005 Acc: 12:15:00 PM 4/11/2005 (Santopietra) Reply Edit

An exciting part of the student web site is the Discussion Board. This is a forum in which students and staff share and discuss ideas. Each classroom has a specific time set aside to read and post messages. Students earn points for posting constructive messages.

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TODAY IS 04/11/2005

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Each student has a personal online mailbox where he/she can receive e-mail from teachers and administrators and can respond to them.

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Field Day

April 14, 2005

Students can view the weekly theme and menu for Field Day. Field Day is a weekly barbecue available to those students who have passed their contracts.

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WELLNESS PROGRAM

BOOK LIST

These books may be found in the Nutrition Lounge located upstairs behind the Receptionist's desk at the 240 building. Please see Theresa Brophy to sign a book out.

Also, clicking on a Title below will take you to Amazon.com where you will find a description of the book.

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Place for Life	Ruth Heidrich, Ph.D.
Biomarkers: The 10 Keys to Prolonging Vitality	William Evans, Ph.D. & Irwin Rosenberg, M.D.
Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease	Dean Ornish, M.D.
Eat Right, Live Longer	Red Edmund, M.D.
Eat to Live - Fast and Sustained Weight Loss	Joel Fuhrman, M.D.

Students have access to the JRC Wellness Web Site, which contains a wealth of valuable information concerning nutrition and wellness. Above is a screen showing a list of books on the topic.



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Dear Judge Rotenberg Center ,

JRC is the greatest and I mean that with all my heart!! It's real late in the morning. 4am in the morning to be exact. I was looking over the JRC web site and it has so much to offer to people who are not familiar with JRC. JRC is a great place and me just looking over the web site helped me re-affirmed how much I miss and am so grateful for everything JRC has done for me. I love that place and I wish I would have stayed and gone out the right way, but just some advice for students who are leaving soon. Hope is never too far. I feel your pain and I know it is hard. You don't know the half of it, but the real world isn't any easier. It is much harder than any one of you students think. I am living in it!! It is a doggy dog world out here. Learn and grow while you are at JRC. There are no boundaries to what you can grasp and learn and take in. Take in everything. Read a lot. Look up information on the internet. Do your best in school. Ask to be apart of every extra activity to keep your mind focused. Listen work hard now, and play later!! Live by that. Work by that!! Think about what college you want to attend when you leave JRC. Think about all the things you want to do in life to better your self for when you leave JRC, there aren't any boundaries to what you can accomplish in life. Don't worry about relationships. There will be plenty of time for that in the future. But now worry about you and you only, because not even the real world will be worried about you. The only people who know your name is bills, and some bills. They know you, and they are waiting for you to come and see

This section of the Student Web Site displays messages from former JRC students so that current students can see how former students are doing.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 JRC 28 Cafeteria	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Doughnut Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Doctor's Appointment	12	13 JRC 14 DAR	14 Job Interview	15	16
17	18 Palm's Day JRC Holiday	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Field Trip
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Students can view a calendar that shows upcoming events, such as home visits, field trips and doctor's appointments. They can also enter their own personal events on the calendar. This is very useful for transitional students who may have job interviews to attend and deadlines to meet.



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Week's math and JRC questions are last week's winners!!
The answer is PEACH. Add 1 for B, 2 for C, 3 for D, etc.

Peace Corps

On August 16, Felicity, a Peace Corps volunteer from Canton, returned home after having spent 9 months in Africa. She went to Africa directly after having spent 5 months in Colombia. Felicity told reporters that she joined the Peace Corps 7 months after graduating from college. She also said that she enjoyed the many cultures of the countries she had lived in. In what month did Felicity graduate from college?

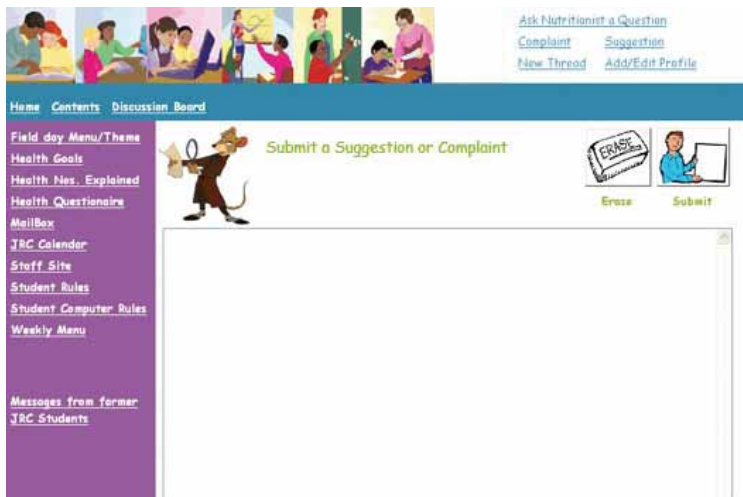
Cross Country Trip

Mr. Tipps is driving from Boston to Los Angeles. The cities are 3,057 miles apart. For each day of the trip, he plans to drive an average speed of 45 miles per hour. He will stop after 4 hours and eat lunch for an hour. Then he'll drive 2 more hours, rest for an hour, and then drive 2 more hours before stopping for the day. If he leaves Boston on Monday morning, on what day of the week will he arrive in Los Angeles?

*****Contest Rules *****

- You must answer both questions in order to win a prize.
- All answers must be written neatly on lined paper with a proper heading.
- You must show all work. If possible, prove that your answer is true.

Each week a new math problem is posted on the web site. Students can try solving the problems and the names of those students who have correctly solved the problems are posted on the site.



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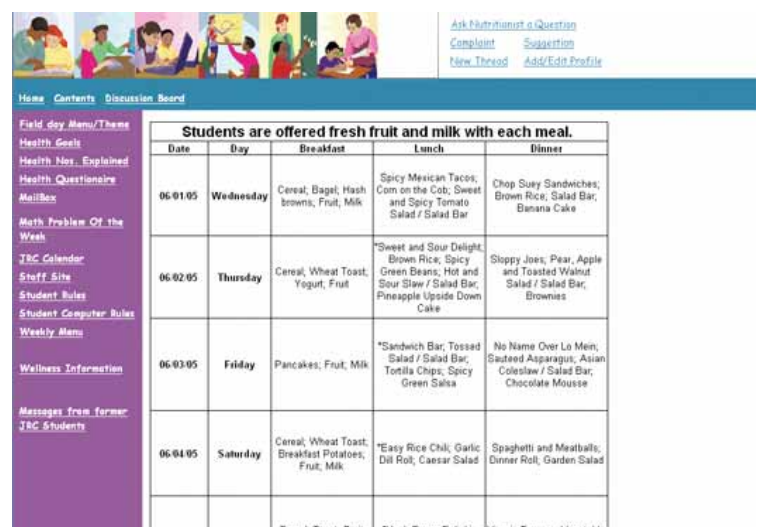
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Submit a Suggestion or Complaint

Erase Submit

Students can submit suggestions and complaints to the school administrators. These suggestions and complaints can be either signed or anonymous. All suggestions and complaints are taken very seriously and followed up on.



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Students are offered fresh fruit and milk with each meal.

Date	Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
06/01/05	Wednesday	Cereal, Bagel, Hash, brownies, Fruit, Milk	Spicy Mexican Tacos, Corn on the Cob, Sweet and Spicy Tomato Salad / Salad Bar	Chop Suey Sandwiches; Brown Rice, Salad Bar, Banana Cake
06/02/05	Thursday	Cereal, Wheat Toast, Yogurt, Fruit	*Sweet and Sour Delight, Brown Rice, Spicy Green Beans; Hot and Sour Slaw / Salad Bar, Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Shrimp Joes; Pear, Apple and Toasted Walnut Salad / Salad Bar, Brownies
06/03/05	Friday	Pancakes; Fruit, Milk	*Sandwich Bar, Tossed Salad / Salad Bar, Tortilla Chips, Spicy Green Salsa	No Name Over Lo Mein; Sautéed Asparagus, Asian Coleslaw / Salad Bar, Chocolate Mousse
06/04/05	Saturday	Cereal, Wheat Toast, Breakfast Potatoes, Fruit, Milk	*Easy Rice Chik; Garlic Dill Roll; Caesar Salad	Spaghetti and Meatballs; Dinner Roll, Garden Salad
.....	Fishch Toast / Fruit	*Hash Brown Delight	Voodoo Rumors / Vioctable

A monthly menu informs the students of what is available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.



Ogden Lindsley Dedication



In July, we held a dedication ceremony to rename our auditorium after the late Ogden Lindsley, Ph.D. Several of our staff members were in attendance, as well as several of Ogden's family members.



Ogden was a brilliant behavioral psychologist who advanced the science of behavioral psychology and its applications beyond the point where B.F. Skinner, Ogden's teacher, had left them. In the photo above, his widow, Nancy Hughes Lindsley, shares memories of Ogden with our staff.



Nancy showed slides of Ogden at various stages of his life to give a face and a context to her remarks.



After the dedication ceremony, Matthew Israel posed for a photograph with Nancy Hughes Lindsley (second from left) and Ogden's two daughters, Debbie and Cathy (far left and far right).



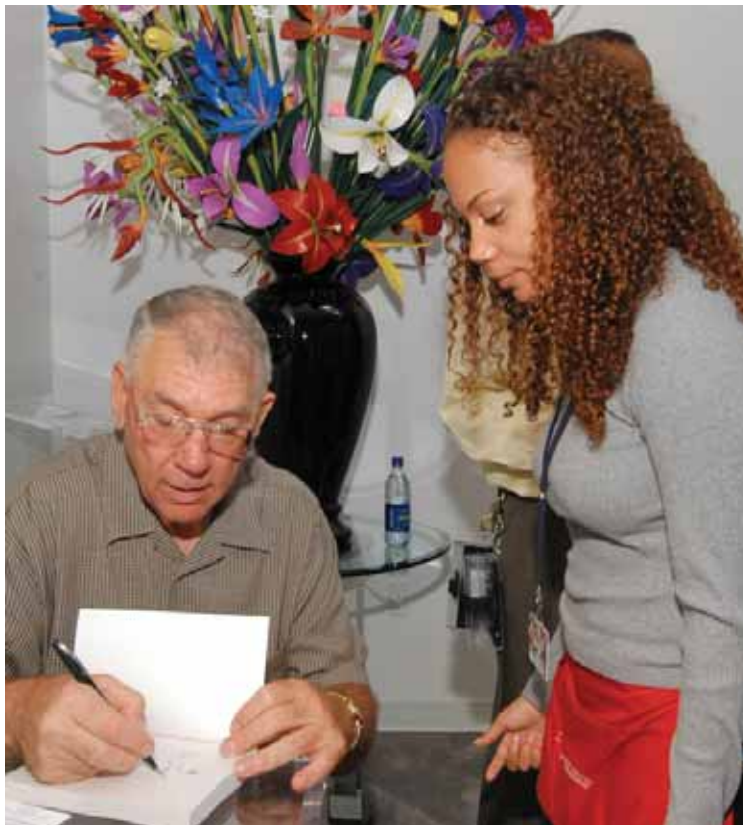
Howard Lyman Visits JRC



In September, we had a special visit from Howard Lyman, author of the books Mad Cowboy and No More Bull. Howard Lyman is a former Montana cattle rancher who became one of the most prominent activists in the animal rights, environmental and nutrition movements.



Howard Lyman spoke to our staff and students about how he became a vegan and showed a documentary film on his experiences as a cattle rancher.



After the presentation, he signed copies of his book, No More Bull, for those students and staff members who were interested.



Here Matthew Israel poses for a photograph with Howard.



A New Residence Opens



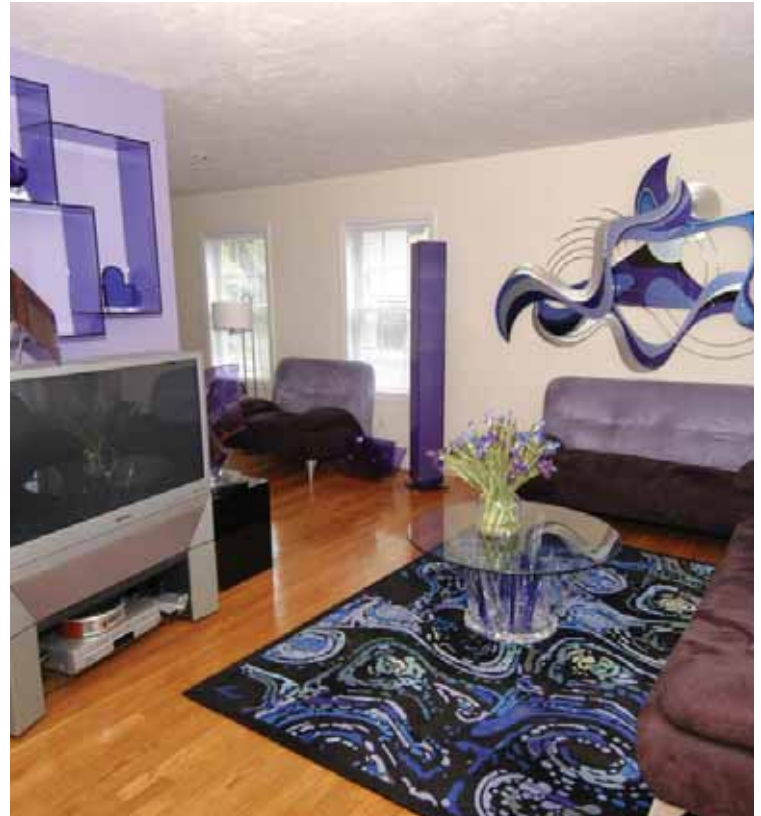
JRC's homes are carefully and tastefully designed with the aid of our Design Consultant, Judy Weber, and our Assistant Designer, Judy Barry. Each area is furnished with beautiful, non-institutional furnishings and colorful prints.



A staff of special monitors visits all of the residences on a frequent basis to make sure that they remain in the same clean, well-furnished condition that they were in when originally furnished.



We recently purchased 4 new duplex homes in Randolph, MA. The photographs on this page show a sampling of the lively décor of one of these residences.



Each JRC residence has cable or satellite TV, PlayStation and Xbox game systems, stereos with surround sound, and DVD/VCR and digital video recording systems. Most residences have a big screen TV.



New Rewards



JRC has recently enriched its After-School Activities program to include many new activities such as Bingo, writing letters to troops, roller-skating, dodgeball, charades, kite flying, a student newspaper and a garden club. Here students enjoy popcorn and a movie during JRC's Friday night movie.



Some of our students have requested the opportunity to volunteer their time in the community as an earned activity. Last year, several students volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and in this photo, Tashika and Chris slice pies at a homeless shelter.



A hugely popular addition to our Big Reward Store are these new video game stations. Each of the four stations features a 42" flat-panel TV with PlayStation2 or Xbox video game systems. There are also plush red chairs to sit in while playing.



Our students went on a number of new field trips this summer. One of these was a day spent horseback riding at a stable in Randolph, MA (Steven and Michael shown above). This was the first time many of these students had ever been horseback riding, and they enjoyed it very much!



Transition Program



Competitive employment opportunities provide a great deal of independence to the students in the Transition Program. Here Steven awaits customers at his checkout line at a Home Depot, in Avon, MA.



A group of students took a drawing course led by a teacher from a nearby vocational school. Lisa signs her name to a print she created. Artwork from this course was recently displayed during JRC's Family Visiting Day.



Auto repair is another course our students have taken at the vocational school. A practical benefit of taking these courses is that the school helps its students obtain entry-level jobs in the vocational areas in which they have been trained.



Driver's training is another aspect of our Transition Program. Here Jennel proudly shows off her Learner's Permit.