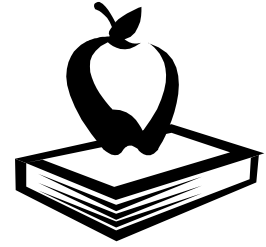




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B-R special education teacher recognized

“Life Skills” at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School has taken on a new meaning since Mr. Robert Brogna has led the class. For his innovative efforts, he has been given the Plymouth County Education Association’s Teaching Award.

With a belief that special education students should have real-life experience in a control-led setting that will then enable them to get good jobs and become decision-makers, Mr. Brogna started Café 129, complete with maitre-d’, linen on round tables, wait staff, menus, chefs and fresh flower centerpieces.

The restaurant isn’t located on Newbury Street in Boston, but in a life-skills classroom at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. The staff is made up of students with moderate disabilities in Mr Brogna’s class.

Patrons are greeted by a young man or woman and welcomed into a room that has been transformed into a temporary café. They are seated and served a gourmet lunch complete with a salad and dessert, all for \$3 plus tip. Teachers at BRRHS are invited each Tuesday

to dine at Café 129 instead of the cafeteria. Preparing students to transition into the world of work is a primary emphasis in secondary level classrooms for children with significant special needs. Café 129 is the embodiment of an effort to create real-life experiences in a 20-by-20-foot classroom.

The café offers four lunch times and averages 40 people on a given Tuesday. Food is prepared by the students who spend Monday and Tuesday mornings readying Tuesday’s lunches.

Students wear chef hats and aprons to add to the professional ambiance.

Students also gain self-confidence interacting with the public. At each lunch shift, jobs are rotated so that everyone gets a chance at hosting, waiting and bussing tables. Students learn teamwork and about helping each other, especially when someone else may be having a bad day.

Mr. Brogna said he hopes the experience will help the students get jobs at local restaurants. Dr Lisa Battaglinio, a professor in the Depart-

ment of Special Education and Communication Disorders at BSC, recognizes the significance of Café 129. In her “Introduction to Special Education” course, a large effort is made to expose potential special education teachers to “real-life” experiences observing children with special needs in public and private schools.

For the past two semesters, as part of that effort, students in the course have attended Café 129. Future teachers from BSC can observe outstanding special education service delivery while enjoying lunch—an invaluable lesson in real-life educational practice.

During the 2006-2007 school year, 16 students will be in Mr. Brogna’s class. He encourages the public to stop in and have lunch at Café 129. Lunch is served between 10:20 AM and noon. Call 508.697.6902, ext. 288, for a reservation. Proceeds from the lunch, after expenses, go to the classroom for supplies or to buy herbs for the greenhouse.

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Thanks to all who volunteered to serve on committees. Representatives from each school have been placed on each committee. If there was no volunteer for a particular committee from a school, a person was assigned. Please keep in mind that communication will be much more effective if a larger number of people are doing small bits of work, rather than a few people trying to do large amounts of work. A complete reference of BREA officers, building representatives, and committee chairs and members will be available at the general meeting on October 12 (Raynham Middle Auditorium, 4:00).

Member News

The math department had 3 weddings, Leigh (Hopp) Cooley (Jan)-Rob Ringuette (April)- and Carmel (Ferioli) Keisling (July)

Condolences were sent to Theresa Leen on the passing of her mother-in-law.

Congratulations to Chuck Bender on becoming a grandfather(Madeline).

Caroline Bernier passed away. She was an educationla assistant for many years in mnay of the Bridgewater-Raynham schools including Burnell and Williams Middle (Parish Center). One of her sons is a senior at BR. She loved music and had a great heart. She will be missed.

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Kathy Cribben lost her mother.

101 ways to praise a child
(from NEA)

WOW • WAY TO GO • SUPER • YOU'RE SPECIAL • OUTSTANDING • EXCELLENT • GREAT • GOOD • NEAT • WELL DONE • REMARKABLE • I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT • I'M PROUD OF YOU • FANTASTIC • SUPER STAR • NICE WORK • LOOKING GOOD • YOU'RE ON TOP OF IT • BEAUTIFUL • NOW YOU'RE FLYING • YOU'RE CATCHING ON • YOU'RE INCREDIBLE • BRAVO • YOU'RE FANTASTIC • HURRAY FOR YOU • YOU'RE ON TARGET • YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY • HOW NICE • HOW SMART • GOOD JOB • THAT'S INCREDIBLE • HOT DOG • DYNAMITE • YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL • YOU'RE UNIQUE • NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW • GOOD FOR YOU • I LIKE YOU • YOU'RE A WINNER • REMARKABLE JOB • BEAUTIFUL WORK • SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE DARLING • YOU'RE PRECIOUS • GREAT DISCOVERY • YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET • YOU FIGURED IT OUT • FANTASTIC JOB • HIP, HIP HURRAY • BINGO • MAGNIFICENT • MARVELOUS • TERRIFIC • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • PHENOMENAL • YOU'RE SENSATIONAL • SUPER WORK • CREATIVE JOB • SUPER JOB • FANTASTIC JOB • EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A REAL TROOPER • YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE • YOU ARE EXCITING • YOU LEARNED IT RIGHT • WHAT AN IMAGINATION • WHAT A GOOD LISTENER • YOU ARE FUN • YOU'RE GROWING UP • YOU TRIED HARD • YOU CARE • BEAUTIFUL SHARING • OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND • I TRUST YOU • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME • YOU MAKE ME HAPPY • YOU BELONG • YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND • YOU MAKE ME LAUGH • YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY • I RESPECT YOU • YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME • I RESPECT YOU • YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME • THAT'S CORRECT • YOU'RE A JOY • YOU'RE A JOY • YOU'RE A TREASURER • YOU'RE WONDERFUL • YOU'RE PERFECT • AWESOME • A JOB • YOU'RE A - OK - MY BUDDY • YOU MADE MY DAY • THAT'S THE BEST • A BIG KISS • SAY I LOVE • p.s. REMEMBER A SMILE IS WORTH 1000 WORDS!

Sunshine Fund

- a.) In the event of the death of a Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District employee, flowers in an amount not to exceed \$50., or a donation of \$50 shall be sent to the employee's family.
- b.) In the event of a bereavement of a BREA member (defined as the death of the employee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandchild or member of the immediate household of the employee, flowers in an amount not to exceed \$50 or a donation of \$50 shall be sent to the bereaved member.
- c.) In the event of a bereavement (defined as the death of the employee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandchild or member of the immediate household of the employee) of a B-R Regional School District employee who is not a BREA member, a card shall be sent. However, in the event of special or unusual circumstances, the Board may elect to do something more.
- d.) In the event of a BREA members medical incapacity causing an absence of ten days from school, flowers shall be sent at a cost not to exceed \$35.
- e.) In the event of hospitalization of a Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District employee, a card shall be sent.
- f.) Upon the arrival of a new child, BREA members will be given a \$50 savings bond in the name of the new child.
- g.) In the event of the death of a current B-R Regional School District student, flowers in an amount not to exceed \$50 or a donation of \$50 shall be sent to the student's family.
- h.) A BREA member shall be designated as Sunshine Chairperson, and will order flowers or bonds, or make donations, in accordance with these guidelines. That person shall have local dues paid by the Association. Building Representatives will notify this Sunshine Chairperson of any Sunshine "events" in each school. During school vacation periods, the Sunshine Chairperson shall be called directly by any member who becomes aware of a sunshine event. An Alternate shall be designated to serve in the event the Sunshine Chairperson is not available.
- THE BREA SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON IS JULIE MITCHELL OF LALIBERTE. SHE MAY BE REACHED AT SCHOOL OR bridgeraynea@aol.com