

PARENT BRIEFS



Kingsway Learning Center
March 2018

Bowling

Candy Land

Eagles Pep Rally

Program Relocation

By: Philip Rodriguez, Chief Operating Officer

As many of you know, our building in Haddonfield, while beautiful and in a wonderful location, has provided us with very real challenges in recent years. Such things as having only one ramp into the building, only one elevator, narrow doorways within the building, to name just a few, have created major challenges with our changing population of students. In Moorestown, our challenges are primarily the result of growth in the program. Space that was once used for prevocational skills training and even just overflow are now occupied as classrooms, and in short, the building is crowded.

With these challenges having an increasing impact on programs, we have been searching for a new space for approximately two years. I am pleased to report that we have finally found a building that will address all of our programmatic concerns and house both programs. The building is in Voorhees just off Haddonfield-Berlin Road, only five miles from our Haddonfield Campus and nine miles from our Moorestown Campus. Our 2018 Extended School Year Program will be in our present locations and we anticipate the building will be ready for the start of the 2018-19 school year in September.

This process will be similar to our experience when we first opened our Moorestown location and as we did during that process, we will provide you with ongoing updates on social media and our website as we achieve specific milestones. As always, please reach out to Megan Avery, Laura Venello, Abbi Campbell or myself with specific questions. Thank you and we hope you are looking forward to a process that we are confident will provide exciting opportunities for us to better serve our students.

Time For a Brain Break!

By: Donna Stone, Occupational Therapist

Have you ever been in a meeting and felt you could no longer concentrate, becoming overloaded with the information given to you? You start to fidget, close your eyes, zone out completely and feel the need for a break? Children in school encounter these same experiences and feelings while sitting through teacher instruction or seatwork. When this occurs, it may be time for a brain break!

Research tells us that children need physical activities to engage in classroom lessons, to stay motivated, and to retain information learned in order to stay on task. A brain break can be any simple, quick, interactive and fun movement activity that is a purposeful break from classroom instruction. It should refresh and re-energize, while preparing students to re-engage to classroom tasks and instruction.

Brain breaks create a more effective learning environment, regain students' attention, and give them a chance to get out the "wiggles." These energizing exercises stimulate the mind and body, increase oxygen flow, and engage both sides of the brain, all while reducing stress and anxiety. Brain breaks can energize a group after center-time or calm students returning from lunch and recess.

Here are some examples of brain breaks that can be utilized in the classroom and even at home:

*Use a brain break card: One or more students chooses a card and the entire class performs the movement (for example, play air guitar, pretend to drive a car, give yourself a bear hug,

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Bowling Over the Competition

The SONJ Area 13 Bowling Competition was held on January 27, 2018 at Laurel Lanes in Maple Shade, NJ. Our Cougar Athletes were excited and ready to roll. The following athletes competed and received medals. Aailyah M. and Danielle B. received Gold. Liana R. and Elisabeth D. received Silver. Madison H. received Bronze. Gabby B. and Larsen J. received 4th and 7th place awards, respectively.

Congratulations to the Cougars Bowlers! The Gold and Silver medalists will advance to the SONJ Sectional Competition being held on March 10, 2018 at Laurel Lanes, Maple Shade, NJ.



Brain Break (continued)

pretend to swim around the room, and many others). Students can even make up their own cards and movements!

*Learn a dance routine or play a movement game. Check out www.gonoodle.com, www.learningstationmusic.com and www.supersimpleonline.com for fun, kid-friendly websites that will get students up and moving.

*Perform yoga poses: Check out www.kidsyogastories.com for seasonal yoga poses with corresponding books.

Keep the movement breaks short, 2-3 minutes long and perform them at least three times a day. Add these breaks into your daily schedule and encourage students to suggest and choose activities. Brain breaks can be easily adapted or modified for those students with mobility or sensory needs to ensure success.

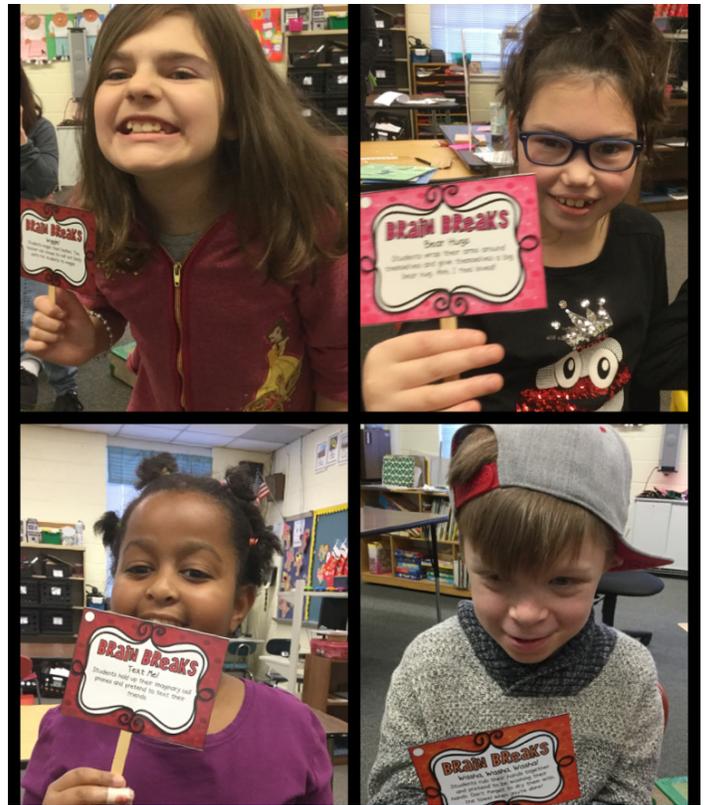


Photo: Students from Miss Betsy's class performing Brain Breaks. Top to Bottom: Cameron, Abby, Amaal, and Connor

Home and School Association: Get Involved!

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Eagles Pep Rally!



Both Kingsway campuses held pep rallies for the Philadelphia Eagles as they prepared to play in the Super Bowl. Well, we know how that game turned out, so you can thank Kingsway students for offering a cheerful boost! Congratulations to the World Champion Philadelphia Eagles!

We also held a contest, giving away an autographed football signed by Philadelphia Eagles Defensive End Brandon Graham. We asked our online community to donate \$25 or more for our programs. We are pleased to say we raised \$1,700!



The lucky winner, randomly selected by the donor list, was Duke Braun. Congratulations Duke! Thanks to all who donated and a special thanks to Brandon Graham for signing the football!

E-A-G-L-E-S, EAGLES!



Pictured: Contest winner Duke Braun with CEO Christine Robinson



SPONSORS, GOLFERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Pennsauken Country Club.

Donations are needed for silent and live auctions, and many volunteers are needed the day of the event. Please contact Matt Flowers, Community Relations Specialist at 856-428-8108 X368 or mflowers@kingswaylearningcenter.org to volunteer.

We are also seeking sponsors and golfers!

Register online at www.kingswaylearningcenter.org/golf-tournament-22

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Important Dates

March

- 18 Red Robin Fundraiser - Cherry Hill or Deptfors location - 4pm to 8pm
- 21 Golf Committee Meeting - 5:30pm - Haddonfield location
- 29 Early Dismissal for Students
- 30 All Programs Closed - Spring Recess

April

- 2-6 All Programs Closed - Spring Recess
- 9 School Reopens
- 17 Move-a-Thon

