



Parent Briefs

JOBSITE OF THE MONTH

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS

Kingsway Learning Center and Services

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First Day Smiles! From left: Ethan, Austin and David; Auhnonda, Nicole and Madison. More First Day Photos on page 3.

JOBSITE OF THE MONTH: Old Friends

The Tree House Coffee Shop & Cafe, Audubon, NJ

When the Secondary Program moved into its newly renovated Moorestown home in 2004, community connections and lasting relationships were born. Among them was The Tree House Coffee Shop & Cafe, one of Kingsway's first job sites in the Community Based Instruction Program, joining its roster of businesses in 2005.

"This is a great job site," says Kingsway job coach Betty Trout. "The kids really like working here and the staff is terrific." Students wipe down tables, sweep, and clean and disinfect the toys that are used during the cafe's "Espresso Yourself" play dates.



Right: Miranda keeps the tables at Tree House spotless; left: Griffin and Miranda with owner Randy Van Osten.

It's been 13 years and the shop, owned by Randy & Tina Van Osten, continues to welcome Kingsway's students, employing them in an unpaid, work experience capacity. The students work hard and learn a lot about routine and responsibility, but it's more than just about sweeping and wiping down tables for the owner of the popular cafe.



Griffin breaks down cardboard boxes to prepare them for the recycle bin.

"Seeing the kids is the highlight of our week," says Randy, whose brother, Ryan, worked at the secondary program at its inception. "We look forward to seeing them and are happy to be able to give back to the community this way."

Co-owner, Tina, who works at Urban Promise, ran into a former Kingsway student a short time ago, Randy recalls, and that conversation was especially gratifying.

"That's the best--when we hear a former student talk about about how much they liked working here." ●

**Learn more about
The Tree House Coffee
Shop & Cafe:**

www.treehousecoffee.net
(great website!)

**Watch for another job site
profile in the November
issue of Parent Briefs.**

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CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

*Meet the students and staff in
Mr. Smith's Elementary class.*



CLASS ROOM SPOT LIGHT

Meet the students in Room 112...oh, and Alexa!

It's 10:30 in the morning and everyone in Room 112 is well into their daily routine. Donovan is using his iPad, Eder is getting ready to spend some time in his stander, Aiden and Sarah are helped to the next morning activity: "Who is Here?"

And Alexa, also known as Amazon Echo, is there too, an important and effective tool in the classroom (see the article in the September issue of *Parent Briefs*). Teacher Mike Smith asks Alexa to set a timer for one minute, giving everyone notice that they will transition to "Who is Here" by first signing in.

Each student is shown a small board with individual photos of all the students in the class, and they are asked to point to their own photo. This is part of an exercise in recognizing themselves and their names, both audibly and visually.

Students are shown photos of who they are and what their name is using iPads and shatter-proof mirrors, and see their names in puffy paint-traced letters and magnetic letters--multiple ways to show the students their names, the letters in their names and how their name is spelled.

Everyday, the students "sign in" on a white board by using a pointer to move their projected photo toward the top of the board to indicate that they are present that day. This exercise works on visual tracking and hand-eye coordination, using the pointer as extension of their arm.

When Alexa sounds another reminder, a



Donovan's turn to move his picture on the white board.



Donovan working on his iPad.



Who is here? Mr. Smith helps Eder at the white board to let everyone know that Eder is here!

few giggles flutter through the room. "The students get a kick out of hearing Alexa. She's become part of the classroom," says Mike. She helps the students transition through the day."

Mike also depends on good old-fashioned human help in the classroom--teacher assistant Kim and one-on-one aide Charlene. ●



Aiden sees himself in the mirror.

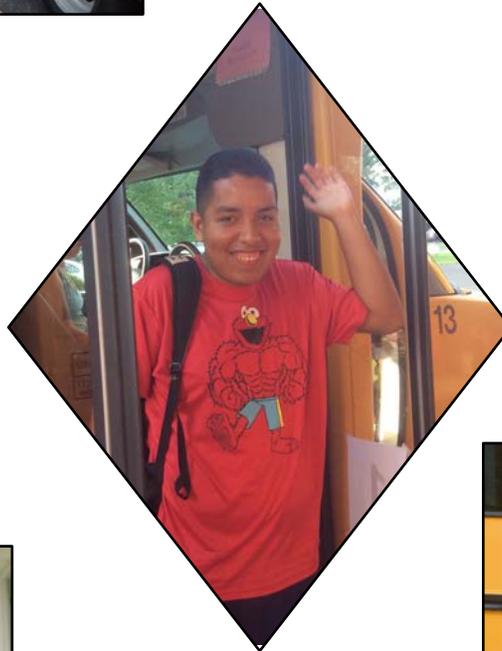


Room 112.



Sarah with her picture.

First Day Fun!



Back-to-School Night, 2018



September is almost synonymous with Back to School! Above, Elementary Program parents and guardians take a look at artist's renderings of Kingsway's future home in Voorhees, NJ. Below: It's the Secondary Program's turn to play host. Both events also included information from the Home & School Association membership and events.



Important Dates

October

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| 20 | HSA Flapjack Fundraiser, Applebee's, Voorhees, NJ, 8-10am |
| 26 | Fall Dance, Moorestown |
| 31 | Halloween Parade, Haddonfield |

Kingsway's Home & School Association Invites you to:

- Join! Any amount of time you can spare is welcome. See contact information, below.
- Purchase Wawa coupons (flyers sent home)
- Come to the Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, 8-10 am, at Applebees, Voorhees, NJ.

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You are invited to support Kingsway at a new community event!

Our friends at the Haddon Fortnightly, a community group in Haddonfield, NJ, have chosen Kingsway Learning Center to be among the recipients of funds raised at their

1st Annual Snowflake Run/Walk 5K!

Thank You, Haddon Fortnightly!



The Snowflake Run/Walk 5K

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Crows Woods

Haddonfield, NJ

To register, go to:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Haddonfield/SnowflakeRun5k>



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