

Kingsway Learning Center and Services

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Keeping the Kingsway family together while we're apart

It seems as if the month of March lasted at least 180 days. We have heard all the words to describe this time in our history: unprecedented, unbelievable, scary, chaotic, uncertain.

But the words we hear the most: We are all in this together. This cannot be more evident at Kingsway. Although we are not able to be together in our familiar school surroundings, we have come together to make sure our students and clients are safe.

Way back at the end of February, even before New Jersey's governor closed all schools, administration and staff mobilized to construct a plan for remote schooling. The writing was on the wall. In a matter of days, a plan was created, work binders were designed and put together, parents were notified and instructed and technology tools were implemented. As of this writing, Kingsway is ending the fourth week of this strange and daunting adventure, and our staff, students, and parents are doing all they can to make the best of each day.

In addition to the business of education, social media, namely Facebook, is being used so that students, clients and families can share photos and comraderie by rallying around Virtual Spirit Weeks. Some of the posted photos appear on the following pages. It has been a much-needed outlet and a way to stay connected to one another. Clearly, students miss their friends and staff members, and staff certainly misses them.

We hope more families will join in the online fun in the days to come. We will continue to post our weekly themes for the following week each Friday. Someday soon, we will celebrate our return to school and slowly but surely find our way closer to normal. ◆



No baseball? No problem. We still have the spirit. Mackenzie, left, is a Yankees girl. Sophia, Dad and sister are ready when the Phillies return.



Connor, left, taps into his inner leperchaun. Caiden and Mom show off their green with a smile.

Fun on Facebook!

Connected through
Virtual Spirit Week themes

PAJAMA DAY





Brynn, left, and Madison, keeping cozy on PJ Day.

TASTY TUESDAY





Cody, left, helps with dinner. Olivia bakes banana bread.

WACKY WEDNESDAY







Crafts and creativity were on the agenda. Left: Jackson and Darcie Waicus enjoy a warm day and painting project. Center: Laura is focused on crafting. Right: Mary working on an art project.

IT'S SPRING!







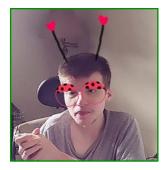
The first day of Spring and many students ventured outdoors for some fresh air and a little exercise. From left: Grace tosses around a beach ball, Joey takes a walk around the block, and Trent tracks down a nice, big puddle.

APRIL FOOLS DAY FUNNY FACES





Above, left: Connor with a little help from Snap Chat; right: Sophia and her Dad show some great coloring skills on their masks. Below, left: Sammy goes alien; right: Caiden gets just plain silly!





MORE PETS!



Above: Molly and her best friend Ohana; below: Emily with Manny.



POSE WITH YOUR PET











Posing with their pets, from top: Amaal plays with Zazzu; Anna snoozing with pals Molly and Max; Paige with her pup Beau; Sammy with pal Lola; and Gabby with fur baby Ruby.

FREESTYLE FRIDAY









Freestyle Friday gives everyone a chance to post whatever they like--and we received a broad range of interests and activities. Above, from left: Bethany mixes up some treats in the kitchen; Caiden focuses on school work; teacher Molly Concannon shares a photo of her little one, Meara (aka, Elsa!), having fun with kinetic sand; cowboy Connor (right) takes a walk with his brother, Johnny.







Adult Program clients keeping busy during this time at home. From left: Emily shares a smile with Kingsway; Sydney working on her computer skills; Alex, right, enjoys some fresh air and good company; Josh helps keep the house clean and tidy.





Mackenzie celebrated her 14th birthday this month, and her mom created an amazing ocean scene in the dining room for her special day!



Olivia keeps Mom's nails looking rainbow beautiful!



Can you find Anna? She's taking a little camping trip in her backyard!

Join in the Facebook Fun!

We invite all families--School Program, Adult Program and Staff--to share photos and help keep us all connected through this challenging time. You can share directly on Facebook or email your photos to: smis@kingswaylearningcenter.org. New themes will be emailed after Spring Break. Please include names of everyone in the photos. We hope to see your faces!

We miss you all, too ...







Olivia (above, left), Darcie and Jackson missing school.

