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Appreciation and Gratitude

A message from Rachel Chan, Kingsway CEO

Over the last six weeks, the Kingsway community has come together to face a challenge none of us ever could have imagined. The effort, determination, and dedication to supporting our students and clients that I have witnessed over the past six weeks is, quite simply, extraordinary. During this Teacher Appreciation Week, I have so much gratitude for each and every member of the Kingsway family--staff, families, community partners, students, and clients--thank you for the ways you have shown up for one another over the past several weeks and how I know you will continue to rise to the occasion over the next several weeks.

As many of you know, over the past few weeks we have adapted basically all of our "usual" operations--from morning meetings and spirit week to therapy sessions and staff trainings--to this virtual environment. Now you can add our regular communications, the "Kingsway Monthly" and the "Kingsway Courier," to the list of items that have evolved to better fit our circumstances.

Enter The "Kingsway Connection," a place to share ideas, information, and innovations. We'll use this space to share information about our coronavirus response and highlight the very best of Kingsway for our whole community to see. You are invited to share ideas, insights, tips, gratitude, and stories with Stefanie Mis at smis@kingswaylearningcenter.org. We look forward to hearing from you and learning with you! ♦

On May 4, Governor Murphy announced that all schools in New Jersey will be closed for the rest of the school year, for the safety of students, families, and staff. Kingsway is in the process of planning for how we will celebrate our graduates and other traditional end-of-year milestones. Please stay tuned to this newsletter for additional updates. Decisions about our Extended School Year Program are contingent upon additional guidance from the Governor, and we will share any updates with you as soon as they are available.

*When is science
fun? Always!*

Laura S. did some science



Do you have a great idea or story you'd like to share in "Sparks?"
Send it to Stefanie Mis at smis@kingswaylearningcenter.org

experiments from home, including gem excavation and building a volcano!

For more science fun, Teacher Jim Murtha recommends this YouTube series called Scishow Kids [HERE!](#)

"They have episodes to watch and a section for short science experiments, which has some great and easy projects for kids." Thanks for the suggestion, Mr. Murtha!



Home & School Association celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week with a special video

See the video [HERE](#)



ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Josh is missing the activities at Kingsway's Adult Program, but he is keeping busy by helping with tasks around the house.



PROGRAM NOTE

Starting this month, Kingsway's Adult Day Program will provide remote services for clients who have agreed to participate. These will be live video sessions that provide an opportunity for the clients to interact with one another as well as staff. Remote services will also focus on modified content that we would normally provide during normal operations. Any questions can be directed to Scott Flovin, Program Manager at sflovin@kingswaylearningcenter.org.



Click [HERE](#) to see what our clients and students have been up to on Kingsway's Facebook page.

Even though our programs are being held remotely, we continue to have fixed costs and have expanded our technology services to equip some individuals and families who need them with devices so they can stay connected during this time. We know it's not possible for everyone right now, but if you're able, please consider giving to Kingsway to support our ongoing programming and our coronavirus response efforts. *Thank you!*

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