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LEARNING ABOUT CHINA BY DEBBIE STECKLEY

On Thursday afternoons, we have been learning about different countries in the world. So far, we have learned about Canada, The Philippines, Mexico, and China. Our country for June was China. We learned about the Chinese Zodiac. I was born in the year of the Dog, so were Jolen, Theresa, and Jenna! We learned about Chinese inventions, and made kites because they were invented in China. Last Thursday, Kirstene taught us how to make Chinese Fried Rice. We used jasmine rice, eggs, tofu, mushrooms, and bok choy. We also used oyster sauce, soy sauce, garlic, and onions. It was pretty good! My favourite part of cooking the rice was cutting the mushrooms. I like learning about different countries.



Debbie making Chinese fried rice.

OUR NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN BY DEVIN TURNER

We have a new garden! The garden is along the fence beside the new condos. The Snowball Garden Centre donated all the soil for our new garden. They put a couple of truck loads in a big pile. We shoveled the soil from the pile to the garden. We used shovels and wheel barrows. Jim volunteered to help with the garden. He put boards under the fence so the soil wouldn't wash away and he made signs that say "Community Garden". We planted tomatoes, beans, radishes, beets, zucchini, rhubarb, red onions, green onions and peppers. The vegetables will be donated to people in need who live in Aurora through Welcoming Arms. ABLE will be responsible for looking after the garden. We will have to water it every day and weed it. The vegetables will be ready to pick in the summer time.



Devin & Brent moving the soil.

ABLE NETWORK RICHMOND HILL OPEN HOUSE BY JOLEN MCPHEE



Meredith & Ivy talking about Meredith's job with the town of Aurora.

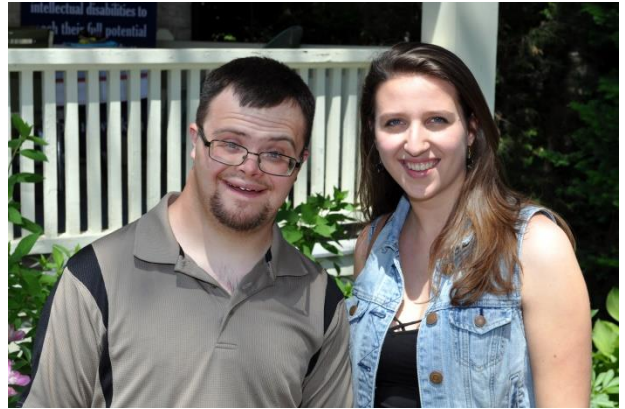
On Wednesday June 8th, we had an open house at ABLE Richmond Hill because a lot of people want to know more about our program. Our directors, ABLE leaders, families, friends and community partners were there. We showed a video about ABLE and then Meredith's, Adam's and Doug's bosses did a presentation about working together with ABLE. We gave everyone a tour of the building and we helped welcome the guests. It was great night. Everyone learned a lot about ABLE.



Raz speaking about Adam's & Gemma's jobs at Omar's Shoes and Five Below.

OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON BY NICK PORTER

We had our volunteer luncheon on Friday, June 17th. It was held on the porch and front lawn at the Rectory. It was to thank our volunteers for helping out at ABLE. Richmond Hill ABLE was invited as well. It was sunny and warm with a blue sky. Jenna and Adam said a speech to welcome everyone and then we ate. Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping at ABLE!



Nick & Emily



Debbie, Doug, Barb & Lindsay



Joan, Andrew, Devin, Beverley, Garry, Deanie & Scott



Lindsay, Evan Diane & Keith



Mina & Kirstene

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN M., DEBBIE, JENNA, & RYAN

Congratulations to Ryan M. and Debbie for winning the character trait award for perseverance. Debbie and Ryan M. try hard even when they don't feel well. They have a positive attitude, and are always willing to try. We would also like to congratulate Jenna and Ryan G. for being our transit stars for the month. They are very safe pedestrians, responsible bus riders, and safe cell phone users.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS MONTH

Character Trait of the Month: Character Trait Review

July 01: Canada Day

Important Dates to Remember: Summer Shutdown will be from Monday, July 18th to Monday, August 01st inclusive.



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