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HIRING & RESOURCE EVENT A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

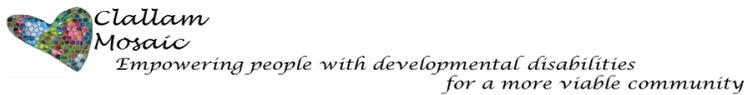
The 3rd Annual Clallam County Hiring & Resource Event held on March 25th was once again a huge success. With at least 300 people in attendance and over 30 employers hiring, a lot of people completed applications and received information from resources. Workshops ran in conjunction with the event and helped people with basic interview skills and job readiness. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful inclusive event. Here are some great photos taken by our very own Timothy Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner.

Summer Begins June 21st!



Forget all the reasons why it won't work and believe in the one reason why it will.

-Unknown



In the words of Shakespeare's Hamlet, "The play's the thing..." And this quarter at Clallam Mosaic, the play is definitely a central point of focus! The whirl of activity around the upcoming theater production is at fever pitch! Thanks to the tireless efforts of our artistic creator, production manager, designer and director - Bonne Smith - the Snappy Players will be performing their sixth annual show on Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm and Saturday, June 13th at 2 pm (note recent date changes due to conflicts). This time around, the performers will be travelling to a distant future world of steam punk in the "Sweet Dreams Are..." production. Because of the generosity of Olympic Theatre Arts (OTA), the performers have been able to regularly rehearse at the OTA facilities and the shows will be performed on OTA's Main Stage (414 N. Sequim Ave, Sequim). The participants are currently putting their finishing touches on their characters, lines, sets and costumes so audiences will be immersed in the world of steam punk. Both showings will showcase the abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities, raise awareness and serve as a fundraiser for Clallam Mosaic. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one or both (each one will be unique!) performances!

Of course, there are a lot of other things going on at Clallam Mosaic in parallel. This spring participants have been learning karate moves, playing badminton, learning about safety and honing their photography skills. Some of the photographers have even been using the iPads purchased through a Sequim Sunrise Rotary grant. The Clallam Mosaic staff is slowly getting to know the iPads that we have on hand and we hope to incorporate them into our classrooms more and more as we get trained and more comfortable with the capabilities of these devices.

On the parent front, we've hosted a series of presentations on special education law, IEPs and transition planning (thanks to speakers/panelists Tim Bruce, Anneene Catterson, Robin Fling, Dagny Lord, Kim Ortloff and Tresa Stuber). In May we will be co-hosting (with DDA) Dr. Edward Fischer. Dr. Fischer's seminar entitled "Autism Spectrum Disorder" will inform families about what ASD is, what it is not, associated behaviors, diagnostic criteria, tips for supporting someone with ASD, resources and dual diagnoses. According to a recent study published in The Journal of Pediatrics ([http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(15\)00254-1/abstract](http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476(15)00254-1/abstract)) "delays in diagnosis of ASD is common." Dr. Fischer's presentation provides an opportunity for families to become better informed so that they can more effectively work with health care providers and help their loved ones! For more information about this seminar check out www.clallammosaic.org or to register (free) send an email to info@clallammosaic.org.

Finally, we would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU" to our amazing volunteers! Some of you have shown up week after week to make a difference in the classroom, others of you are doing "behind the scenes" work that makes everything possible. Without your help, Clallam Mosaic could not be where we are today and we hope that you continue to be part of our "family" for many years to come! If others would like to come help, please send an email (info@clallammosaic.org) or call 360.681.8642.

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Do something wonderful, people may imitate it. - Albert Schweitzer

DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meeting**—Thursday July 9, 5:30-7:30pm at Concerned Citizens, 945 S. Forks Ave., Forks. No videoconferencing
- **BLAC Meeting** — “Business Leadership Advisory Committee”, a subcommittee of the DDAC, will be meeting again on Thursday June 4th, 5:15–7:30pm at Morningside in Port Angeles. Check out the website for current list of meeting dates and times at: www.clallam.net/hhs/humanservices/blac..html .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Memorial Day—May 25th
- Flag Day—June 14th
- Father’s Day—June 21st
- Summer Begins—June 21st



AND AROUND TOWN



Juan de Fuca Festival, May 22nd-May 25th, Port Angeles—Street Fair on 4th Street and many musical events around the town. Go to: www.jffa.org for more info

Brinnon Shrimp Fest—May 23rd & 24th, Brinnon. \$4.00 per day or \$6.00 for 2 days. Vendors, food, arts and crafts, fun events. For more information call 360-796-4456 or email shrimpfest@hotmail.com

Stars of Tomorrow Musical Concert, May 30th, 7-9:30pm, Sequim Community Church, 950 N. 5th Ave, Sequim. \$10.00 per person. Benefits Seattle Children’s Hospital uncompensated care fund. For more info email sequimguild@gmail.com or go to their website: www.sequimguild.org

Dyfeltorspin—Fiber Arts Event, June 13th & 14th, Happy Valley Alpaca Ranch, 4629 Happy Valley Road, Sequim. Fiber arts education by local artisans and alpaca shearing. For more information call Mike & Linda Gooch at 360-681-0948.



Ice Cream Social, June 14th, 6-8pm, Sequim Prairie Grange, 290 Macleay Road, Sequim. Cost: \$5.00.

West End Thunder Drag Races—June 20th & 21st, all day at the Forks Airport, Forks. For more information go to www.westendthunder.com

EVENTS



UPDATE

It is Spring Season 2015 for the Clallam County Orcas and we are in the middle of Athletics (Track and Field) and Swimming. Our swimmers competed at the Southwest Regional Meet on April 19th and had a blast!! We all love the opportunity that these regional meets give us to get to know and make friends with athletes who come from other parts of our large region.

Our Orcas swam beautifully, like their team namesake would suggest, and did quite well in their races. The final delegation has not yet been set, but at least three members of our team will compete at the Summer Games, which will be held the weekend of May 29th - 31st at the King County Aquatics Center and Joint Base Lewis McChord. Those three athletes are Maria Hermann, Kira Kersting and Riley O'Neil. Each won a gold medal in at least one event at the regional competition.



On April 25th our Athletics team competed at the Regional Spring Games that were held at Mount Tahoma High School. We felt like we were at home in Clallam County for most of the day - surrounded by dark, ominous clouds but safe inside the blue hole with sun shining on us - some athletes even got a bit of a sun burn. At 4:00 pm the dark clouds engulfed us, the temperature dropped dramatically and the rain came down but the rain did not deter our athletes! Through the sun, wind and

rain they walked, ran, jumped, rolled and threw and in the end - they brought home a large collection of colorful ribbons and medals. It was a fantastic day!!! Hannah Geiger, Marjorie Mougel, Blake Yacklin, Aaron Taylor, Cheryl Taparo and Aidan Petty all received gold medals and will also compete at the Summer games the last weekend in May.

We are so thankful for the volunteers who helped us so much during this season - we really could not have the success that we do without the loving help of our dedicated volunteers.



Summer season will begin the 2nd week of June when we will have a softball team and a golf program. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please call Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134 or e-mail ClallamCountyOrcas@gmail.com and don't forget to check out all of our pictures on facebook on our Clallam County Orcas page.



Track pictures taken
by Beverly Rudolph



Walking beside individuals with Autism providing the peace of Christ.



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If you, or someone you know plans to attend. Please encourage them to register in advance.

May 23 @ 2:30pm



June 20 @ 2:30pm

Please prayerfully consider participating in a volunteer capacity. If you are interested please speak to Sarah Lovejoy.

Recipes?



We're in need of simple to make, yet delicious recipes for our social skills groups. If you have one or many, please pass them along. *If you'd be interested in teaching your recipe that'd even be better!*

We are currently seeking individuals to participate in our Advisory Committee. Meetings are held once a month. If you are interested in participating please contact us.

Check out our website for more info:
www.capernaumcenter.com

Next advisory committee meeting May 28 @ 7pm.

The BLAC (Business Leadership Advisory Committee) Employers of the Month, recognized for employing persons with developmental disabilities were:

- March: Jack In The Box—Port Angeles
- April: Smuggler's Landing

Courthouse Closures:
May 25th—Memorial Day

WANTED!

Self Advocates to serve on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Tim Bruce at (360) 417-2428 or tbruce@co.clallam.wa.us

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