



Development is CHILD'S PLAY!

DICP Digest

A monthly newsletter for clients and colleagues of Development is CHILD'S PLAY!



We Appreciate our DICP Families!

The week of January 22nd was Family appreciation week at DICP! We held our second Family Appreciation Week, and loved seeing everyone stop in to grab a snack and say "hi". This year every DICP family was entered into the raffle, and we gave away some great prize baskets including a fine motor basket, sensory basket, and oral motor basket. We also gave away two cozy DICP sweatshirts and 2 sets of movie tickets. Congratulations to the winners of our raffle items! And thank you to Fun and Function for donating some of our raffle prizes.



Also new this year were our satisfaction surveys. A BIG Thank you to those who were able to fill them out. We wanted to hear from you, and our therapists are already implementing positive changes based on your feedback. You asked for more weekly homework and home programming ideas, so we will try to make sure you get more ideas for home. If you

didn't get a chance to fill out a short satisfaction survey, please visit the office to pick one up.

We appreciate all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and caregivers who show up week after week, do the homework, ask great questions, push us to be better, and trust us with your kids. We are grateful for you!!

*Warmest Thanks,
The therapists and staff at Development is CHILD'S PLAY!*

PS - We hope you are enjoying the Winter Olympics, read on to learn more about the DICP Winter Olympics!

PPS - What in the world has Teri Wiss been up to during the past year? She sent us a little blurb to fill us in on life after DICP.



We sure miss Teri, but it sounds like she's keeping busy and making the most of retirement!

Teri says:

Retirement agrees with me! While I miss the kids, families, and DICP staff, I'm enjoying having free time! I regularly hike at Rancho San Antonio (including

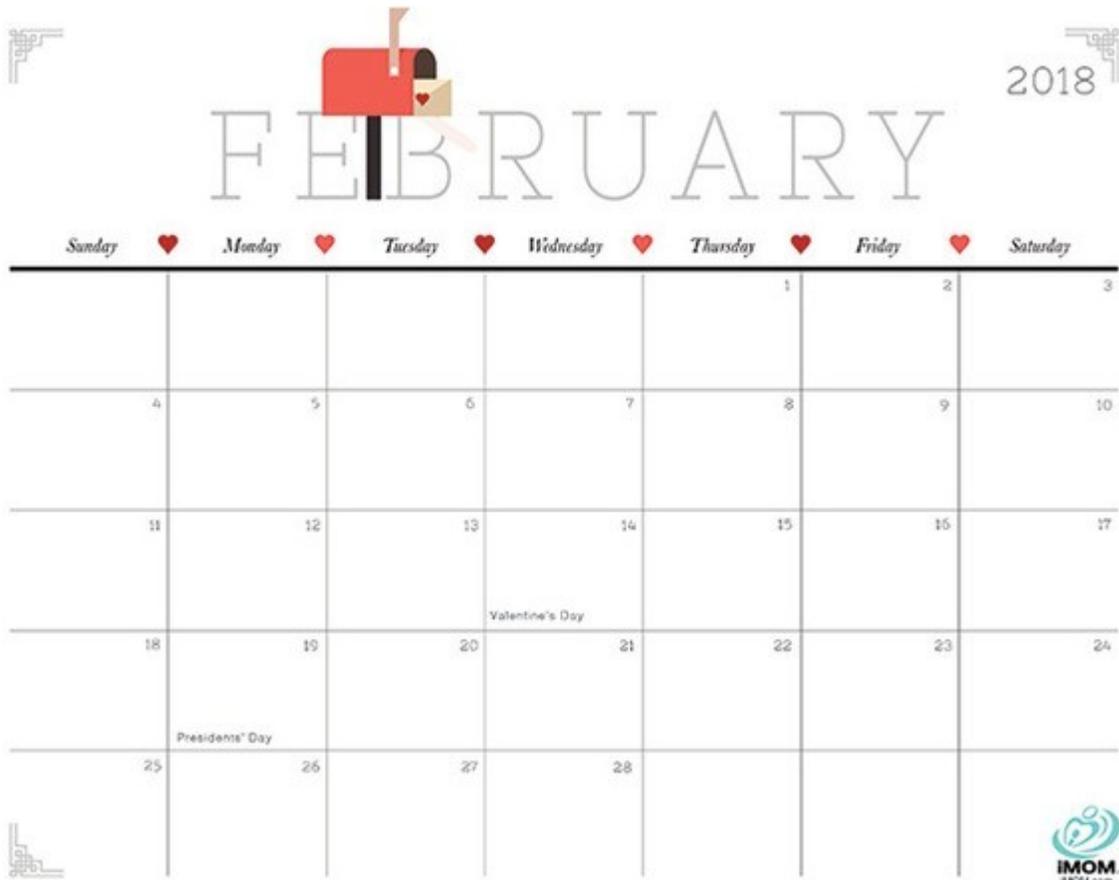
regular hikes with Melanee Murphree) so I've occasionally run into some of you there.

While I thought I would work on some professional projects, so far most of my time has been spent having fun with friends, my extended family, and travel, sometimes combining those together. I've also been doing work with a Human Rights/Social Justice organization I've worked with for many years, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Previously my relationship with them was limited to fundraising but I'm now more involved with them. Last year I went with UUSC to Burma/Myanmar and plan to travel with them this year as well.

In addition, I've been working on local issues that impact people in our community, including regularly helping to feed the homeless, environmental issues, and the impact of current political decisions on our neighbors.

I will be traveling quite a bit this spring, so you may not see me, even if I do pop in. Wishing you all a beautiful spring, as the weather allows your family to enjoy outdoor activities together! Maybe I'll see you on the trails.

Namaste,
Teri



Sensory Gym is scheduled for every Saturday at 9:00 and 10:00 am. Sign up and reserve your spot today!

Wednesday, February 14: Valentine's Day
DICP is Open

Saturday, February 17 & Sunday, February 18: No Weekend OT or Sensory Gym
We are doing some work to improve the clinic, please discuss alternate treatment times with your therapist

Monday, February 19: President's Day
DICP is Open, please confirm your schedule with your therapist

Winter break / ski week:
Please tell your therapist if you are taking time off from OT during your school's winter break/ski week.

Therapist Vacations

If your therapist is out of the office, we still want to see you! If your therapist is going on vacation, we will do our best to make it up or find another therapist who can see your child at or near their scheduled time.



Meet Kerry Bunger

Kerry is one of our most animated and enthusiastic therapists, and her families love her for it. Kerry has been a therapist at DICP for over ten years. She is our resident baker and loves celebrating any and all holidays. We are lucky to have Kerry with her positive energy and chocolate goodies as a member of our DICP family!

Education: Kerry attended the University of California, Davis where she completed her BS in Psychology. She then received an MA in

Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California. Kerry has been a practicing therapist for eleven and a half years, and has been with DICP for eleven years. Kerry is SIPT certified and is our Volunteer Coordinator.

Kerry was born and raised in San Jose CA, where she still resides. She and her boyfriend George have bake-offs while watching sports. Her furry child (cat),

Romi covers her with white fur and kisses. Our remarkable Kerry was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is celebrating her eleven year Stem Cell Transplant anniversary (2/15/07) as a survivor. She is also an Auntie who spoils her adorable 4-year-old niece and 1-year-old nephew.

Kerry is a lover of USC Football (Fight On!), baker of all things sweet, especially chocolate, and has recently become addicted to her InstaPot. She loves to travel all over, and even went to Ethiopia to provide OT in orphanages, but her heart yearns for a return visit to County Kerry Ireland, which she was named for.

Kerry says:

"I became a pediatric occupational therapist because of my older sister, Tara B. Tara reacted to her DPT shot in April of 1973 when she was 3 months old. She has right sided hemiparesis, cortical blindness, and has seizures due to her injury. Tara now walks with a brace on her right foot and cannot open her right hand, but none of that stops Tara from singing her heart out to KBAY, while she rocks for hours in her glider chair asking for me to make her "brownies." Her all-time favorite is Christmas music, which is why we had to purchase her a 50 CD changer to hold all her Christmas CDs. I used to attend Tara's therapy sessions where I watched these amazing people who would help my sister to stand and walk and use her hands, all while playing! I was amazed at how easy it looked, so I would go home and try to copy what they did in their sessions to help my sister. I knew then and there what I wanted to do for my career! Having been the younger sister of a person with special needs, I know the family side of OT. I know the special needs child changes the family dynamic because even though Tara is my older sister, I will always help to care for her, even if that means listening to Christmas music in July :P"

Winter Olympics at DICP!

We are having a blast with the Winter Olympics! Our therapists are losing sleep because they are staying up way to late to watch that last drop into the halfpipe, and don't even get us started with curling!

We have turned DICP into Winter Olympics headquarters and the kids have been loving it. Last week we had curling, cross country skiing, the luge/skeleton, and slalom skiing. The kids were able to earn medals and record their scores on our huge medal count poster. This week we have ice skating, speed skating, hockey, and the ever-popular Olympic ring toss (A DICP original). There is a shaving cream component to this week's events, so feel free to bring your Olympians in clothes that can get a little messy.



Go DICP!

We are still in flu/cold season and really appreciate your cooperation in keeping DICP a healthy environment! Please keep your children home if:

o They are NOT 24-hours clear of vomiting, diarrhea and/or fever

- o They are complaining of a stomachache or a headache
- o If they have a constantly runny nose

We will do our best to offer makeup sessions when your child is out sick.



Questions, comments, feedback?

We have really enjoyed creating the DICP digest for our families, friends, and colleagues. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for us we would love to hear from you! Feedback about content, layout, and ideas for future issues would be appreciated. We want to give you information that you find valuable, appropriate, fun, interesting, funny, and pertinent. Please send us a message on the portal, call or stop by the office, or send a message to karendicp@gmail.com.



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