

## **The Kelly Autism Program**

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### **Upcoming Events**

**December 5th: 6-8 pm  
Christmas Party at Holy Spirit  
Catholic Church**

**February 9th: KAP Spring  
sessions begin**

Alex Embry, Clay Hall, Jared Alexander, and Emma Pfingston work on the Corn Hole game boards.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On December 5, KAP will hold its annual Christmas Party. This year the event will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church from 6 to 8 pm. We invite all of our KAP family to come out and take part in this special time. KAP will provide the meat and drinks for the party and we ask that families please bring a covered dish. If you plan to attend please sign up on the social board or call KAP at 745-4527. We look forward to seeing everyone at the party!



## Director's Corner

Written By: Dr. Boman

The fall season is here with all of its beautiful colors; these changes also indicate that it is time for the annual Alliance Awards. For many of the staff and participants, this is a very special time to thank the businesses and community for their support of the Kelly Autism Program.

In the past years, KAP has hosted an evening to acknowledge these people for their support, but due to the recent anniversary celebration held in September, the decision was made to change our protocol for one year. Therefore, the awards will be presented by the KAP participants, and the businesses and community will be acknowledged in the newspaper.

### The 2008 Alliance Awards

Bowling Green Parks and Recreation-Camp Happy Days  
Camp for Courageous Kids

### The Friends of KAP Awards

Helping Hands  
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store  
Humane Society  
WKU Cravens Library  
WKU CEBS Technology Support  
Center for Gifted Studies at WKU  
RePets  
ALIVE Center  
Bowling Green Chamber Orchestra  
Home Towne Suites  
Buckhead Café  
Mariah's Restaurant  
SIFE  
VSA  
State Beauty Supply  
Houchens Industries  
LifeSkills  
Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green  
Modern Woodman of America

The **Altiora Award**, which means the highest, is presented to the outstanding individual who has truly impacted KAP. This year KAP has presented awards to:

Leo Govoni's The Center, for his friendship that he has extended to KAP as well as the financial support .  
KAP would not be where it is today without his continued support.  
KAP staff awards went to Tara McDonald and Felicia Wells.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of KAP!

## Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.



## **Fall is Fun!**

**By: Mirinda Thomas**

The Elementary participants have enjoyed the fall weather. As the colors of leaves changed, participants enjoyed a fall scavenger hunt to find items that reminded them of the season, we also painted our very own pumpkins! As the season grew closer to Halloween, participants learned how to be a safe “Trick or Treater” and made spooky “Mad Lib” stories with other participants during group. KAP Participants also learned about creepy crawlers. We sang several songs such as “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and the “Bat Song”. Participants even made a creepy crawler of their own. Participants can’t wait for the season to change again! Look forward to more fun and exciting activities.

**Aaron Thomas poses with his “Big Hair” during the Halloween party.**



## **Middle School and High School**

**By: Rachel Reetzke**

This October we had our annual Halloween Party for the Middle School and High School. Some of the participants choose to attend the Ghost Tour on WKU’s campus. Other participants stayed at KAP and played group games. During this time we made flubber, turned some lucky staff into mummies and made caramel apple sundaes. We had a great turn out and both staff and participants had a blast!

**Taylor Haney works on wood project in the Middle / High School class.**



**Jessica Lynch and Will Hardy are making paper-mache piggy banks.**

## KAP College Participants

By: Jamie Merritt

Our college participants are progressing right through this fall semester. Within just four short weeks Christmas break will be here and many of them will be traveling home to see their friends and families for the holidays. They have been fortunate enough this semester to benefit from many fun activities that can only be enjoyed on a university campus.

During the month of October, our participants were able to experience tailgating at the Western Kentucky vs. Florida Atlantic game. All of our college KAP participants were invited to come to the Clinical Education Complex to grill out and eat before the game began. Those who took part in this activity then walked over to the stadium to watch the game as a group. One of our participants was even seen on the big screen during half time of the game which was a very exciting experience for all involved.

Thus far, we have had a very successful semester and are so proud of our participants. We look forward to many more positive experiences in the near future.

Victoria Kelly and Westen Williams mummify a staff member! Can you guess who?

*Happy  
Thanksgiving  
from all of us at the  
Kelly Autism  
Program*

## News from the Assistant Director

By: Dr. Rich Mancil

Dr. Mancil and Dr. Boman are developing a Functional Assessment for Sensory Intervention Tools (FASIT). The project will result in a tool for identifying sensory needs and designing interventions for individuals on the autism spectrum that can be used by parents and teachers. The tool will be developed and refined through a process involving focus groups, interviews, direct observations, and a single subject design study. Currently, we are recruiting parents to be in our focus groups and to observe their children in the home and in the schools. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Mancil or Dr. Boman at 745-2872 or [rich.mancil@wku.edu](mailto:rich.mancil@wku.edu).



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