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Upcoming Events

March 18—After-School Birdhouse Social 6-7:30pm

March 22—Buckhead Grill 5:00-9:00pm

April 2, 2011-National Autism Day

April 2— Middle/High School Girls Day Out

April 7—Griff's Deli from 4:00pm—Close

April 17—Hot Rods Autism Awareness Game 2:00pm

April 19—O'Charley's Restaurant 4:00-8:00pm

May 6—Final Day for Spring After-School Session

May 16—Pizza Hut 4:00pm

**May ??—Warren County/Bowling Green Public Schools
Charity Softball Game**

Summer Camp Sessions: June 7-23 and July 5-21



KAP Circle of Support

KAP Circle of Support is in full motion as the college participants are enjoying their spring semester, starting with a welcome back party! This semester, their main focus is directed toward various activities to give back to their community. Twice a month the graduate assistants are taking the college participants out into the community to volunteer. Later on this month, a team will be driving to Owensboro to KAPO to help them paint their new location. It is very rewarding to work with these participants as everyone can witness great growth both in and out of the classroom.



Joel Hawkins, KAP Manager

In August KAP hired Joel Hawkins to serve as the After School Program Manager. Joel, with his wife and son, moved from Mississippi where he served as a children's minister at a large church. Joel's teaching experience included both elementary and middle school level exceptional education. He completed his undergraduate degree in Exceptional Education at WKU in 1989 as well as his graduate studies in



Assistive Technology at the University of Kentucky. Born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Joel taught in public school in Williamstown and Scott County. Joel also served as an Educational Technology Trainer for the Kentucky Department of Education in Region 5 and was the District Technology Coordinator in the Clark County Schools for several years before moving to his position in Mississippi.

Joel works with all the participants throughout the day, but his main focus is primarily on the elementary through high school age group. Working in exceptional education both as a resource teacher and as a lead classroom teacher, Joel understands his role as well as the needs of the students. Joel has developed curriculum for the After-School program as well various technology components. Joel enjoys his role and experiences he has with the participants at KAP. Everyone is very excited about our newest member of the KAP family.

KAP Technology Grows

During the 2010-2011 school year, KAP has applied for and received over \$11,000 in technology related grants, equipment and software scholarships.

KAP technology is on the rise from charting goals to developing iPad Apps. KAP received its final installment of \$5000 from the three year Roemer-Elrod Trust grant. The elementary, middle school and high school participants are benefiting from the communication software, ProLogue2Go, as well as the software and hardware to develop apps for autism. The college participants are able to use the iPads during study tables to type, access the internet and may checkout the iPads if needed for class work. Five iPads with Communication software, internet connectivity, word-processing ability and use in developing KAP Apps for Autism are available. KAP also purchased a Macbook Pro for App development as well as classroom presentation and direct teaching opportunities.



Another grant by 42goals.com has given KAP approximately \$5000 in account access to track participant goal progress. Students and staff work together using the online software to chart their daily progress on individual goals and to write short narratives on what they are learning. The visual provided by the online software coupled with the ongoing conversation about goals encourages each participant to work harder. Alex Pak, the founder of 42goals, graciously provided this service to KAP.

Another technology grant provided by Runtime Revolution Ltd. (RunRev), in the amount of \$500, allows participants to write apps in simple English without the need to learn or master a complete programming language. The RunRev software “LiveCode” supports KAP participants by providing a graphic/visual interface along with a written code to develop apps.

Also, WKU IT department donated 12 previously used Dell Latitude D620 laptop computers to KAP. These computers replaced some of the older laptops used as part of KAP’s “Rolling Lab”. KAP Kreations now has several laptop computers to use with Middle and High School participants for publishing and computer design. This computer donation provides approximately \$1300 in equipment for the Kelly Autism Program.

Dale Augenstein



A great supporter of WKU and the Kelly Autism Program, Dale Augenstein visited the program so that he could obtain information to share with others. Previously, Dale gave a \$2500 gift to KAP in partnership with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and their philanthropic campaign. Together SAE and Alumnus Mr. Augenstein help provide various support for ongoing services for so many children with autism and their families. Thank you Dale from all the KAP participants, families, and staff!

Amanda Gorski, Staff

A senior at Western Kentucky University Amanda Gorski has been granted the title of America's Miss Kentucky. During her 2011 reign, Amanda has chosen the platform of “Autism Awareness”, a world introduced to her in the winter of 2009 when living in Limerick, Ireland.

Besides making weekly appearances, Amanda spends her time working at the Kelly Autism Program, volunteering at New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding Center, Warren County Humane Society and Potter's Children's Home. Amanda is also a member of the Women’s Republican Party in Bowling Green along with WKU's American Sign Language Organization. Weekends are spent with friends at her families cottage in Alvaton, traveling or on the lake.

In the future Amanda hopes to publish a children’s book, which will focus on the adventures of her older brother, produce a jewelry line and have her own practices in Social Work based on Play Therapy.



KAP After-School Program

KAP participants have completed work on their "All-Occasion" greeting cards to add to their line of 2010-2011 products. Besides the cards, participants have been working on beaded bracelets and drawstring backpacks. Future products for the line will include "Christmas Cards" and the continued development of KAP Christmas Ornaments. Thank you SIFE for support of this endeavor.



On February 25 the After-School program held a "Swim Social" at the Preston Center Natatorium. The large group of participants and staff had an enjoyable evening. The next After-School social will be held at KAP on March 18 from 6-7:30 pm. The "Birdhouse" social will include pizza, birdhouse building (in preparation for the Birdhouse Silent Auction in April) and lots of fun as participants, volunteers and staff work together!

Also, the Summer Program is gearing up! Sign-up sheets are available at KAP for the two sessions, with the first beginning June 7-23, followed by the second session on July 5-21. Elementary participants will meet on Monday and Tuesday each week from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Middle and High school participants will meet on Wednesday and Thursday each week from 9 am to 3:00 pm. Participants over the age of 16 may sign up for a paid work placement opportunity.



Colonel Dylan Beckham



Dylan Beckham continues his campaign to stop bullying and to raise \$30,000 for KAP. In recognition of his hard work Dylan received an the Kentucky Colonel award from the Governor's Office.

To obtain a Kentucky Colonel Commission, an applicant must be recommended by an individual who holds a Colonel Commission. The applicant must also be 18 years old. Dylan just turned 12 this past month so this is quite an honor for him. The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is an independent, non-profit corporation with the purpose of aiding and promoting the Commonwealth and its citizens. Membership is open to anyone who has been commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel.

This special award for Dylan goes outside the normal scope for a Kentucky Colonel. The Governor's Office of Kentucky realizes the meaningful and hard work Dylan is putting into ending bullying in schools around the country and his support of the specific needs of people with autism.

Dylan's work continues to expand. Along with his mother and father, he has arranged a number of events to raise money for KAP. All of the restaurant evenings noted in the KAP calendar were arranged by Alicia (his mother) and Dylan. The restaurants are giving KAP various percentages of the proceeds from these activities. They are also scheduling a number of other activities including: golf tournaments, jewelry parties, Warren County and Bowling Green Schools Charity Softball Game, etc.

Dylan, along with Dr. Boman, was on the WBKO midday show. This served as the kick-off for National Autism Month in April. Please continue to watch the newspaper as you will hear more information about Dylan! He is impacting the lives of many KAP participants and their families

Director's Corner

Written By: Marty Boman

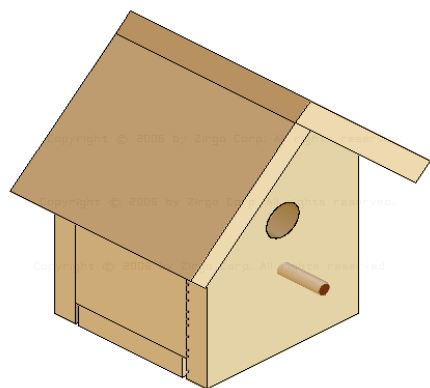
Another spring is here, and KAP continues to grow! These increases are possible due to the wonderful leadership of our KAP managers, Sarah McMaine-Render and Joel Hawkins. All programs are able to provide the best strategies for our participants, parents, and staff with great flexibility in scheduling to meet everyone's needs. KAP has hours scheduled from 9:00 am through 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am through 6:00 pm on Friday. Again, KAP has participants driving as far away as Paducah for services!

Regarding Community Support, Dylan Beckham and his family continue with their anti-bullying and autism awareness activities. Dylan received the Kentucky Colonel Award from the Governor. Please check the dates as there are many activities planned for Autism Month in April as well as through the summer. These will include a number of restaurant specials with the proceeds going to KAP as well as the Baseball Game with the Hot Rods. Thank you Scott, Alicia, and Dylan for your continued support of the participants and their family. Also, plans are underway with Camp Happy Days!

WKU continues to support KAP in a variety of endeavors. Students in Free Enterprise are assisting with KAP Kreations. Two groups of students are creating a fund raiser: building bird houses. The Music graduate students as well as the Autism Certificate interns will be at KAP this summer. Planning is under way for summer and fall semesters!

KAP Volunteers

The KAP After-School Program social scheduled for March 18th, will include building Birdhouses for a Silent Auction. The KAP participants will be joined by six women from the Elementary Education program at WKU and four men from an English class. Construction of the birdhouses at KAP is scheduled from 6-7:30pm. The



volunteers will assist participants in completing the design and decorating the Birdhouses. The auction will take place during the Autism Awareness Day Baseball Game between the Bowling Green Hot Rods and the Lake County Captains on

April 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm. The Birdhouse Silent Auction and KAP Kreations items will be available during the day. Proceeds from sales and the silent auction support the KAP Summer Program and work placements for KAP participants. Make plans now to attend!

Rockin' B Horse and Carriage Company

KAP thanks Rockin' B Horse and Carriage Company for their fundraising efforts during the month of December. Mr. Beckner and Ms. Spear presented their check from their rides on December 14 to Dr. Boman this past week. Members from the community honored Rockin' B's efforts and made the night one of the horse and carriage company's biggest fundraising events this year. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event!



A check for \$456 was presented to Dr. Boman by Preston Beckner and Paige Spear at KAP on March 4, 2011.

Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community and families. 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. Contact Dr. Marty Boman at 270-745-8833.

