

*Celebrating*  
— 10 YEARS —



# RISING STARS

## ACADEMY

### *A few Words from the Superintendent.....*

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Spring is finally here! With the weather getting warmer we start to find a new sense of joy and renewal. As we plunge into all the excitement that Spring has to offer, please remember to encourage your Rising Star to stay focused and motivated so we can finish the school year shining brighter than ever!

The bowling fundraiser on March 5th was a great success. We had a huge turnout of students, families, and staff and sold out every single lane! We even saw some former Rising Stars students who came to visit their friends and bowl a few games.

Students just wrapped up the art appreciation unit in life skills where students engaged in a variety of activities where they learned about and created various kinds of art.

During the month of April students will begin to clean up the garden. If students wish to not get their shoes or clothes dirty, we recommend they bring in an old pair of shoes and extra clothes to keep in their locker to change into when it's time to go into the garden.

Enjoy your spring break and we will see everyone back here on April 10th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school or email me at [ebregier@rsaonline.org](mailto:ebregier@rsaonline.org).

# APRIL

## 2023

# Ms. Maureen's Classroom

For Art Appreciation, we investigated the art of glass. We learned about glass blowing as well as painted glass jars and glass stones. We also learned about and practiced a painting technique called Pointillism.



For Job Skills, we developed resumes, learned about various job roles in the food industry, role played serving and dealing with difficult customers, setting a table, and accurate measuring of food ingredients.



# National Women's History Month - March

Ms. Maureen's class celebrated National Women's History month by honoring smart, caring women who have trailblazed new pathways in order to help make this world a better place.



# Ms. Jenni's Classroom

Our students learned about Tyree Guyton and how he was inspired as a young boy by his grandfather to create something beautiful. He started by painting the Dotty Wotty house and then continued to create more art. He invited the neighborhood residents and children to join in. Our students were inspired by Tyree and used items found in the classroom to create their own project. They named it the Paradox Project. We also visited the actual Heidelberg Project on Friday, March 24th.





# Heidelberg Project - CBI

On Friday, March 24 Ms. Jenni's class visited the Heidelberg Project as their cumulative CBI for their unit of study. Students enjoyed seeing the artwork in person. Discussions were had about how art can be many different things and have different meanings for each person.



PERSPECTIVE







# Robotics



On Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, the Rising Stars Nebulas Robotics Team competed in the First Robotics Competition at Athens High School in Troy. They finished 30th out of 42 teams! The competition continues on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at Macomb Community College. Admission is FREE! Please come out to support the Nebulas!







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Did you know that young people who have access to technology and work on a team have a much better chance of securing employment later in life? All of our students have the opportunity to join our First Robotics team where they build and compete at the First Robotics Competition twice a year.

At Rising Stars Academy, there's nothing more important than fostering our students' creativity and innovation.

The Rising Stars Nebulas Robotics team provides our students a place to be active and make connections with their peers.

We hope to be able to keep serving our team of young people with this opportunity. This is why we are reaching out to you today. We are looking for sponsors to support our cause - and we have plenty of ways for you to be involved in our next Robotics season.

- One-time contribution of a computer cart, competition t-shirts, banners and other items.
- Volunteers to come and work with our students to build, wire and program our robot.
- Monetary donations

In appreciation of your generosity, the Nebulas would like to offer you the opportunity to promote your company at our competitions as one of our sponsors on our shirts, banners, even on our robot.

We hope we can count on your support to help us continue to offer this opportunity to our students in the coming years.

If you are excited by this proposal, please reach out to Jenni at [jallen@rsaonline.org](mailto:jallen@rsaonline.org) or at 586-806-6455.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you in advance.

Jenni Nowell-Allen

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# Ms. Sarah's Classroom

For Art Appreciation month, students got into groups and designed and built castles out of cardboard. They had to cut out their designs and assemble them. Once assembled, they painted them and added windows!



## Ms. Maria's Classroom

Students in Ms. Maria's room learned about the pros and cons of tiny homes. They planned the inside of their homes on graphing paper and made sure everything they needed would fit. This helped them learn to prioritize what you really need in a home. Then, they built their tiny home and put siding on it.





# Autism Acceptance Day:

## April 2, 2023

April is Autism Awareness Month. April 2 is Autism Acceptance Day. Students at RSA created autism awareness pins, utilizing puzzle pieces, glue, and tack pins.

### Autism Facts:

Per CDC, 1 in 36 children are diagnosed with autism.

Boys are 4x more likely to be diagnosed than girls.

31% of those with Autism Spectrum Disorder have an intellectual disability.

No medical test to detect autism.

Can be reliably diagnosed at age 2; however, many are not diagnosed until after 4.

Early intervention is the best opportunity to support development.

Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>





**Opening:**

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

**7 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**25709 Van Dyke**

**Center Line MI 48015**

**(586) 501-3399**



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# FOUR CIRCLES STORE & CAFE

PHONE: 586-806-6455 X133 (CAFE)

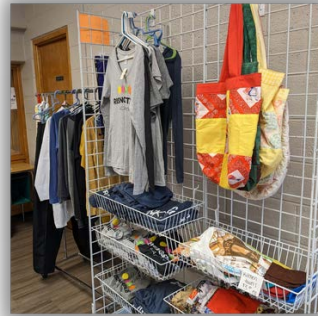
STORE HOURS

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

CASH, CREDIT, AND CHECKS  
ACCEPTED

BREAD CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE  
STORE. CARRY OUTS FOR LUNCH ARE  
ALSO AVAILABLE.



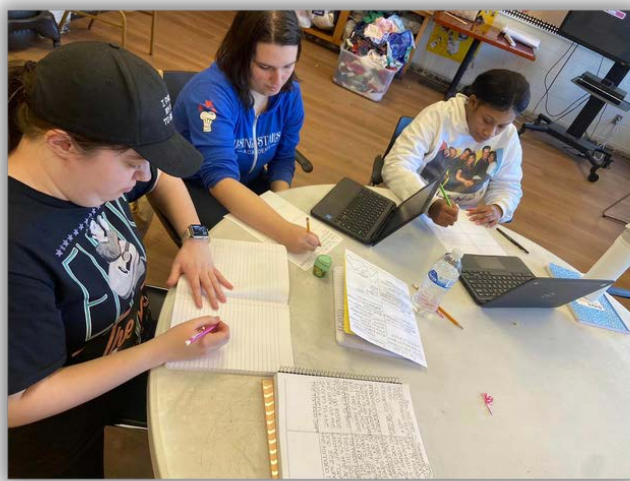
# Community Based Instruction

Ms. Maureen's class visited Planet Fitness where students experienced how their therapeutic massage units and exercise on various equipment release healthy chemicals. They also visited "9 Round Kickboxing" where the owner, Matt, taught students how practicing on timed stations with cardio boxing defuses anxiety, frustration, and releases healthy chemicals as well as builds stamina, strength, and conditioning. We studied the basics of Neurochemistry and how to activate "feel good" chemicals (serotonin, dopamine, oxytocin, enkephalins).



# Electives

Mondays of each month are Elective Days. Students are free to choose what they would like to participate in. Choices available are: Crocheting/Cross Stitch, First Aid, Spanish, Sewing, Cricut, Carpentry, Painting, Green Screen, Morning Production/Kitchen, Ceramics, Epoxy Arts, Talent Show, Story Writing, Yoga, Baked Goods, Robotics, and Afternoon Production/Kitchen.







Register online at  
[thefowlercenter.org](http://thefowlercenter.org)

The FOWLER CENTER

FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING



# THE FOWLER CENTER

## *Summer Camp*

### 2023

**ACCESSIBLE Recreation**  
**Independence**  
**Community**  
**Friendship**  
**Memories**  
**Growth**

**2315 Harmon Lake Road**  
**Mayville, MI 48744**



Adventure Activities,  
 Horseback Riding, Crafts,  
 Nature Exploration,  
 Boating, Fishing,  
 Swimming, Campouts,  
 Picnics, Theme Nights,  
 Dances, & more.

Classic or Skill Based  
 Camps

**The Fowler Center is a program**  
**of MCHS Family of Services**

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# St. Clair Shores Adaptive Playground Program

**JUNE 19 - AUGUST 18, 2023**

**8:30AM - 4:30PM**

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

**AGES 5 - 26**

Residents: \$205/week

Non-residents: \$230/week

**NO REFUNDS!**

## **Activities**

Weekly field trips to places such as: the Detroit Zoo, Chuck E. Cheese, Red Oaks, Etc.! Trips to the City pool twice a week, and many arts, crafts, sports and games while at the park!

**\*SMALL EXTRA CHARGE FOR FIELD TRIPS**

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**CONTACT THE ST. CLAIR SHORES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



**586-445-5350**



**snppscs@gmail.com**



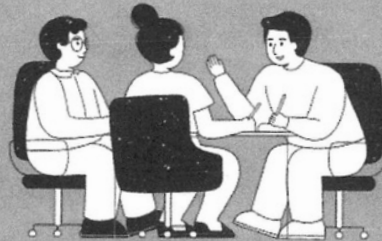
**www.scsmi.net**

# Teen Through Adult Program

17 years of Age and Up

# SOCIAL SKILLS

*Specialized classes focusing on teaching and practicing specific social skills in a clinic setting*



**Wed March 22nd 6pm-7pm**

## FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

*Active listening skills, Identifying good qualities in a friend, Assertive communication with a friend, Safety awareness when making new friends*

**Mon May 22nd 6pm-7pm**

## UNDERSTANDING/SETTING BOUNDARIES

*Identifying appropriate & healthy communication in relationships as well as inappropriate and unhealthy communication in relationships (friendships, co-workers, parents, caregivers).*

**COST: \$28.00 per Class**

**Register Online: [TherapeuticConceptsllc-mi.com](http://TherapeuticConceptsllc-mi.com)**



**APRIL 11, 2023**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

44050 N. GRATIOT AVE  
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48036

REGISTRATION:

**586-469-1600 x120**  
**[www.arcservices.org/asktheadvocate](http://www.arcservices.org/asktheadvocate)**

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 9TH  
STAY TUNED FOR  
INFORMATION ABOUT THESE  
UPCOMING TOPICS:

**-CREATIVE HOUSING  
OPTIONS**

Registration required. Sessions with less than five registrants will be cancelled



## ASK THE ADVOCATE

### Special Needs Trusts

Learn how Special Needs Trusts differ from typical trusts, but can be an excellent addition to your Estate Plan. A Special Needs Trust can help to prepare for your loved one's future while ensuring they are eligible for government benefits.



**LISA LEPINE B.A.,  
J.D.**

The Arc of  
Macomb

As a community service organization, donations from supporters like you, are what allow us to continue to offer free events such as this! A donation is welcomed, but never required.



# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>APRIL 3-7:</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
<b>APRIL 20:</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG 6:30 PM - CAFE'</b>
<b>MAY 18:</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG 6:30 PM - CAFE'</b>
<b>MAY 26-MAY 29:</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL/MEMORIAL WEEKEND</b>
<b>JUNE 1:</b>	<b>NIGHT UNDER THE STARS EVENT</b>
<b>JUNE 2:</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>JUNE 16:</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>

## Semester 2 News

Semester 2: From January 30, 2023 through June 16, 2023, RSA's day ends at 2:15 p.m. Smart Transportation is aware as well. Thank you.

### **RISING STARS ACADEMY WISH LIST:**

Rising Stars Academy now has a wish list for supplies! The list can be found on Amazon.com. To access, please visit the following link:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G1H3LPUZ7N?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1G1H3LPUZ7N?ref_=wl_share)

**Thank you to all who donate their time, supplies, and/or have contributed monetarily. All support is appreciated and vital to our students' success!**

*Thank  
you!*



# Resource Page

**The ARC** - <https://arcmi.org>  
44050 Gratiot Avenue  
Clinton Township MI 48036  
586-469-1600

Advocate organization for those with developmental disabilities.



**Social Security Administration** - [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
Toll Free: 1-800-772-1314



**New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.** - [www.newhorizonsrehab.org](http://www.newhorizonsrehab.org)  
Ms. Elizabeth Foradori  
Social Security Specialist



**Macomb County Community Mental Health** - [www.mccmh.net](http://www.mccmh.net)  
586-948-0222 Access Center

Offers a variety of supports and mental health services to meet the needs of those with developmental disabilities, coordinated by a therapist or case manager.

