

Director's Corner

A special "shout-out" to Marvin Butts for facilitating our outside adventure days, as well as to all of the students and staff members who participated recently by challenging themselves to push through and overcome. *Jeremias Garcia*



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

🔶 April 26 & 27 – Reward Days

MAY

- May 3-7 PSSA Testing Dates
- May 7 Staff In-service Students Off
- 🔶 May 17-28 Keystone Testing
- 桊 May 26 Field Day
- May 31 CAIU Staff and Students Off



FAMILY DEVELOP



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL MONTH

As the earth turns green, Keep America Beautiful Month has reminded us of the ways we improve our environment. It's not just about picking up trash and keeping our own living space clean. The movement celebrates the efforts we make in several key areas.

The Keep America Beautiful Foundation is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization with three basic missions: reducing waste, preventing litter and beautifying communities. The foundation focuses on uniting communities in common goals. Together, we can live in more beautiful and clean neighborhoods.

How to observe the month:

- **W** Reduce waste by repurposing and reusing old items. Recycling is another meaningful way we can all reduce waste in our communities.
- Teach children the importance of preventing litter. Adopt-a-highway, street or park programs are excellent ways to educate and beautify at the same time.
- Beautifying your community can be a fun and creative project. Clean up the winter debris in your yard. Plant a tree, some flowers or even a garden. Put a fresh coat of paint on your fence or deck.

History

In 1971, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful, Inc., founded Keep America Beautiful Day. A week of activities followed in 1982, during which cities celebrated with beautification events, school contests and educational committees. By 1984, city officials across the country proclaimed April Keep America Beautiful Month and planned expanded events and programs to improve their communities.

Earth Day is an annual event April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on in 1970, the day now includes a range of events coordinated globally by *EARTHDAY.ORG* (formerly Earth Day Network) involving more than one billion people in some 190 countries.

WE ARE LEARNING

HORTICULTURE:

In horticulture our 11th and 12th grade students continue to work on their "big little garden project."

INDOOR/OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE:

Our 11th and 12th grade students continue to renovate an office at Center Point, while the middle school, 9th, and 10th grade classes, will be working on trial maintenance and building bird houses.

CULINARY:

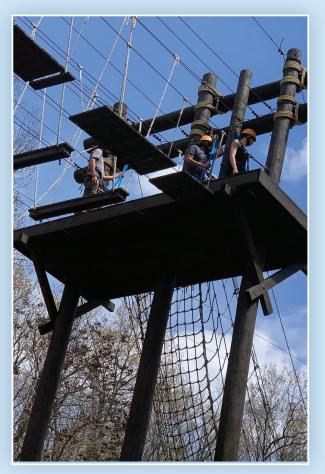
Our culinary students continue to work on ServSafe certifications, as well as other culinary projects including learning how to do meal-prep.

PACTT:

This month our students are learning about expressing themselves in a workplace environment, peer mediation and how to earn a driver's permit and license.







BUILD UP ... OR BE QUIET!

For a limited time, Diakon Youth Services has made arrangements to sell a variety of shirts and sweatshirts that reflect one of our program emphases on being positive: #BBQ, or Build Up or Be Quiet! These shirts were provided last year for students and staff members and were a big hit, with others more recently asking how they could obtain one.

As a result, we have arranged with Artistic Imprints for the items, which will be shipped directly to you at no extra costs. All varieties and costs can be found at the storefront link below. And the best thing is that all proceeds directly benefit the programs of Diakon Youth Services.

http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Diakon-BBQ_c_811.html





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