New AOWL Family Member!

I’m delighted to be able to share that our Lead Teacher Kelsey Toetschinger gave birth to a beautiful, healthy girl on the morning of July 29. Isabella Daisy Toetschinger weighs 6lbs 8oz and is already rocking those accessories!

Staffing Update

With this, Kelsey will be taking some much-deserved time off and returning to us in late September. While we eagerly await Kelsey’s return, we are also excited to have added an additional new staff member to our team. Our new job coach/student mentor is a dual position that will both support the Adult Education Program in the classroom and the community. We are now partnering with Voc-Rehab and DEED to be able to provide job coaching and career exploration services (among others) both to our students and others in the community. We are also working towards approval to use waiver dollars to do the same with our 21+ participants. Our new guidance counselor will be working in tandem with myself and the job coach to make sure all our eligible students are able to receive these services. More on this later!

Twins game on August 11th

Just a reminder that the Twins-White Sox game will be Wednesday, August 11th. We will be leaving the school (on the bus) no later than 10:30am and arriving at the Fort Snelling Blue Line station no later than 11:00am. I would expect to return around 4/5pm. I will send out a separate email with names of participants and expectations for riding the Light Rail. Concessions provided.

Our new job coach will be attending this event as well, so this will be great opportunity for the students to meet her, as well as the new participants in the program!

Start-of-Year Forms

We will also be sending out Start of Year Forms for both new and returning students. We are using Gradelink, the same system used by the K-12 school for enrollment, etc. A few caveats to this:

-- Gradelink enrollment forms cannot be modified. This means that the forms that are going out to the K-12 families are the same ones going out to the Adult Ed families

-- We made this choice to save our current families time (many of those forms are already populated) and to save our program resources (I’d much rather put our assets into activities and curriculum than a management software for 10 participants).

--Because of this, some of the language of the forms might seem a little developmentally inappropriate. Please overlook this. There are also forms that are not necessary for you to sign (microwave usage, in-vivo, non-public pupil aids, piano registration). If you want to sign all of the forms just to be safe there is also no harm in that. I will shred the non-necessary forms.

I will also send out a few addendum forms shortly thereafter to clarify where necessary.

With Sincere Appreciation,  
Michael Faeth  
Adult Education Manager
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Please note:
This calendar is subject to change.

Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on all trip community-based trips.