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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

Backwards, Are We?

The end of the school year brings all sorts of fun activities. One of those was Spirit Week. There were different themes for each day, but the theme that seemed to provoke the most enthusiasm from our boys was "Backwards Day."

Pictured below are the boys from the Hubbell Home. They enjoyed wearing clothes backwards, shoes on the wrong feet, backpacks turned into "front" packs, etc. However, as boys often do, they decided to take it to extremes.

The older one began washing dishes, which wasn't his chore. The others excitedly schemed about how they could ask their teacher to turn in homework to THEM when they got to school. Oh yes, the wheels were turning and this was looking good.

Home Parent Dad Lorenzo decided to join in the fun...he offered to let them pay *him* an allowance. He volunteered to eat their cereal as *they* cleaned the kitchen. He headed out to the playground, willing to let *them* finish his paperwork.

Perhaps that was going just a bit too far. They quickly decided it was time to throw on those front backs and go see if the teacher was less backwards-thinking than Lorenzo.

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

--Soren Kierkegaard



Boys really enjoyed Backwards Day!

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This Month's Blast from the Past

One of the rewarding aspects of being in ministry for 20 years is hearing the success stories of young adults who were once in our care. Here is a note we received from one of those young adults. **We hope you know that his success is the direct result of YOUR commitment to helping us provide "A Place to Be a Child."**

"Thank you for taking my brother and I in when we were younger. Thanks to what I learned at Coyote Hill - no matter what you do, you are somebody special who can direct your life the way you want it to go - I am now enrolled in a VoTech Career Center. I've been adopted, but I will soon be the very first in my biological family to finish college. I thank God for that every day. Tell the other Coyote Hill kids my testimony - that you can lead with pride, dignity & honor; do your best every day, and live the most honest life you can live."

--Tony, resident nearly 10 years ago



Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this exciting event, full of fun for the entire family!
Be watching www.coyotehill.org for further details.



20 Years of Being "A Place to Be a Child"

You've helped us through our first 20 years; now we need your help into the next 20. Our greatest need is monthly supporters, "Parent Partners."

Our goal for the summer is to find 200 new Parent Partners, willing to give \$20 a month in honor of our 20 years.



Partnering together - we can face the future.

There are THREE easy ways to become a Parent Partner TODAY!

1. Use an enclosed envelope each month, fill in the amount of your donation & mark "Monthly Contribution."
2. We can walk you through the process if you call our office (573-874-0179)
3. Visit www.coyotehill.org, click and choose the "Recurring Gift" option.



The end of the school year provided some of our youth with the opportunity to display their talents. Two of our teens were in Harrisburg's play "That'll Learn Ya." Some of our middle school students also participated in "MusArt" night, singing in the choir and displaying art work. According to one Home Parent, the joy & pride on their faces was priceless.



The Coyote Hill Dictionary

vol-un-teer \və-lən-'tir\

noun: A person who works or plays for no pay, other than the rewards of laughter, smiles and warm hearts.

verb: to offer oneself's services as a volunteer. Said service may include, but is not limited to: cuddling, reading, playing, working and being dog piled upon.

Contact Kari Salmon (573-874-0179 or kari@coyotehill.org) if you'd like to fulfill our unique volunteer definition.

