



"May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."
- A Classic Irish Blessing

We have many blessings here at Clelian Heights, especially our dedicated staff! They encourage our students and adults in The Clelian Center to be their best! Clelian Heights is very fortunate to have a variety of classes and therapies that encourage growth, through hard work while also having fun! March's newsletter will focus on Clelian Schools gym and swimming classes, therapies and drumming program. Enjoy, you will get to see our students and staff doing absolutely amazing things!

SWIMMING CLASS

Gwen Diddle has been teaching swimming lessons for almost 40 years! Clelian is fortunate that she joined the staff 20 years ago and continued her love of teaching this important skill! Gwen starts with basic skills, building on those, taking into account individual abilities and pace of her students. Her goals are to improve basic movements, safety and personal independence - transferring that knowledge outside of Clelian to swimming with family and friends. Some students, when comfortable in the water and more proficient in swimming strokes, often participate in Swimming Special Olympics. Gwen follows the American Red Cross Standards for teaching swimming.



GYM CLASS

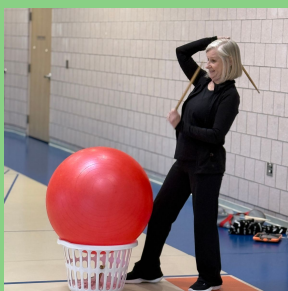
"Coach" Dave Lorenzi is in his first year as Clelian's Gym Teacher but he is no stranger to Clelian! He worked many years at Clelian's ESY Summer Program,

a personal trainer for adults with disabilities. The students love Coach Dave and his fun gym classes!



DRUMMING

Coleen Bortz is Clelian's energetic drumming instructor for both the school and Clelian Center. Coleen incorporates rhythm and music to make exercising fun!!



PLAYROOM & SENSORY ROOM

Clelian students are so lucky to have access to an indoor play area and sensory room. These rooms are located on the second floor, where our therapists are also located.



THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Clellan is so fortunate to have this dedicated group of therapists working with our students! They have been a consistent presence in the therapy department! Lori Oddo, PT, 18 years - Leah Bailey, SLP, 17 years - Leslie Weinell, OT, 14 years - Ashley Malone, SLP, 10 years and Kristin White, OT, 10 years. This is so important for our students with gaining trust and comfort, which leads to progress. These therapists not only work in the school building but also "push-out" and provide services out in the community. They often accompany classrooms on field trips and the Transition to Work Students on work outings. Which is so beneficial with transferring learned skills to all settings. The common word, in talking to all the therapists about their goals for students is increasing **INDEPENDENCE!!** They meet the students where they are presently and develop goals to increase functional life skills. This can be day to day little steps or bigger gains, pushing towards life after school.

PHYSICAL THERAPY - LORI ODDO



SPEECH THERAPY- LEAH BAILEY & ASHLEY MALONE



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY- KRISTIN WHITE & LESLIE WEINELL



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