



Quarterly Newsletter 2025

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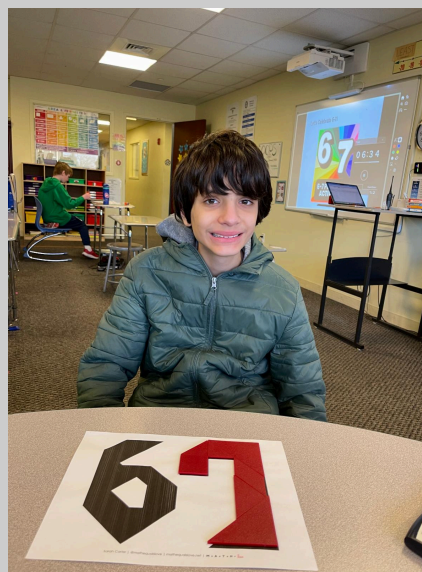
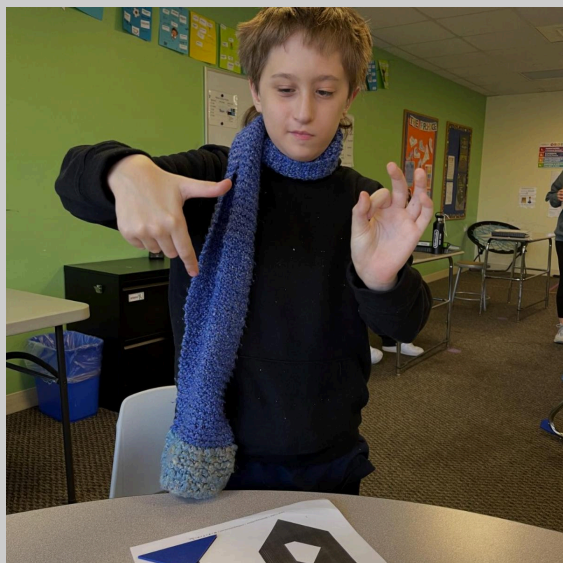
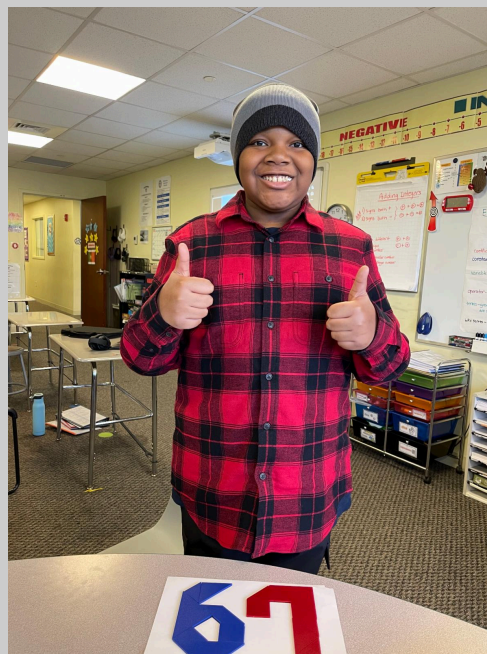
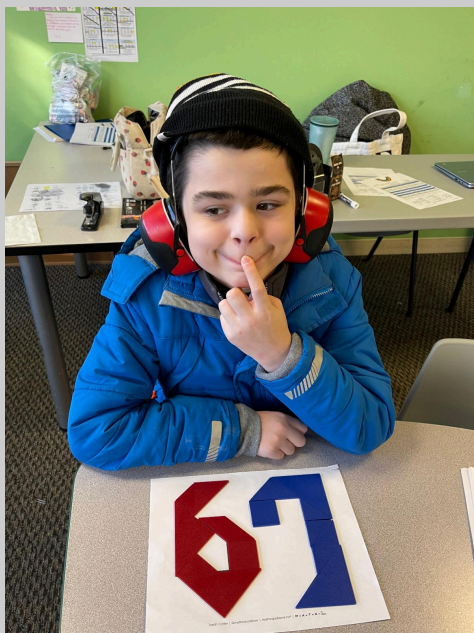


The 67th Day of School

In a light-hearted nod to internet culture, we're celebrating the enduring "67" meme and its surprising relevance in academic spaces. Whether it's sparking curiosity in math class with tangrams, Pearler beads with heat fusion in science, or reminding us that learning can be both rigorous and fun, the meme has become a playful symbol of how digital culture intersects with scholarship.



Join us in embracing the creativity and community that flourish when academia doesn't take itself too seriously.



Student Spotlight Grant

Partners for Youth with Disabilities (PYD) Honors Night

On December 2nd, Partners for Youth with Disabilities celebrated its annual *Honors Night*, a meaningful event recognizing the achievements, growth, and resilience of PYD youth and mentors. The evening highlighted inspiring stories, celebrated milestones, and honored the powerful connections built through mentorship and inclusive programming. It was a warm, uplifting gathering that showcased the impact of community, support, and opportunity for all young people.



Speech given by Grant:

"Hello, my name is Grant Lee. Thank you for giving me the 2025 PYD Entrepreneurship award. I can't believe that you chose me out of all the great students who participated in the Job Lab. Having fun while trying my best is how I roll!

I came to Partners for Youth with Disabilities because I am a senior in high school and I needed help with all kinds of job training. My school, Milestones Day School, brought me to the Job Lab because they can teach our students how to do all kinds of stuff. Ryan taught us how to work as a team when we did restaurant service. Kate instructed us on how to do retail service. Eliza showed us how to interview for a job. Casey coached us on how to advocate for help for ourselves at a job if we need it. It was a lot of work but I learned a lot from all of them and I want to learn more about different jobs that I could do. I really enjoyed learning what different food service tasks look like.

The PYD Job Lab made a place where students like me can practice job training with awesome instructors who helped me learn new skills. I wish that every student with disabilities could go to the PYD Job Lab because it is like going to the Boston Children's Museum and playing restaurant, CVS, and Doctor's Office with friends!

A lot of neurotypical people don't understand how hard it is for people with learning disabilities like me to get basic job skills.

I can't pick up the job skills I need on my own like they can. My experience at the PYD Job Lab will help me to get a job and live a successful life as an adult in the future.

Thank you PYD for hosting my school Milestones and letting me participate in the commercial! I had a lot of fun at the Job Lab. Can I come back again?"

March A Mile

In the spirit of the holiday season here at Milestones, we carry on a charity tradition that has lasted over the past decade. Milestones works with **Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)** from October to December to give back.

Milestones staff and students helped raise funds by participating in a walk-a-thon. There was a lot to be grateful for.



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Community Based Instruction gets in the Holiday Spirit with Adopt A Family

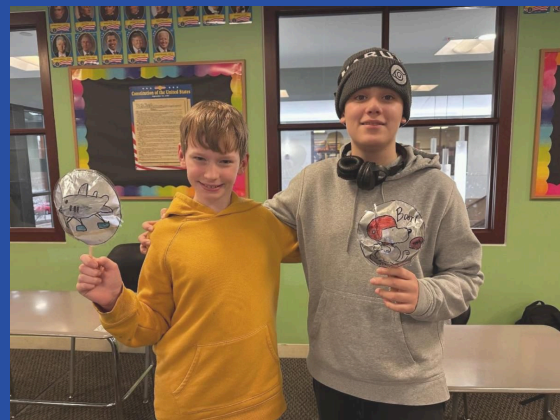
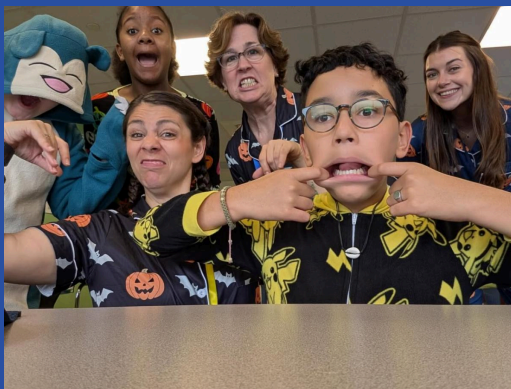
Adopt-A-Family pairs families in need with individuals, other families, nonprofits, and companies who want to help a family during the holiday season or throughout the year.

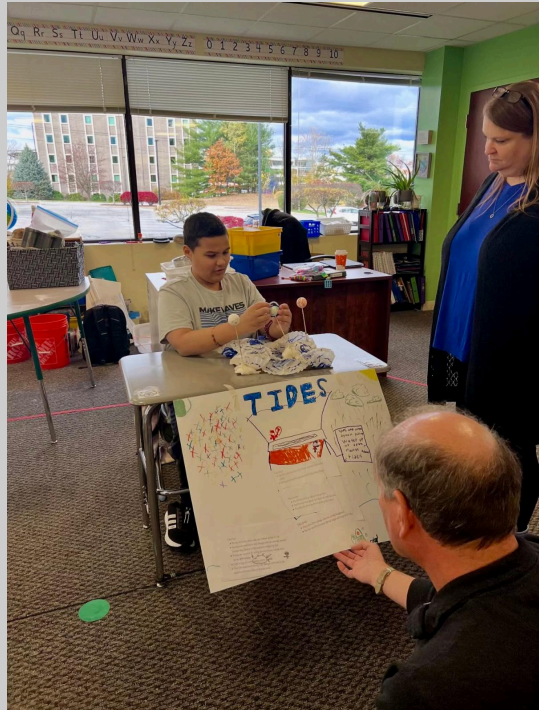
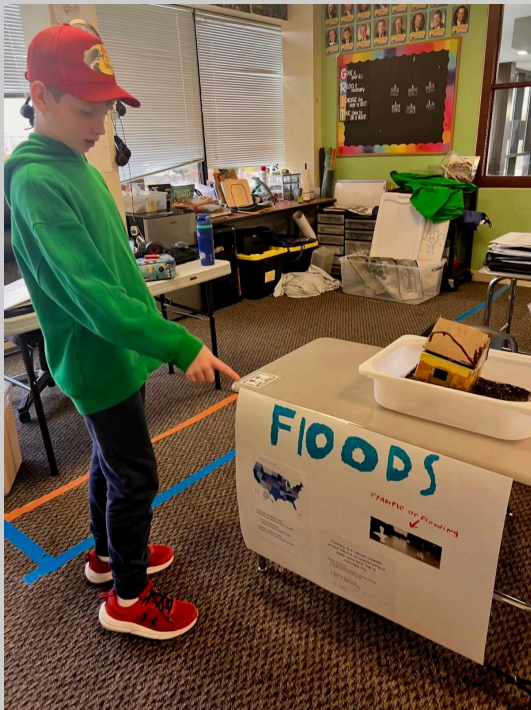
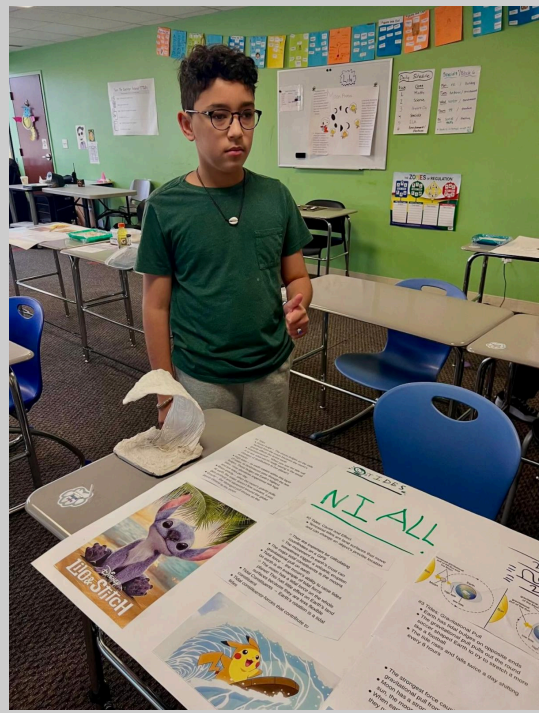
Milestones has been participating in Adopt-A-Family for many years. Our Milestones community will sponsor various families by fulfilling each family's "wish list" of basic needs items, such as winter clothing and household items, along with gifts for the holidays!

Our Community Based Instruction classes take on the task of budgeting, planning, shopping, and wrapping for each of the families we are paired with.



Celebrating Special Days





Holiday Season Reminder for Families

The holiday season is a joyful and exciting time, but it can also bring changes to routines, environments, and expectations that may feel challenging for some of our students. A few small supports can make a big difference. Keeping a simple visual schedule, previewing upcoming changes, and building in quiet breaks can help students feel more prepared and grounded. Maintaining familiar routines where possible — mealtimes, bedtime, or a favorite calming activity — can also provide comfort during busy days. Most importantly, offering reassurance and patience helps students navigate the season with confidence. We



appreciate everything you do at home, and we're here to support your child each step of the way.



General Information

Important Dates 2025-2026

- **December 23rd, 2025:** Half Day-Noon Dismissal
- **December 23rd, 2025:** Spirit Day: Pajama Day
- **December 24th, 2025 - January 2nd, 2026:** School Closed
- **January 14th, 2026:** Half Day-Noon Dismissal (PDP)
- **January 14th, 2026:** Spirit Day-Sports Day
- **January 16th, 2026:** End of Quarter 2
- **January 16th, 2026:** Alumni Event at Milestones
- **January 16th, 2026:** Virtual PAG Meeting 8:30-10:00 (*Training Topic: External presenter from Mass Bay to discuss accommodations and supports for students with disabilities at college*)
- **January 19th, 2026: MLK Jr Day of Recognition:** No School
- **February 11th, 2026:** Half Day-Noon Dismissal (PDP)
- **February 13th, 2026:** Spirit Day-Something you love
- **February 16th -20th, 2026:** School Closed

**On-site Group
Tour/ Info session with:**
Milestones' Head of
Admissions
Sarah Folk
10:00 am to 11:30 am



January 23rd, 2026
February 13th, 2026
March 13th, 2026
April 17th, 2026
May 15th, 2026

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