



Reaching For the Stars

A Monthly Newsletter from Training Toward Self Reliance, Inc.

Upcoming Holiday Months

With September coming to a close and summer behind us, TTSR is busy with plans for the upcoming Holiday months: There's lots of activities to plan and loads more of work to be done!

In October, CASS will be having their annual Pumpkin Carving contest, along with a Halloween party. Also, thanks to the money CASS made from recycling bottles and cans, they will be able to go to Apple Hill this year!

November boasts our annual CASS Thanksgiving Feast where our students create invitations that are sent to their ALTA Service Coordinators.

And of course, December marks our annual Christmas party. This year's party theme is still a surprise, but we are sure that it will be filled with laughter and joy and Sandy Claws!

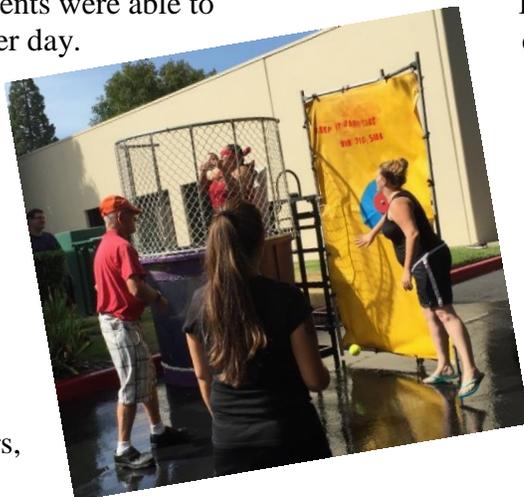
CASS Water Day

Thanks to the CASS Store and many fundraisers supervised by Renee Vela, the CASS students were able to have a water day.

There were many fun activities to do during the water day such as musical water chairs,

water balloon toss, and even a dunk tank, just to name a few!

The students each took their turn to throw balls in order to dunk their favorite



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teacher. The dunk tank was also nice for the teachers as it was a great way to cool off during the hot day!

Musical water chairs was one of the games played where the students that participated won a prize. In the end, Jewel emerged as the victor!

The other game played was reminiscent of days long ago: a watermelon eating contest!

The water day also boasted an all-day face painting (with our very talented Angela Vela) and photo booth (with Katie Knittel who has an eye for the artistic touch.)

After lunch (nachos for everyone,) the teachers prepared themselves for more abuse as the pie toss and water balloon toss got underway!





The Board Rolls Up Their Sleeves

It took them almost all day, but some members of our TTSR Board of Directors came to clean the CASS kitchen!

Thank you to Vic Cima, Chuck Miller, Sherry Miller, Amanda Kurtz, Melanie Cima and, especially, Jed Miller, who gave up one of their Saturdays to come and clean.



Welcome New Staff & New Board

We would like to welcome several new staff members since our last publication!

Over in CASS, we want to welcome Frank Bennett and Stacy Heard

ILS & Parenting welcomes Kayla Brown, Steffanie Anaya and Neko Scroggins.

And PA would like to welcome Savannah Barber.

Along with our new staff members, we would like to congratulate Dan Pinkston and Angela Vela who are two of our new supervisors.

Dan Pinkston, known for his RT and Paranormal classes over in CASS, has stepped up to plate as the

new Parenting/Homemaker Supervisor.

Angela Vela started as an ILS Instructor. She, then, became a CASS instructor and is known for her Fishing and Girls Want to Have Fun classes. She has now returned to her roots as the new ILS Supervisor.

Last, but not least, we would like to welcome some new members of our board: Elaine Lindsey, treasurer; Vicki Jozefiak, secretary; Charles Miller, director; Sherri Miller, director; and Bret Fair, director.

They join Vic Cima, president, and Amanda Kurtz, staff representative.