

APRIL

International Academy of Hope

APRIL CORE WORDS: **Bad**, **Different**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1 - April 30: Occupational Therapy Month**
- April 4: *Parent Workshop: Physical Therapy, 5:00 PM*
- April 5: Sports Day
- April 12: Superhero Day
- April 17: Decade Day/Spring Festival
- **April 18: Parent Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM**
- April 19 - April 26: Spring Recess, School Closed

Please see the calendar sent home with your child for other event details.



Student Profile: **Heidi**

We are **so proud** of Heidi, who was chosen as the April Student of the Month for her progress in toileting and staying dry throughout the day! She has really learned to adapt to the schedule and almost always has been successful, even though she only began last week. Heidi really seems to **enjoy her new-found self control** and all the parts of the routine she is learning.



Paraprofessional of the month: **Maxene**



Maxene has shown such a **dedication to learn** and grow as a paraprofessional. She is **always open to help** others and work with the classroom team. She is **outstanding** in supporting her student!

Student Profile: **Samirah**

Samirah has been **progressing beautifully** and continues to gain important skills. Samirah has learned to play with toys in a more functional way. She points to the ABC while looking at the alternative pencil. She is now able to handle books appropriately and independently looks at the pictures and turns the pages. Samirah is vocalizing new sounds and communicating with her AAC device more and more each day! She is **better able to handle frustrations** and calm herself down.

IEP Season is here!

You child's IEP meeting has likely been scheduled or will be scheduled soon! Please make sure to inform **Mayra Diaz** of your meeting date in order to have the school team available and provide your child's progress reports. Our Social Worker, **Frances Martin**, will be available to attend the meeting with you in person. It is advised that you contact your special education lawyer for additional guidance prior to the meeting date.

PSLL 2019 CHALLENGER DIVISION REGISTRATION



PSLL's Challenger Division welcomes boys and girls with physical and developmental challenges between the ages of 4 and 18 (or still in high school) to enjoy the joy of baseball while realizing the wonders of team sports. The games are not competitive allowing players of any ability level to participate. There is no fee for Challenger players!

For more information, visit www.psll.org/challenger.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first formal fundraiser, *Art Speaks!* Because of all the generous support, we raised **over \$30,000** to benefit our students.

A very special shout out to **Mutual of America** who hosted our event, ensuring 100% of your gifts go directly to our school.

A **parent art show** will be held **May 9**, from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at iHOPE. Student artwork will be sold and prizes will be raffled off!