

NOVEMBER

The International Academy of Hope

NOVEMBER CORE WORDS: Help , Go

SCHOOL CLOSED:

- November 6 - Staff In-Service Day
- November 12 - Veterans Day
- November 22-23 - Thanksgiving

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1 - Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Awareness Day
- November 15 - International Potluck
- **November 16 - iHOPE Parent Committee Meeting 9:30am**



Student Profile: Omar

Omar is a twelve year old boy whose adjustment to iHOPE and attendance have both been amazing. He is very friendly and motivated. He loves making music, singing with his paraprofessional, socializing, and using his voice. He has been using a flip book alternative pencil to write notes to his peers and sign into classroom meetings. He used to scan and choose letters randomly, but now carefully attends and consistently selects the letters of his name, waiting to hear the letter "O." Omar is now rolling by himself on the mat and on the large therapy ball, something he hasn't been able to do before. Omar has been learning to use and activate a switch connected to a voice output communication device to make choices and comments and express his basic wants and needs. He has been responding really well to the colors red, orange, and yellow, and loves working with beanbags of those colors. We are so incredibly proud of all of Omar's accomplishments. He is a hard worker and very motivated to learn. His efforts in his sessions do not go unnoticed! Good job, Omar, you're a rockstar!



Paraprofessional of the month for November is **Ivelisse Torres**



iHOPE Featured on Tobii Dynavox Social Media INSTAGRAM TAKEOVER!

In October, iHOPE got selected as a school to be featured on Tobii Dynavox's Instagram account for an *Instagram takeover*. Tobii Dynavox manufactures AAC (Alternative or Augmentative Communication) devices that many of the students utilize, and it was really exciting to have them share all the great things our students use their AAC device for! We featured storytelling time, morning meeting, games, and songs during the week, and we had a lot of fun!



Don't forget to follow **iHOPE on Instagram** at @iHOPENYC and **Tobii Dynavox** at @Tobii_Dynavox.

Celebrating Physical Therapy month!

To celebrate all the hard work and achievements happening in the iHOPE Physical Therapy Department, our PT staff got together and made t-shirts for everyone to wear in honor of PT month! Thanks for all that you do, PT!



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Join us for one of the following Parent Workshops and learn from our staff, and find support from our other iHOPE parents!

Parent Support Group (12:30pm)

- Wednesday, November 7 - English
- Wednesday, November 28 - Spanish



Parent Workshop: Adapted Gifts Ideas (5:00pm)

- Thursday, November 15

iHOPE will be LIVE STREAMING this workshop for parents! <http://bit.ly/ihopegift>