

Rhode Island Transition Academy 2023

MAY NEWSLETTER

Sweet April showers do spring May flowers

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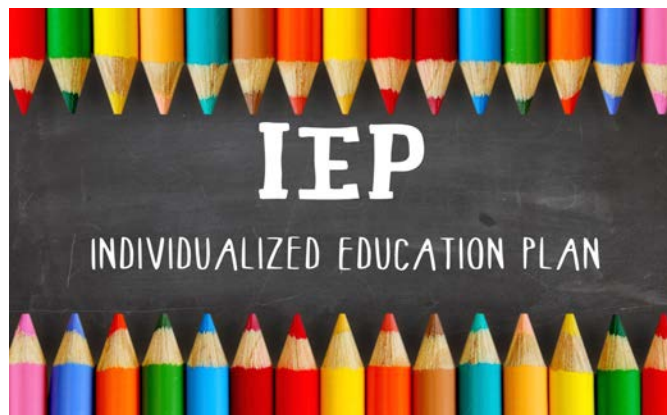


May's Theme is Self-Actualization

As the school year winds down, RITA will be focusing on each students' IEP's, and important End of the Year Meetings where students discuss the planning for the potential Next Steps of Employment, Post Secondary Education, Training Programs, and Adult Services Availability.



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Monthly Featured Student Internship: BlueSkyFarm/Sanctuary Herbs



(Above) RITA Student, Landon, at his internship at Blue Sky Farm, not afraid to get dirty in his quest to rid this area of the pesky weed called MugWort.

Our Business Partner, Blue Skys Farm is a chemical-free herb, flower, and vegetable farm in RI. They farm on a shared, cooperatively managed space with 6 other farms on 50 acres in western Cranston. They sell at farmers' markets and via Farm Fresh RI. They also offer a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture-idea that community members support local farmers by purchasing a seasonal flower subscription) that includes products from RI farmer friends.



(Right/Above) RITA Student, John, enjoying himself at the herb drying station, which is the other end of the tea-making process. He has had the opportunity to experience all the different herbs they offer and learn the different temperatures that the teas steep.

Community Day Roundup for May



RITA students made their annual visit to Battleship Cove. Thankfully the weather was perfect so they got to enjoy the indoor exhibits as well as all the outdoor activities. After traversing the entire complex of four war ships, the class enjoyed a picnic-lunch in Heritage Park, located just steps away from the main exhibits.



Community Day Roundup for May (cont.)

Another favorite annual destination on RITA community days was **Fort Adams**, Newport, RI. We were fortunate to experience it with a traditional guided tour. It provided us with an overview of the history, design, and restoration of Fort Adams. This hour-long tour took us from the top of the Forts walls to the depth of the underground tunnels. **(TOP-RIGHT)** Also, students had an opportunity to pay their respects to the **Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial**. It presented almost 7,000 combat boots adorned with flags. Each boot represents the life of a U.S. service member killed in action post 9-11 in the Global War on Terror. The students who braved the narrow tunnel **(BOTTOM-LEFT)**, earned an official **“Tunnel Rat”** sticker to mark their unique achievement.

