

Rhode Island Transition Academy 2024

APRIL NEWSLETTER

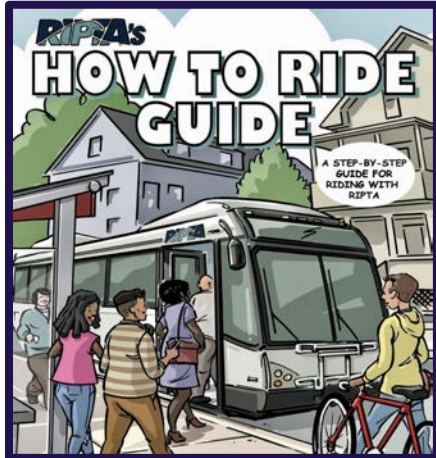
There's no time like springtime!

RITA EVENTS

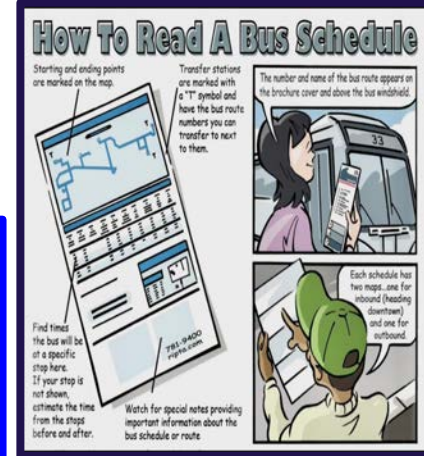
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April's Theme is Transportation and Community Living



RIDE



Our students enjoy getting into the community by visiting the local community center, tourism center [Newport], learning to use public transportation by planning, paying, and actually riding RIPTA (buses) and Commuter Rail (Trains). In addition to the standard bus routes, the students discover that RIPTA offers the RIDE Program for people with disabilities that prevent the use of fixed-route buses, RIPTA offers paratransit service through the Ride Program, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Monthly Featured Student Internship: Dave's Marketplace



Dave's Fresh Marketplace is RI's largest independent grocery store chain with locations across Rhode Island offering fresh foods, produce, prepared foods and much more. This local partner of RITA is focused on providing exceptional quality products, outstanding variety and friendly customer service. Our RITA Interns are responsible for a variety of jobs ranging from Bakery Department Assistant to on-the-floor Store Associate. Some tasks include: preparation, portioning, packaging, sticker labeling/pricing, and arranging finished products on the appropriate shelves within the grocery store.

RITA Community Day Roundup for April



In April, our students enjoyed a visit to the Submarine Museum in Groton, CT. During this guided tour, students went through the Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine and experienced first hand what it was like to be a member of the crew. Additionally they viewed working periscopes, mini subs, a 71-seat theater, and gift shop. It is the Navy's official submarine museum and was one of the students favorite destinations this year.



RITA Community Day Roundup for April



Next destination for RITA this month was Roger Williams Park Mounted Command & Museum of Natural History. At mounted command, students were treated to a tour of the horse paddocks and personalized show where the impressive horse “Chief’s” abilities were displayed. Next stop for RITA students was a visit to RI’s only Natural History Museum. This small building packed an educational punch with 2 floors of exciting exhibitions and programming.



RITA Apartment Happenings...What's Going On In April?



Each week, RITA students have the opportunity to plan a meal, shop for the meal (TOP LEFT-Grace), prep the meal (Above-Jalisse), and cook the meal (TOP RIGHT 2-Lucy/Angela). Unique to this month, our staff put together an added spring-time activity where students planted a small, portable herb & vegetable garden, on the deck of the RITA apartment. This entails carefully sowing the various types of seeds, and ensuring that each gets the proper amount of water and sunlight. Great Job Angela and Jalisse!

