

OUR HAPPENINGS

Our day-to-day activities and events

My Favorite Holiday Music

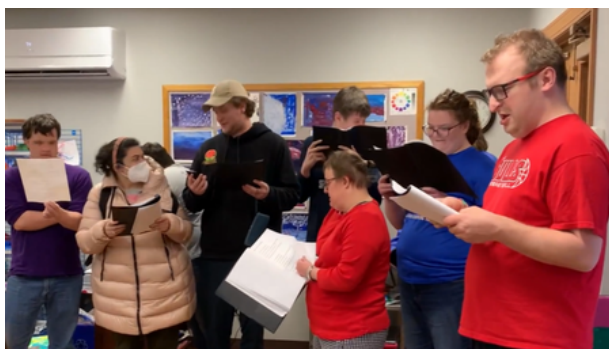
By: Ellyn B

My favorite holiday songs are
Oh Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah.
I also like Silver Bells
And White Christmas.
I do love the song
All I Want for Christmas Is You.
I also love the song
Dreidel Dreidel.

AMASE Choir

BY: Matt C

On Wednesday November 29th we
have the AMASE choir concert from
3:30pm to 4:15pm. We have new
songs for the concert. They are Can't
Stop the Feeling, A Million Dreams,
Coco un Poco Loco, and Rainbow
Connection. Jack Armstong will do
the Kermit the Frog voice in AMASE
choir. We will go see our choir room. I
am introducing A Millon Dreams from
The Greatest Showman.



*Matt and the AMASE Choir
caroling around Our Place.*

Community Lunch

By: Derek S

I tried a new lunch group today. I walked to Panera Bread for lunch today. I ordered Mac and cheese. We walked to the library after lunch. Barbara and I go upstairs to look around. I checked out 3 books at the library and went to the bookstore downstairs. I bought one book from downstairs. I liked my new lunch group today.

Thanksgiving

By: Katia C

Next week on Tuesday my brother Aidan is coming home. He's my second oldest brother. I don't have club because of the holiday and he's not going to college because it's a holiday for him too. Next Thursday we are leaving to go to Iowa to see my grandpa on my dad's side of the family, at my dad's sister's house. My parents, my brother, my grandparents and I are going. We have a lot of different food for Thanksgiving. I'm bringing appetizers like the charcuterie board. I love pumpkin pie. And key lime ice cream.

My Weekend

By: Zach W

My weekend was great. We celebrated my dad's birthday and we went to Cross Roads. I had steak and fresh fish. I also had a crab cake with my dad. I also gave my dad his card and gave him a hug and a kiss. And we also celebrated my birthday on Friday. On Sunday we went to Target and I got apple juice and lemonade. And we celebrated my dad's 58th birthday. We watched the Bulls game and the Bulls won. Then we also watch the Bears lose to the Saints 17-24 final score. We had a great weekend.

My Favorite Holiday Colors

By: Ellyn B

My favorite holiday color is leopard.
I do love the color silver.
I do love the color pomegranate pink.
And raspberry pink.
And bright pink.
I like the color bright red.
I love the color gold.
I do love the color bright blue.
I also like green blue.

Upside Down

By: Sean W

Why are we okay
When we choose violence over peace
When we let bullets reign
In the sky above
It's like we are a little insane
Deep in the membrane
Welcome to our world
Its topsy turvy upside down

Why do we look away
When the innocents are in the path
of chaos
When the light of hope begins to fade
Is this all we are?
Is this all we are meant to be?
It's like we are a little insane
Deep in the membrane
Welcome to our world
Its topsy turvy upside down
Our world is upside down

Don't lose faith
The world's on fire
How about yours?
This is madness
Can't you tell?
Open your mind
Unlock your heart
Ring the bell and believe

We will never be okay
With bloodshed in the streets
With hopelessness in all of the eyes
we meet
We will not let bullets reign in the sky
above
We will try to create a better
tomorrow
Even though we may be a little insane
Deep in the membrane
Welcome to our new world
Its topsy turvy upside down

For now
There is a long way to go
We remain in the undertow
Where its topsy turvy upside down
Our world is upside down
For now, upside down

Bowling

By: Natalie F

I go bowling with Bobby B. and Blake. I go to Classic Bowl with them. I have fun there and we share a lane. I go in a van with Brianna and Patrick. They are the drivers. I put on shoes and get a ball. Patrick puts the names down and no bumpers. I don't know if I got a strike or a spare. Other people are there, and I sit or stand. I come back for Game On.

Monday November 13th

By: Mary S

On Monday November 13, I had hot cereal for breakfast, it was good. Then my dad got me ginger peach tea from Panera Bread. Peach because of my stomach. Then I went to Our Place with my dad and I had the food pantry. I did a good job. After I made some chamomile for myself and I made a sandwich for Val's lunch. I had a ham sandwich. Then we played a game and I was on my laptop after. I saw my friend crying. Then I had Imagine That! and I made flowers in a clay pot and a flower seed patch. Then I went downstairs and I had a break. After I had Our Place Press. Then my mom picked me up and we went to Costco to buy a mat, trash bags, paper stuff, pizza, hot honey, maple syrup, and a new outfit. We went to the car and drove home after and put some stuff in our house. Then I had dinner with my mom and dad while watching The Good Place. Then I thought about having Ben & Jerry's non-dairy oatmeal dream pie. Afterwards, we watched Chicago Med, and I did not eat it because I don't like it. Then I used my laptop and went to bed.

My Weekend

By: Derek S

I went to Target with dad on Friday in Highland Park after Our Place. I got a cd at Target with dad on Friday. I made cupcakes yesterday from a cake mix from a box with my niece. They were chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting. I went to Michaels craft store with mom yesterday to buy some yarn.

I'm Thankful For

By Natalie F

I am thankful for

My family

My cousins

The Our Place staff

My dogs

My grandma and papa, 2 grandmas and 1 papa

My friends

The Our Place programs



The participants enjoying an activity together at the Thanksgiving meal.

Basketball

By: Katie L

This Tuesday I got my basketball schedule. I made the Gators white team. I am so excited. There are 4 away games and 10 home games. I can't wait to play in the games. I love being in Special Olympics. I am also going to be in track and field. I helped raise money for my cure at the epilepsy benefit this year. I really hope I make it this year. I can't wait to play this year and it is so important to me and I love competing for 1st place gold medals for both basketball and track and field. We are having so much fun today I can't wait to meet my coaches and players on Tuesday. We will have our first away game on Tuesday. I like playing and winning and having fun with my friends. I am so excited to for our team.

The Marvels

By: Mary S

The actors are Park Seo-joon, Brie Larson, Iman Vellani, Zawe Ashton, and Teyonah Parris. The characters in the show are Prince Yan, Carol Danvers, Ms. Marvel, Dar-Benn, and

Monica Rambo. Prince Yan is nice. Carol Danvers is kind. Ms Marvel is sweet. Dar-Benn is strong. Monica Rambo is nice. I like this tv show. The show is about people saving their world and there are sometimes frights.

Thanksgiving

By: Travis T

I'm going to Our Place for the Thanksgiving feast. I will be helping peel the potato skins. I will make cranberry sauce and stuffing. I'm helping to make some pumpkin pie, key lime pie, and green bean casserole. I will be with my family for Thanksgiving dinner. I'm helping my mom to make some turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and watch some football games. You know I am grateful for my Tassone family from Utah and my grandma Jean. I love Our Place a lot. I was thinking about the lives we have right now. I really like coming here for Our Place. It is a lot fun we are going to have a nice holiday. I love guys so much. I hope you have a nice Christmas holiday and Thanksgiving and I hope you have a nice holiday. I will see you before Black Friday.

Halloween

By: Natalie F.

I was Dorothy for Halloween. I had a stuffed animal dog in a basket, Toto. I took pictures at the Halloween party and ate and drank and played with people. I had desserts and went home and did the costume walk. I did not do the dance or the mummy wrap.



Natalie and Mary at the Our Place Halloween party.

Our Place Halloween Party

By: Matt C

On Saturday I went to the Our Place Halloween party from 6pm-9pm. I saw Brianna who was a witch, Jessie was a lion, Jamie Weller was a lumber jack, Julie was a butterfly. We ate hot dogs, punch with eyeballs, and monster mac and cheese. We did a costume walk. We did mummy wrapping, and we wrapped Val. I had fun with friends. I brought spider cookies, and they were good. Jamie Weller took one.

Halloween

By: Wes G

This past Saturday was the Our Place Halloween party. My costume was a lumberjack. Jamie was also a lumberjack. We walked together down the costume walk. I had fun hanging out with all my friends at the Halloween party. I enjoyed the pizza for dinner and dirt cups for dessert. On Halloween night I went trick or treating with my mom. My mom also had a costume on. We got a lot of candy. I had a fun at Halloween this year.



Wes and Jamie dressed as lumberjacks at the Our Place Halloween party.

Matt as Shrek and Tim as Batman at the Halloween party.



Halloween Bash

By: Jason K

This past weekend on Saturday was our annual Our Place Halloween bash event. This is my third year doing it in person. I wore my Spider-Man costume again like I did last time. There was pretty cool stuff. I liked it. There was music, dancing, fun activities and we showed off our costumes. They were nice. We had food like pizza from Dominos, veggies, dip, green pasta, salad, veggie straws, hot dog wraps with a fake eyeball on top. To drink we had soda floats. For dessert we had mud pudding with crumbled Oreos, gummy worms, and brownies as well. It was really good seeing everybody there. We all enjoyed ourselves and I got my face painted as did my other friends who got theirs done. We also did a drawing of a pumpkin which we could have to take home after.

A Weekend Movie Affair

By: Sean W

On Saturday November 11th Mary and I went to lunch and then to the movies. My mom and I met Mary and her dad at Old Orchard mall. Then our parents left as the two of us went to get lunch at Potbelly. Mary had a flatbread veggie sandwich and a salad. I had big turkey on white with Swiss cheese and lettuce. I also had chips and an apple caramel cookie. To drink I had a water and Mary got a soda. Our food was delicious, and the company was awesome. After a wholesome lunch the two of us walked over to the movie theater where we had tickets to see the Marvels which just came out. We found our seats and a little bit later we dived into the film itself. Mary bought some Airhead candy which she kindly shared with me. I appreciated it. Overall, the Marvels film was fun. It followed Monica Rambeau, Iman Vellani/Ms.Marvel, and Carol Danvers/Captain Marvel as an artifact connects their powers causing them to switch places when they use them. The movie was enjoyable but the company I was with was even better! I rate the movie a 7/10 and recommend it to those of you who like Marvel. The whole day itself was wonderful and I can't wait to do something like this again! Thank you!

Cartoon House Chapter 5

By: Michaela M

Auntie speaks, "Gather around. We are going to do the most basic power competition to see what level you will be in at school." There was big, huge board with names and numbers. Khein went first. He levitated and he went to average. Lilian skipped up and levitated past high and was sitting on the roof. Auntie said", "Come down from there". Lilian flew back down. Lilian whispered to Raelyn "Can't help it. Flying is in the vampire DNA. Raelyn laughed, "Sure you are not part fairy? You're acting like it." Lilian smiled and showed huge fangs. She said, "They only come out when I am thirsty." Raelyn grinned. Hallie was up and she got middle. Lydia and Lynx got pretty high but not as high as Lilian. Raelyn was going to aim for the middle, and she managed to get the middle. Khein says, "Guess you need to go back home mortal lover." Raelyn responds, "My mom was a mortal. For the longest time I thought I was mortal too. So just leave it be." Khein says, "Never. You don't belong here and never will." Raelyn says, "Why would the portal choose me if I was not magic?" Khein answers, "Portals do not always make sense. Why did you follow it?"

Raelyn says, "I was called to it in the forest of my mortal home. Raelyn really hates lying but it was for a good cause. She wanted to keep her Dad safe. She went to the forest. She wrote Hey dad, I can't believe you did not tell me the Royals have all the magic! How am I supposed to learn magic if I have to hide it from their world? The ink was purple, and her dad's ink was bright blue. I am sorry sweetie I was not sure what your magic was capable of. Sorry Dad, I am just nervous. I know sweet dreams. Then she put the piece of paper in her pocket and levitated up to the tree. No wonder Lilian loved it. She felt very powerful but she was really scared! She was not sure how to get down. Hallie levitated to Raelyn.

Hallie asks, "How did you get up there?" Raelyn answers, "I climbed up. I thought I saw a kitten to save! Hallie says, "I can't believe you did not use levitation for the kitty! Raelyn responds, "I did not know I could do that. The kitty disappeared before I could help him." Hallie says, "Wow you saw the rare Chesire kitty. They are the familiars of the Royal family. Raelyn responds, "So Alice from Alice in wonderland is real?" Hallie answers, "All fairytales are based on some form of reality. Raelyn says,

“Neat that is so cool! My dad did not teach me fairytales. I taught myself.” For a couple days Raelyn would sneak into the forest to practice Royal magic. She got the portal down quickly. She got the levitation down. She got the electricity down. But the fire was very hard to control. Soon it was time to go to the magic school. Where her dad had been bullied for being traumatized. He was getting better at his magic and he loved doing the portals!

The school looked like a normal high school building. Raelyn seems very bored to do magic. Hallie says, “Back in the day the royal magic family let us use one their castles before it disappeared. Though there is forest out back. You seem to like forests. You spent a lot of time there late at night when you are supposed to be asleep. Raelyn responds, “It helps me think and adjust to my new surroundings.” Hallie says, “You have been very mysterious since you came here. Your portal story does not makes sense.” Raelyn answers, “It’s not my fault that’s how I came here! Then her hand began producing flames. She ran to the nearest bathroom, Hallie followed her. Hallie helped her stop the flames. Hallie says, “I am sorry I am not used to sharing this world with anyone.” Raelyn responds, “But you were right I have

been hiding something. I don’t know who to trust. . I am in danger being here right now!” Lilian was right, she needed help to find out what happened to the Royal magic family! She produces a portal from her wand. Hallie says, “You are royal? Was your Mom magic?” Raelyn responds, “Nope my dad is.” Hallie says, “Not who I expected.” Raelyn says, “Me neither. I am just so scared I am going to reveal my powers.” Hallie says, “Don’t worry I will help you, what are best friends for. Thanks.” They head to the meet area. They had the same schedule Levitation, Writing, Magic Literature, Fairytales, the beginning of Magic and History, and Find your Powers. Khein was also in these classes with them. Lilian, Lydia and Lynx were all in the same classes. At lunchtime there were newspapers “Royal Magic Castles reappeared.” Hallie whispered, “Must have been you. I read the newspaper apparently there was young girl who claimed to be the heir of the magic.” Raelyn thought, “She can’t be, I am.” The girl appeared through the portal. Her hair was black with blue, green, bright red, pink with purple highlights. She was tall and carried herself like royal. My name is Rachele I am the last princess of the royal magic family please do not treat me any different. Of course she was

treated differently. The teacher let her into advance magic. She was allowed to do whatever she wanted.

A few days later...

Raelyn found Klein on the floor. Raelyn asked, "What happened?" Khein responded, "The Princess says I am not powerful enough to be her soulmate." Raelyn says, "I am sorry it's not her fault. All the magic must be overwhelming." Khein asks, "Why are you helping me? You should hate me. I was nothing but mean to you." Raelyn says "You're in luck. I don't judge on first impression. If I was in your shoes. I would act the same way." Khein grinned for the first time. Raelyn says, "The grin is nice on you let's be allies." They shook hands and electricity sparked from her hands. Raelyn dropped hands quickly. "Sorry." Khein says, "Nope sorry that was my power."

CULTURE CORNER

Our place for reviews, recipes, special interests and more

A Review of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

By: Macey S

I grew up watching the 2005 remake version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. And this movie is directed by Tim Burton and let me tell you my personal opinion about this movie. I think it's not a bad movie, no. It's just a little bit scary and also very weird as well. A lot of people love it because it's creative and also imaginative. I honestly respect that. This movie is about five lucky ticket winners, and their names are Charlie Bucket, Mike Teavee, Augustus Gloop, Violet Beauregarde and Veruca Salt. They take on an adventure in a chocolate factory and they are about to discover their real true colors, who they really are and test the truth of their own personality, and even the temptations that would distract them one by one. There's Veruca to learn the lesson of not being a spoiled and rotten kid, and showing who the real villain is.

Thanksgiving Review

By: Jason K

Our Thanksgiving dinner was nice. We did something a little different this time. Usually, we get a whole turkey but decided to go with turkey legs instead. It was nice. It still had the same flavor as the original stuff. We also had stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, lingonberries, crescent rolls, and broccoli. To drink we had sparkling cider and for dessert we had pumpkin pie with French silk and whipped cream to go with it. I watched a movie too while we sat down and ate called Miracle on 34th Street. The original from the 1940's. We usually watch it as one of our Christmas movies during the holiday season. It's a pretty good movie. I enjoy watching it with my family.

A Review of The Harry Potter Movie Franchise

By: Macey S

I grew up watching all 8 of the Harry Potter movies. I have started to rewatch them for Halloween this year. The movies are about a young 11-year-old boy wizard who grew up to become a legend and his 2 best friends who help him on all the adventures, and to reveal the secrets about a certain dark wizard known by all kinds of different names. You know the dark lord Tom Riddle and Lord Voldemort. He's a dark and evil wizard who is trying to kill the boy who lived to be the famous Harry Potter. All throughout the 8 years Harry, Ron, Hermione and his other friends helped Harry to defeat Voldemort. Many dangerous and even the deadliest adventures and they learn more about Tom Riddle aka Voldemort's past as they destroy a hex. And in each one of the movies Harry and his friends figure out how to defeat/kill Thomas Marvolo Riddle.