



from the LOBBY

It's mid-April and the energy around the ICC is popping and spirits are rising! The Spring session got off to a bang with over 80 people signing up for classes. We were able to offer a bunch more in-person options this session and everyone is so happy to see each other again after two years!

Saturdays are hopping (and delicious)!

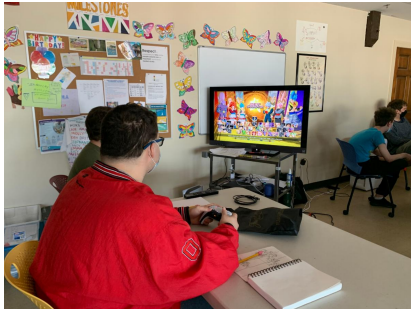
With a mix of cooking, movement, gaming and more, The ICC is THE place to be on Saturdays.

Our new Brunch club features a cooking class plus social time with friends. The Video Game class lets gamers come together to share their skill and challenge each other.



Meet our teachers!

We've got a crew of amazing, inspired and dedicated teachers working with kids at Whole Children, Milestones and Whole Selves. This week the spotlight is on Liana!



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LIANA MARKS



Liana Marks has been a Recreation Specialist with Whole Children and Milestones since 2015. She teaches Art and Boundaries and Relationships but you might also see her helping out at the dances and plays. "I feel so lucky to be working at a place that helps others build friendships, relationships and community. The amazing students and staff are what make this place so unique and special. When you walk in, you'll feel it!"

For World Down syndrome day in March, parents and advocates filled the social media airwaves with the *real* characteristics of Down syndrome, not the gloomy medical version!

Characteristics of Down syndrome

Clothing choices that one could spot from outer space

Mouth to recount every plot detail of every episode of Glee

heart to get palpitations when Emma Watson appears on screen

hands to play the guitar, read a book, fill out an election ballot

Knees to take 3 point shots from half court

feet for perfecting the Moon Walk



The Annual Autism Conference is coming up in two weeks! Lots of great breakout sessions and speakers as well as an exhibitor hall where you can learn about

resources in the area. It's online! [Sign up today!](#)

Check out our new home!

The permits have been pulled and work is in full swing as we turn this beautiful building on 11 Village Hill Road in Northampton into the new home for Whole Children, Milestones, Whole Selves and Family Empowerment. Autism Connections and other Pathlight programs will also have space here, making it the Hampshire county hub for people with disabilities and their families! We are hoping to move in in mid-June and are in the beginning stages of planning an Open House. We can't wait for you to see our new digs!



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