

PTI NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR PATHS TO INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

There are so many exciting things going on at PTI! I am amazed at the work our students are doing writing this newsletter and creating our podcasts. ([Go to PTI Moosecast on youtube.](#)) I hope you get a chance to enjoy both! PTI is grateful to the businesses, foundations, and individuals

who help support our students and help us grow and improve our services. Our capital campaign is making great strides towards completion. I will start featuring one component of the Champion Campaign each month, so you will know what a difference your financial support makes for our school.

One of the first items on our list was purchasing the Will Rogers Building. Thanks to the Lyon Foundation, we have achieved that goal! We are planning to make enhancements to the outside of the building- landscaping, walkways, signage, and parking lots that will announce to all- this is a place for extraordinary students! I am including our campaign meter, so you can watch our progress as we near completion.

Clair Bartley
Executive Director

Goal
\$5.75M

Gap
\$1.49M

Gifts
\$4.26M

Crayon

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READY! SET! RECYCLE!

BY EMMA WEISS

In April 2021, recycling in Bartlesville paused for six months, so the city decided to stick with the Replenish company to recycle. Replenish has worked on recycling materials in Bartlesville since October.

After a month, Replenish received over over 20,000 pounds of recycled materials! Now they have allowed PTI to be the host of a drop-off site! We recycle plastic, aluminum cans, steel cans and cardboard.

Instructions for recycling at PTI from Replenish.com
Sacks are behind the building in the northeast corner.
There will be a yellow gate to enter the back parking lot. Open the gate if closed (*it will not be locked*) and drive carefully.



PTI RECYCLING BINS

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FOR THE PARENTS AND CARETAKERS

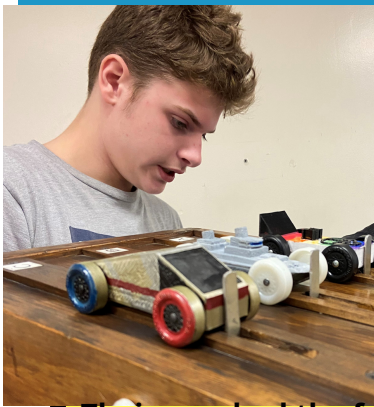
BY KAY MORRIS

With each new year comes an opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and to forge ahead with renewed purpose and intention. We are getting many requests for information on workplace opportunities. PTI has made progress bringing together our student job seekers, employers, and opportunities to build and support inclusive workplaces. As we look to the future, my sincerest wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy 2022. Contact me if you have any questions.

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Kay Morris is PTI's parent support group facilitator. She is currently preparing materials on toilet training to share with PTI parents and caretakers.



SAMS DERBY STORY

PTI's derby race happens once a year. These were the winners of this year's race.

First: Jayde Love. Second: Kyson Bozman. Third: Sam Wind.

Their cars had the fastest times in the race. Mike Eaton, our volunteer guy who helps with the race every year, provided the track and timed the race.

The origin of the derby race was Chadwick Moreland's time in Cub Scouts. Chad is PTI's 3D printing teacher. His days in Scouts inspired him to make a derby race based on the Cub Scouts' pinewood derby races.

PTI's derby cars are printed on the 3D printer and the cars vary in size, weight, and length. The template is based on the pinewood derby cars. The race started out with ball bearings and then evolved into using pinewood derby wheels. The track is wooden.



WHAT'S NEW AT PTI

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT

By Cameron Dobson



New gym equipment

Alicia Gallamore is a physical education teacher. She told us about the new equipment in the motor room.

Cameron: What equipment did we get?

Alicia: We received two treadmills and two upright bikes.

Cameron: Who were they given by?

Alicia: They were donated to us by Planet Fitness in Broken Arrow.

Cameron: What kinds of things do they make people do?

Alicia: Cardio [*any type of exercise that gets your heart rate up*] burns fat and helps people lose weight. The treadmill can incline so that you're going uphill.

Cameron: How are they safe? How do they make people healthier?

Alicia: They are safe as long as you follow the rules that I give you. Don't go faster than your miles per minute. They can build stamina and help in weight loss.

NEW JOB CENTER SUPPLIES

The VELA Education Fund awarded \$10,000 to PTI to resupply the Job Center with things they need to make T-shirts and other PTI products. Part of the funds will be used to replace our plotter with a more reliable one. The plotter helps students print designs on PTI T-shirts to sell in PTI's online Moose Shop.

NEW GUITARS

PTI received a grant for \$1,518 from the Bartlesville Community Foundation's Allied Arts and Humanities Programming Fund. The grant provided 12 guitars for PTI's music program.

Heather Malcom, PTI's music therapist, said, "I've had great success with our ukuleles; however, some students have difficulty maneuvering their hands and fingers to create the appropriate chord shapes. These students expressed an interest in learning the guitar instead. [We now have] a range of sizes to allow students with smaller fingers to be able to play successfully."

Thank you!

**THANKS TO THE GENEROUS PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED US
WITH THE GRANTS TO HELP OUR SCHOOL.**



New guitars for music class

New Kitchen Supplies

PTI has received a grant from the Bartlesville Community Foundation's Legacy Hall of Fame Fund. It will be used to buy kitchen supplies for Miss Haleys' life skills class, including cookware, mixers, crock pots, sandwich presses, and mixing bowls. Students will fix snacks, take orders for the snacks, and deliver them to customers at school.

As we start a new decade at PTI, we look at some of the students who are still here after many years of attending our school.

KIEFFER JENSEN

By Brycen W.
PTI student

Keiffer was PTI's first student. He was born on 12/18/2003, and is 18 years old. His favorite things to do are sorting, playing in water, and swimming.

Jean Jensen and Clair Bartley started PTI. Jean Jensen is Kieffers' mom. He also has four brothers. PTI might not be here without Kieffer.

Little Kieffer



Kieffer enjoying the motor room equipment.

SAM WIND

By Emma W.
PTI student

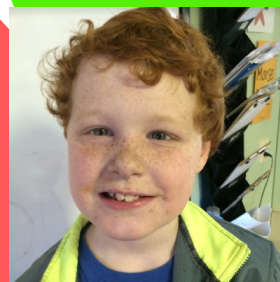
Sam Wind is another student at PTI. He is 20 years old. He's a very good artist and a good bowler too! He also LOVES anime of all kinds. Sam likes to hang out with his friends and he's fun to hang out with.



SAM TODAY



Sam with his father and grandfather in 2014



Jacob when he was much younger



Jake and his teacher, Haley

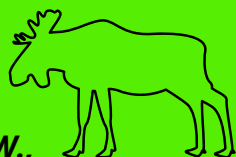
JACOB ELKAN

By Curtis V.
PTI student

Jacob Elkan was born September 8, 2004, and he is 17 years old. In his free time, Jacob uses his iPad. He likes to go eat at McDonalds and he likes to go somewhere fun like swimming and waterslide. His favorite movies are called the The Weinstein Company DVDs. If Jacob could have superpowers, it would be flying. If Jacob had a different name, it would be Ron.

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