

PTI NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR PATHS TO INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

July is an exciting month for PTI! We celebrated our 10th anniversary with a Family Swim Party at Sooner Pool on July 8th. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun together!

PTI met the Mabee Challenge Grant! Because of this, construction is getting ready to start. Bellco Glass will start replacing windows as quickly as the materials become available and our schedule allows. We are removing old asbestos tile from one of our classrooms and the main hallway and replacing it with brand new flooring. We are also in the process of getting our cafeteria building underway. By this time next year, PTI will look like a brand new building!

Currently, PTI has a Go Fund Me campaign to help raise scholarship funds for some of our students whose families are struggling financially. If you would like to help out, you can locate our Go Fund Me page on Facebook or by searching for "Scholarships for Students in Need." All donations help us get closer to our campaign goal of \$5.75 million. We are now within 1/2 million of finishing the campaign and are hoping to wrap it all up by the end of 2022!

Clair Bartley



FANTASTIC FIELD TRIPS

Bowling

Reported by Tim M., PTI adult client

I went to the bowling alley with my friends Thomas, Jathan, Jaqueeta, Virgil, and Monica. I get a size 12 [ball]; I make sure it's not too heavy. Every time I roll the ball and aim at the target between the two pins. I always knocked down several of them. Sometimes we keep score. You type your name and it shows how many points you got.

Timmy and Eric at the bowling alley



They had a video game car. I put my hand on the throttle and steer my car. Sometimes I almost hit a wall, and I saved it. I had popcorn and soda. We came back and ate lunch.

Bowling in Owasso

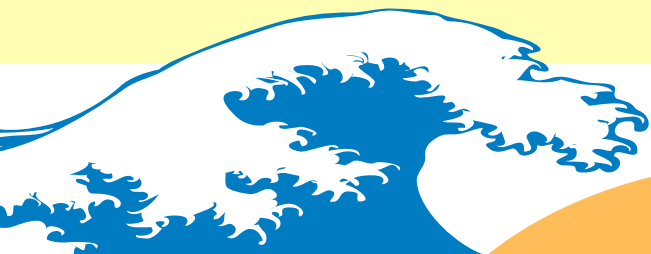
Reported by Eric C., PTI adult client

I went bowling in summer school in Owasso. I went with Monica — she drove. I saw bowling pins and bowling balls. I rolled the ball and I knocked down ten pins. Jaqueeta, Timmy, and Thomas went. I did like it.

Fun at the Pool

Reported by Jacob E., PTI student

I went swimming at Sooner Pool. It was a sunny day. I splashed Haley. We will go to the water park. I want to go swimming again.



Jacob jumping in pool

**Summer
FUN!!**

Field Trips



**Thomas at
pickleball**



**Adult group at the Dewey
Old Fashioned Soda Fountain**



Dewey Museum

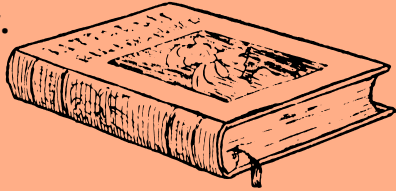


Timmy at Woolaroc

First Time at the Library



Reported by Brycen W., PTI student
We went to the Bartlesville Public Library for a field trip. I had never been to the library before. A Bartlesville Public Library staff person showed us around. We split up in groups and looked at books. I looked at a book about WWII D-Day.



Brycen at the library



Cooper on a podcast

Summer Podcast Class



Reported by Cooper D., PTI student
I did some podcasts, learned how to do broadcast stuff, and learned how to make edits. I learned how to do volume and sound, and how to use the camera to take pictures to record. I took photographs around the school.

I did easy, medium, and hard videos. Some of the reviews I did were about restaurant shows; Midway Café; Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives; and Minecraft Legends. My future plans are to do podcasts about theories, untold genocides, WW2 tanks, and games.

The Zoo

By Eli B, PTI Student
The zoo trip was not pleasant; in fact, it was miserable. But even then, I enjoyed watching the monkeys. They were much smaller than expected. Most of the animals were not doing anything, and the bears were very young. I don't know why they kept the bears so close to the boars though. But even with the sweat and smell, I enjoyed my time there.

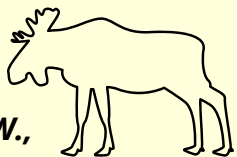


The zoo trip

Paths To Independence

Newsletter

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Featured Students

VELA Student Champion: Gillian

"Gillian can get along with just about anybody, and she is a strong leader," said one of her elementary teachers. "She encourages others to play, helps them with their schoolwork, listens while others are talking, and doesn't try to force her opinions on others. Gillian is excited to come to school, loves all of her teachers, and has had her best year of school ever this year."

Gillian, who will become a secondary-level student this fall, has also served as a host on several episodes of PTI's Moosecast. She is a valuable member of the podcast team, and demonstrates good teamwork skills.

Because of her skills and leadership qualities, the VELA Education Fund selected Gillian to be one of their 2022 VELA Student Champions! VELA supports non-traditional education programs, and they awarded PTI's Job Center program \$10,000 last December. Their Student Champions were chosen from grant recipients' programs.

Student Champions will receive a gift card and will be featured on VELA's social media platforms. Congratulations, Gillian!

Gaining Independence Early: Michael

Michael has made great strides this year in developing skills leading to independence! He can now transition from home to school, between rooms at school, and from playing outside to class.

He has learned to wash his hands independently, turn off the water, dry his hands, and put the towel in the trash, said Miss Donna, his preschool teacher. He is able to get a drink in a cup by himself, and can now communicate when he needs to go to the bathroom. Michael can use a communication device to identify colors, letters, shapes, in and out, hard and soft, and wet and dry.

His number skills are impressive! With his device, he can count forward and backward and identify numbers. He can make numbers from Play-Doh and write them with chalk.

We're eager to see what additional new skills Michael develops in the upcoming year!



Gillian on the PTI Moosecast



Gillian in Life Skills class



Michael learning numbers



Michael in music class