

A Publication of Potential Development – School for Students with Autism

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Regardless of the holiday you celebrate, this is a magical time of the year!!! Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa all are special times to be spent with family and friends.

The highlight of this past few weeks was a visit from Santa Claus and our popular Santa's Workshop. Now it's time for staff, families and students to enjoy a nice winter break!

This time of year lends itself to reflecting on 2023 and looking forward to 2024!!

2023 was a great year for Potential Development as we celebrated 70 years of service to the Mahoning Valley. Our student enrollment and staff have grown to all-time highs.

In 2024, we look forward to continuing our growth while striving to be the very best school for students with autism in Northeast Ohio. We will continue to build our programs in and out of the classroom.

We would like to wish our students. families and volunteers a safe and joyous holiday season!!!!

Thanks!!! Paul



## **Holidays at the Preschool**

**Our littlest Pirates had so much fun decorating** their school tree and doors, meeting Santa and watching him get whisked away on the Youngstown Fire Department ladder truck!













See our PD Tree! Stop by the Davis Center at MillCreek Park's **Fellows Riverside Gardens until January 2 to see** our fabulous PD **Pirate tree!** 







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Santa's reindeer were resting up, so our friends at the Youngstown Fire Department, Station 2 saved the day and brought him from the Preschool to the E/M in style!

### **HIGH SCHOOL ENJOYS SANTA'S VISIT**

Even the big kids love visiting with Santa! Every PD student received a special book and a treat from Jolly old St. Nick!





SANTA'S WORKSHOP EXPANDS TO E/M



Santa's helpers turned out in full force at both the E/M and HS for Santa's Workshop. We are so grateful to Board Member Deloran Thompson for sponsoring these events where each child selected gifts for family and friends. Thank you to ivory & birch and all of the dedicated volunteers, members of PTO, friends and family who made sure our students had a great time.

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