

Recreational Therapy



From learning about health and fitness with the Wii, to building survival shelters, Recreation Therapy actively engages students. **Newport Academy's** therapists, Mary Lil Moses and Emily Langevin, have 54 combined years of experience helping students learn about teamwork and social skills, while enjoying themselves through recreation. **Newport Academy** students look forward to recreational trips in which they participate in activities such as swimming or bowling, and they enjoy using the skills they have learned in therapy.

New Special Ed Classes



New Horizons' Special Ed programs introduce their newest vocational/transition classes; Basic Carpentry and Work Readiness. Taught by Mr. Tim Extine, a former NHREC CTE instructor, **Newport Academy** students in the Basic Carpentry class are gaining carpentry skills, and learning the social, workplace, and leadership skills necessary for successful employment, while earning high school credits; **Newport Academy** and **Center for Autism** students in the Work Readiness class are learning the work, social, and communication skills needed to successfully transition from school to work and to adult services. Work Readiness is taught in two settings; carpentry and assembly skills are taught in a vocational lab setting, while other students work in the school store. To boot, **Newport Academy's** Marketing class has developed a web page featuring items for sale in the school store and from the carpentry class. In total, these programs have given more than forty NHREC students new learning opportunities!

VCU Scholarship

VCU has established a Trustee level scholarship for **The Governor's School for Science and Technology!** This scholarship will be awarded to a student who graduates from the Governor's School and enrolls as a first time freshman in the Chemical and Life Science Engineering program at VCU. The scholarship provides a \$6,000 award to the recipient for four years.

iPod Touch

Teachers, therapists, and students at the **Center for Autism** are excited about using the **iPod Touch** as an instructional tool. Many educational and motivating applications are available for classroom use. Perhaps most exciting is the use of the **iPod Touch** as a communication device for students with limited or no verbal language skills. With the **Proloquo2Go**, software, students are able to use the iPod to express their wants, needs, feelings, and opinions; students use the touch screen to select pictures/words and the device converts their message to speech. The **iPod Touch** with **Proloquo2Go** is lightweight, portable, durable, easy to program, and less expensive than other communication devices. Students are excited to communicate, and who doesn't look "cool" carrying an iPod!



Holiday Shelter Help Drive

As part of its' annual Holiday Shelter Help Drive, New Horizons was able to donate over \$500 in cash, as well as loads of food and supplies to the Cat Corner and the [Animal Aid Society](#) of Hampton.

Going Green

The Governor's School for Science and Technology has implemented a NEW online student application for tenth grade students.

Business Feature

On September 7, 2010, Buddy Deese, past State President of the **Virginia Elks Association**, delivered 800 pairs of safety glasses to Mr. Creamer, Principal of the New Horizons' Butler Farm campus. This is the 3rd year that the Virginia Elks Association has donated safety glasses to New Horizons.