

Program Updates

Wediko School

Wediko students have been growing vegetables and getting their hands dirty in the local Hillsboro Food Pantry Garden as part of our strengthened Transitions Planning Program.



Students help throughout the process: preparing the soil, sowing seeds, and planting starts. As they return weekly, students learn about the agricultural practices of watering and weeding the maturing plants. They also help get the Food Pantry ready for Tuesday evening

pick-ups; harvesting green beans, cutting lettuce, and selecting the ripest tomatoes. They even get to sample some themselves for quality control!

Wediko Summer Program

We'd like to send a big thank you to the nearly 300 students and staff for making this summer one to remember! We had another successful, fun, and productive summer at Black Pond - see you next year!



Wediko School-Based Services

Wediko is excited to announce that *Side-By-Side™*, a collaborative model for building resilient school communities created and trademarked by Wediko, is now being practiced in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota!

Wediko School-Based Services, New York

Wediko School-Based Services, New York is off to a great start with twice weekly *Side-by-Side™* social skills programming at a middle school in the South Bronx, weekly family therapy services, and several professional development workshops for teachers! The New York team - Kristen Renshaw, Johanna Creswell Báez, and Hans Bernier - are encouraged by all the positive support for expanding Wediko's services into the New York City area. Wediko School-Based Services, New York were also the recipients of a \$20,000 grant from *The Patricia Kind Foundation*, recognizing the work being done with children and families.



If you would like to support Wediko's expansion, please follow the link at www.wediko.org for an opportunity to help us win a \$50,000 grant through Clorox's "Power A Bright Future"!

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Bringing PBIS Universal Supports to Wediko

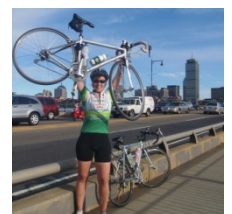
Wediko continues to find new ways to build capacity within schools and families to promote social and academic success for all students. Wediko has been working with schools and within our own programs to implement Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a systemic approach to proactive, school-wide behavior based on the Response to Intervention (RTI) model. PBIS applies evidence-based programs, practices and strategies for all students to increase academic performance, improve safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish a positive school culture. Data-based decision making is a hallmark of PBIS and has been successfully implemented in thousands of schools in over 40 states.



Wediko has long used universal supports within all of our programs. This is what made the integration of some PBIS strategies within our Summer Program so seamless and effective. Likewise, consultants in our School-Based Services, who now serve as PBIS coaches in local schools, easily embraced the model. Long before we knew about PBIS, the Wediko School and Summer Program have used proactive universal supports, like behavior labels and checklists, to create a common language for discussing and assessing expectations and social skills. In addition, these universal support tools promote self-monitoring and awareness as well as offer the opportunity for students to set and accomplish personal goals. Take a walk through our Summer Program or the Wediko School and you'll hear staff and students labeling "respectful communication" and "active listening." Wediko is emerging at the forefront of PBIS in New England as consultants and coaches in our School-Based Services help schools organize, implement, and evaluate multiple tiers of support to maximize academic and social behavior outcomes for all students.

Century Ride a Success!

Our 4th Annual Century Ride was a great success and we'd like to thank everyone who rode, volunteered, or cheered on the participants. We had a 50% increase in riders and for the first time had a current student riding! The amount of support to help Wediko go green on the New Hampshire campus was electrifying! Hope you can join us for next year's ride - Saturday, September 15th, 2012.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



BOSTON MARATHON®

Wediko is once again honored to be an official charity of the Boston Athletic Association and the Boston Marathon. As an official charity, Wediko is provided fifteen numbers for the marathon as well as the opportunity for already qualified entrants to join our team! If you are interested in running to support Wediko, please visit our website to download and submit your application by the end of October.

1st ANNUAL STAIR CLIMB

Wediko is excited to announce our First Annual Stair Climb! It is being hosted at 1 International Place in Downtown Boston. Come join our community in a fun race up the stairs in an effort to fundraise for Wediko! This is all happening on April 29, 2012 - Save the Date!



CENTURY RIDE

Coming September 15, 2012!



For more information on how to participate, volunteer, or support these events Visit www.wediko.org or contact Kate Regal: kregal@wediko.org, 617-292-9200.

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