NEW at the PRC...

The PRC is gearing up for the end of the year! We’ve really enjoyed having new staff come in and learn all about what the PRC has to offer. There are even a few new PA’s in training for next year! We are also providing pre-printed copies of the Spring Closing bulletin board (always an important topic) to anyone who needs them—just add background paper! Feel free to stop by & grab one anytime.

We also have a few new “PA Patents” bulletin boards ready for printing out on the PRC’s G drive! Here are a few of the latest additions:

- **Candy**—This one will get your mouth watering! This board is all about the different types of popular candies, and even about some candies you may not have heard of!
- **Grad School Tests**—Worried about all the loops you have to jump through to get into grad school? Fear not! This board provides basic information and study tips on every grad school entrance exam you can think of—from the MCAT to the LSAT, GRE’s, GMAT and more!
- **Ocean Facts**—With summer coming up, who doesn’t have an appreciation for the ocean? This board discusses all the little-known facts about life under the sea, and has a lot of fun pictures to go with it!

Also new in the PRC is a board that every RA should take a quick look at: “Programming on a Budget.” Who says it takes a lot of money to have fun and learn something? Stop by the PRC and check out this board, which outlines several fun, cheap programs that your residents will really want to attend!

Programming for Blowout

While safety is an RA’s number one concern for their residents during blowout, fun is also pretty high up on the priority list! We’ve all worked really hard this year and we deserve a chance to celebrate our accomplishments. Here a few fun and safe ways to enjoy blowout with your residents:

- **Movie Marathon**—who doesn’t love movies? Provide some drinks/snacks and get your residents together for a few laughs.
- **Dance Party**—turn off the lights in a social lounge & turn up the music! Help your residents let loose all the stress of the school year.
- **Game Tournament**—whether it be sports, cards, video or board games, there’s nothing as fun as healthy competition!
- **Beach Trip**—If you have a car, bring your residents over to Jamestown beach for fun in the sun! If not, you can still spend a lazy day laying out on the Sunken Gardens.
- **Bowling/Put/Put-Putt**—tried and true fun activities that everyone will enjoy!
Things to Celebrate in April

On April 7, forget about the pile of laundry & your dirty floors!

- International Guitar Month
- National Garden Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- National Anxiety Month
- National Humor Month
- National Welding Month
- April 7 – No Housework Day
- April 13 – Blame Someone Else Day
- April 15 – Rubber Eraser Day
- April 19 – Garlic Day
- April 22 – National Jelly Bean Day
- April 27 – Tell a Story Day
- April 28 – Kiss Your Mate Day
- April 30 – National Honesty Day

Here are a few other interesting days of celebration that you may want to keep in mind.

- April 2 – National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day

Check out more fun days to celebrate in April at http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/apr.htm!

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Returners: Preparing Yourself for Fall Training

We all know how crazy fall training can be... Luckily for those who are returning staff, you have a major advantage! Because you know what is going to be expected of you in the fall, you can start planning now.

Start thinking now about important issues that you and your residents will face in the fall: move in, stress about new classes, etc. if you are going to have freshman residents, what tried and true methods can you use to help your residents adjust to college life?

Another way to get ahead is to start planning bulletin boards, especially if you know that you’ll have quite a few on your hall. Over the summer you can potentially have everything ready except for background paper and stencils. That would make your time in the PRC a snap!

Tips for Quick and Easy Moving

Unless you’re squatting we all have to deal with the hustle and bustle of move-out in a few weeks. Here are a few quick and easy tips to make things go a little more smoothly for you:

1. Make a list. Before you pack even one box, create a simple record keeping system. Create a computer-printed list of numbers with a space to write the contents. You’ll place a number on EVERY box you pack and list the contents on your list.

2. Have plenty of supplies. Have about 10 boxes set aside to use for last minute items on moving day, such as bedding, clothing, and cleaning supplies. You’ll need strong plastic packing tape to close up the boxes securely. Use unprinted newsprint (newspaper can stain your items) or packing paper or bubble wrap to wrap and cushion household good. Again, you’ll need lots more supplies than you think, so get extra so the packing can go smoothly.

3. Pack ahead. Anything you can pack ahead will save you time on moving day. If it’s summer, get your winter clothes out of the way.

4. Consolidate cleaning supplies. Since you must clean your old place after moving out, put together a kit of basic cleaning supplies and rags. Clean anything possible ahead of time.

5. Safeguard valued items. It’s a good idea to keep anything of value with you at all times during the moving process. You never know who may end up having access to your stuff!

Moving out can be stressful! Keep these tips in mind so that things will be much easier for you.