

THE BORO PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

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Classroom News

In December, our students read a story that highlighted alternative ways to spread joy during a COVID-restricted Holiday season.

Feeling inspired, the class then decided to spread some good tidings from the BORO! They created Holiday cards for residents of The Highlands Gracious Retirement Living in Westborough, as well as for a friend of the Program whose own vocational program has been closed due to COVID.

Thanks to our students, the Holidays were a little bit brighter for many friends in our community!

Our students also showed off their artistic talents by making some very unique ornaments to bring home or give as gifts!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DATES TO REMEMBER

1/19

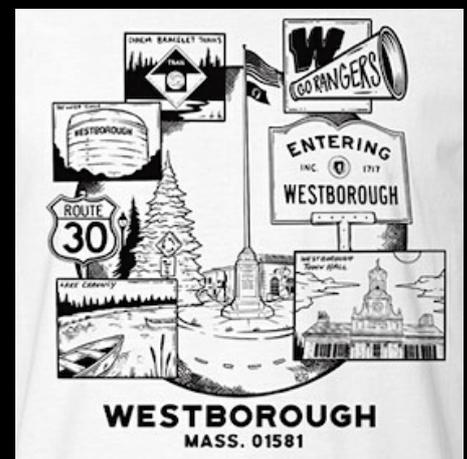
**RETURN TO IN-PERSON
LEARNING**

2/16-2/19

**NO SCHOOL- FEBRUARY
BREAK**

3/2

**NO SCHOOL- STAFF
PROFESSIONAL DAY**



Rotary design by Peter Glenn

[Westborough swag is available at the BORO Sugar Shack!](#)



BE SWEET • GIVE SWEETS



BORO Sugar Shack News

2020 was a challenging year for small businesses, to say the least. Thanks to the support of our community, however, as well as the vision of our manager, Kristen, and the talents of our students, the BORO Sugar Shack had our most successful successful year to date!

Our students have been working safely behind the scenes throughout COVID to package a variety of sweets and treats, and to assist with store administrative work. The tasks in which they engage help to develop their independence, manual dexterity, math and other functional academic skills, and their communication and social skills.

The practice they receive at the Sugar Shack helps to prepare them for their lives beyond the BORO!

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT WORKING IN THE SUGAR SHACK?

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"Being able to help out"

-Lydia

"Working with the different machines"

-Christopher

"Being able to sample the candy!"

-Laura

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CLICK TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT PAID WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SUGAR SHACK!



A growing store makes for a more dynamic vocational experience...

This year the store has expanded into online sales, and has even begun shipping.

In December, BORO students helped to facilitate a large corporate holiday order that took word of the BORO Program nationwide. Gift baskets packaged by our students were shipped to: Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Texas, Washington state and, of course, numerous towns in Massachusetts!

Such orders are becoming more common for the Sugar Shack with each passing day. Just think of how well-known our Program is becoming!

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED AT THE BORO?

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"Skills for independent living"
-Gia

"I'm learning how to work independently, which will help me be an artist"
-Shousei

**BORO SUGAR SHACK
STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

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THIS MONTH WE HONOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR EXCELLENT VOCATIONAL SKILL PROGRESS!

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COMING SOON!



Visit the BORO Sugar Shack in person or ONLINE!



Celebrating January Awareness

1/4/21 - INTERNATIONAL BRAILLE DAY



United Nations

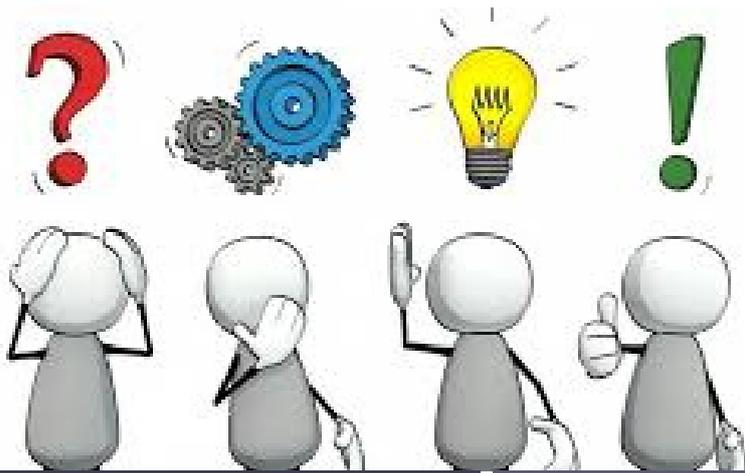


MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION
 for the
Blind and Visually Impaired



1/20/21 - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACCEPTANCE





Let's discuss!

Ask your student what they think about...

[The Harbin International Ice Festival](#)

[The Bon Soo Polar Bear Swim](#)

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