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Special points of interest:

- ✓ The STREAM Program members enjoyed a Valentine's Day Celebration complete with games, music and food! Fun was had by all!
- ✓ The February STREAM theme was "Valentine's Day".
- ✓ STREAM had multiple snow days due to the many Blizzards making February 2015 one of the snowiest months on record.
- ✓ The Friday Lunch Club went to Friendly's Restaurant in Gardner.

This Month in STREAM...

Written by Curt G.

February started out very cold and snowy. The STREAM program was actually closed a couple of times this month due to the inclement weather. Despite the snow, we were still able to go out and enjoy some fun activities such as, going to the Gardner Library, trips to the Fitchburg Art Museum, Cooking at the Pathway House, and going to Friendly's for Lunch Club every Friday afternoon. We also enjoyed some indoor activities including, Music & Dance, Crafts, Science Experiments, and a Valentines Day Celebration.

Here are a few quotes from our Stream Friends about their favorite activities of the month: Dylan said "I enjoyed the Music & Dance of the decades." His favorite song is by Smashmouth from the 80's. Kevin said "I really enjoyed making the Rocky Road Brownies at Pathway House!" He said "They tasted fantastic!" Cheryl T's favorite of the month was the Valentines Day Celebration. She really enjoyed the Strawberry Pretzel Pie that they made at the Pathway House for the Party. She also enjoyed the Cheese Curls. Denise C. enjoyed the Science Experiment by going outside in the very cold weather and making ice marbles & ice bubbles. Curt's favorite activity for the month was going to the Fitchburg Art Museum.

February also consisted of fun times watching football games with the New England Patriots winning the Super bowl! The Pats made it to the Super bowl again this year with a win against the Colts during the AFC Championship game. The score was 45-7 and their were rumors about the Pats footballs being tampered with and deflated. Their was a news conference with Bill Belichick and Tom Brady about the deflated footballs. They both claim they knew nothing about it. We would assume the players would have noticed the footballs were deflated because they handle the balls more often. After a big "to do" about what was termed "deflate gate", Bill Belichick and his Patriots team went on to the Super-bowl where they narrowly got a win against the Seahawks with a score of 28-24. While we watched the game, we enjoyed lots of super bowl snacks. Such as: Potato Chips & Dip, Pizza, Mozzarella Sticks, Cheese & Crackers, Pretzels, Shrimp, Cold Soda and hot Cocoa. Some of us went to friends houses to watch the game as others watched at home. In the end, the Seahawks were the ones left with "deflated" egos and came up flat!

February also started with the ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow. Which means six more weeks of winter. Do we really believe that an animal's shadow can

determine how much winter we will have? Most people don't believe it. Most know it is just for fun. We all hope that Phil is wrong because after all the snow in the month of February, I can speak for everyone and say that we are ready for the spring and the sunshine!

Along with our usual in-house activities and games of bingo and dice, we also played "Be Polite", Dice Bowling, and multiple Valentines themed games, such as, Valentines Math and Valentines Musical Chairs. Some of the crafts we did this month were Sponge Painting, Symmetrical Painting, and we even made Valentine's Day Cards for our Sweethearts and loved ones at home.

For our Book Club this month we finished reading The Secret Garden and our new book that we have chosen to read is "The Wind in The Willows" written by Kenneth Graham. Everyone seems to really be enjoying this book.

We ended the month with yet another snow storm and almost breaking the record of having the most snow since the 1800's! With February coming to an end we all are eager for spring and can't wait to see what the warmer weather brings for STREAM!!!!!!

STREAM Valentines Day Celebration Written by Denise C.

Valentine's week was a busy week the STREAM program. Members started celebrating Valentines Day on Wednesday, with making cards for our loved ones. The fun just continued from there. On Thursday, we played a Hot Hearts game and asked a few members what Valentines Day meant to them. John H. said he likes to give chocolates to his special someone. Cheryl T. stated that she likes to make cards for her mother every year. Curt G. mentioned that he wants Nancy to be his Valentine. Kevin L. told us all that he is going to give his Valentine, Amanda, chocolates. Mark B's Valentine will be Ellen this year and he is getting her chocolates as well. Chocolates and flowers seem to be very popular gifts for Valentines Day. On Friday, we divided into groups and had a Scavenger hunt that was for colored hearts

and once they were all found, we made a garland which would be a decoration for the Valentine party later that day. Another group of STREAM members went to the Pathway House in Gardner to make a yummy Strawberry Pretzel Pie for our Valentines Day party. Amanda S. and Kyle R. decorated the game room with Valentines balloons tied to the backs of the chairs. They also put vases with flowers on the center of each table. It looked beautiful! After lunch we all gathered in the game room for our Valentine's Day Celebration complete with games, food and music. While listening to the music we got to enjoy some tasty snacks, like cheese curls, chips, cookies, soda and the Strawberry Pretzel pie. Overall, everyone said the treats were delicious! While we all were enjoying our-

elves, staff member, Catie B., walked around taking guesses for the "How many colored sweethearts in the jar" guessing game. There were many good guesses. The closest guesses and winners were Denise C. and Cliff T. both with guesses of 250 hearts. The actual number of hearts in the jar was 286. Denise got to take home the jar of candy hearts and heart stickers as her prize. Cliff picked a small red heart pillow out of the prize box. After the game was finished we all listened to music while we waited for our vans to be called.

Showing love on Valentine's Day toward the people you love is what Valentine's Day is all about. You could certainly feel the love in the air in the STREAM program for the entire month of February! What a great month!!

The Fitchburg Art Museum

Written by Curt G.



Pictured above is an image of the entry way to the Egypt exhibit located at the Fitchburg Art Museum.

On a cold wintery day in late February, a small group of us from the Stream Program headed out on an adventure to the Fitchburg Art Museum. We were all very anxious and excited. When we entered the Museum we were greeted by a smiling, enthusiastic tour guide. Our tour guide brought us down a long hallway where the lights automatically came on all by themselves displaying beautiful art work on the walls. We were then escorted onto a huge elevator that opened on both sides. After a short ride, the doors opened, and we all felt like we had

entered into another ancient world. We were in Egypt! They had a Baby Mummy and an adult Mummy showcased in a clear glass case to keep them protected and preserved. We also enjoyed seeing a mummified cat and alligator. It is said that Egyptians worshiped cats! We moved along viewing the artifacts and exhibits and came to a big chair. It was a golden Pharaoh's throne and we all got a chance to sit in on the throne! Then our tour guide took us to another floor of the Museum and when the door's opened, we were yet again, magically in another land. This time we had arrived in Africa. There we

learned how their weaved fabrics were made and how they built their houses way back when. We also watched a movie about their festivals where they wore colorful costumes to celebrate different customs. Everything was beautiful and interesting and we all found this adventure to be exciting and a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to returning soon as we were told they will have new exhibits to showcase in the very near future. All that attended said that they would love to come again and would highly recommend it to anyone.

Friday Lunch Club Review - Friendly's

This month's Restaurant of choice was Friendly's in Gardner, MA. Every Friday for the entire month of February a group from STREAM went to have lunch and dessert. Our STREAM friends had a lot of nice things to say about their experiences. When we went our servers name was Teresa. She was very attentive and always had a smile. Once everyone had ordered, Teresa took our menus and we wait-

ed for the food to come. All the food came out at the exact same time, and it was nice and hot. Denise enjoyed her Fish and Chips, Grant said his lunch was delicious. He had the Chicken Tender Basket with Applesauce, followed by a Banana Royal. I enjoyed my Chicken and French Fries. We gave this Restaurant two thumbs up!!

Written by Curt G and Denise C.



"I loved the Strawberry

Pretzel Pie, it was delicious.

On a scale of 1 - 10 it gets an 8.5!"

- Denise L.

"Friendly's is my favorite Restaurant."

- Grant G.

Below is a picture of the delicious Strawberry Pretzel Pie that was made for the Valentines Day Celebration in the STREAM program.



Upcoming Birthdays

Billy R. - February 3

Elisabeth J. - February 7

Cheryl T. - February 7

Michael R. - February 13

Algrid K. - March 1

Grant G. - March 12

Michael R. - March 13

Wendy T. - March 26

Ashley E. - March 31

STREAM Word Search

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BLIZZARD
CUPID
EGYPT
FRIENDLYS
HEARTS

MUMMY
PHARAOH
SHOVEL
SNOWFLAKE
VALENTINE