

**Activities
in 2014**



Year Round Programs

- ✓ dance and movements therapy
- ✓ music lessons and coached sports
- ✓ arts and craft groups
- ✓ ballet classes
- ✓ March Break Camp and Summer Camp

Dear Parents and Friends,

OpenMind Alliance Academy (OMAA) started serving the community since March 2009 as a privately funded institution. After five years, OMAA is now recognized as an effective force in helping children with Autism. We emphasize teaching our children literacy to facilitate communication and integration. Our motto, "Learn to Read; Read to Learn", remains strong. While IBI and ABA remain to be our teaching methods and literacy our core curriculum we also recognize the importance of other trainings that stimulate and satisfy other sensory needs.

This year, we are proud to report that we have added new elements into our programs. Our children now have music classes, dance and movement programs and coached sport programs. Situational trainings include supported community outings. Not only have we visited restaurants, museums and cinemas, but we have gone for day trips such as; fishing, swimming, outdoor camps and circus school. Our children were fully supported so that they could embrace and enjoy the experience while they were acquiring the skills needed to handle the situations. OMAA children have been very busy during the 2014 March and summer breaks.

Children need a well rounded Education and more so for children with Autism. Not only do our special children need to experience all facets of education, they need to learn to appreciate and enjoy these learning opportunities. A well rounded Education entails multi-disciplinary trainings in culture, music, sports and situational experiences. It is important that our children learn alternatives in dealing with common situations. These multi-disciplinary trainings offer sensory stimulations, teach co-operations, share emotions and present motor skill challenges.

Our mission is a tall order for ourselves and the children, but thanks to the support of our hard working staff and the trust of our OMAA parents, we are able to give our children rich experiences that are full of learning opportunities. Our children will become independent and contributing members of their communities one day.

As of July 1, 2014, OpenMind Alliance has become OpenMind Alliance Academy, a non-profit organization. We intend to invest all of our resources so that we can provide the Education we feel will benefit our children the most. And, we are also taking steps towards our long term plan – creating adult programs! This program will teach our young adults meaningful paid job skills so that they will have the tools to work towards self sufficiency and independence. We would welcome any additional contribution to our resources to achieve these goals.

Best Wishes,
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