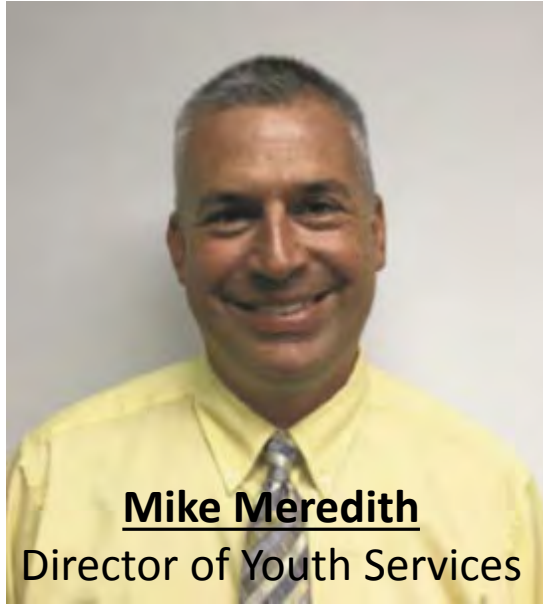




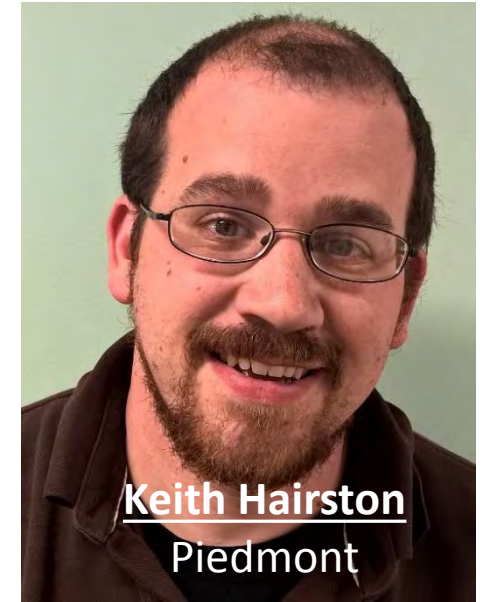
These are the highlights of our first semester.....



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Director of Youth Services



Jane Eaton
Administrative Assistant



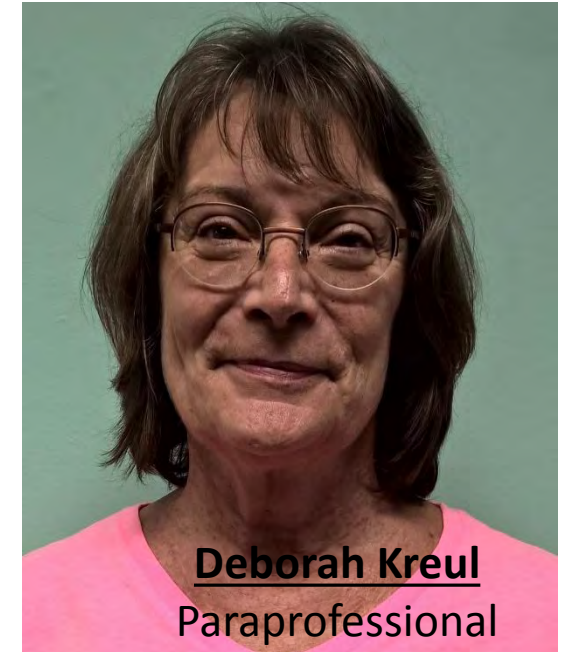
Keith Hairston
Piedmont



Pete Chernick
High School Teacher



Debra Frye
Paraprofessional



Deborah Kreul
Paraprofessional



Students
studied about
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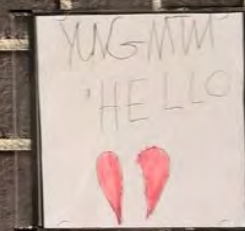
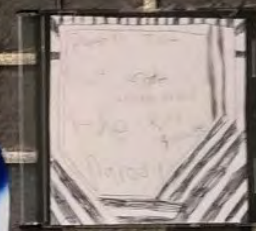


Building a robot while learning to do things as a team during day treatment.



Mix Tape Emotions

As part of day treatment students wrote and recorded Rap songs dealing with their emotions and how to handle those emotions.



I pledge allegiance
to the flag of the
United States of
America.....

The students have
been raising and
lowering the flag each
day. They are taking
great pride in seeing
that it is done
correctly. They are
also very particular
about folding it
properly each
afternoon.



September Breakfast

LIFES Academy staff cooked breakfast for all the students on Sept. 29th as part of the First Lady of Virginia's "Feed Virginia Day of Action." Out of all the private day schools in Virginia we were 1 of only 3 to participate.



Fun basketball competition during PE





CHESS TIME

8 Critical Thinking Skills Kids Learn at Chess:

- Problem Solving. In its most simplistic form, chess is quite similar to a large puzzle. ...
- Abstract Reasoning. ...
- Calmness Under Pressure. ...
- Patience. ...
- Sportsmanship. ...
- Creative Thinking. ...
- Pattern Recognition. ...
- Strategic Thinking.



A table set up for a meal. In the center is a large silver and black slow cooker. To its right is a large tan crock pot with a floral-patterned lid. On the table are several plates of food: a plate of bread rolls with meat and cheese, a plate of bread rolls with meat and cheese, a plate of bread rolls with meat and cheese, and a plate of bread rolls with meat and cheese. There are also some vegetables, including a bowl of green beans and a bowl of corn. A bottle of ranch dressing and a box of ranch dressing are also on the table. A large aluminum foil-wrapped item is in the foreground. A black and purple tongs is on the table. A black and purple tongs is on the table. A black and purple tongs is on the table.

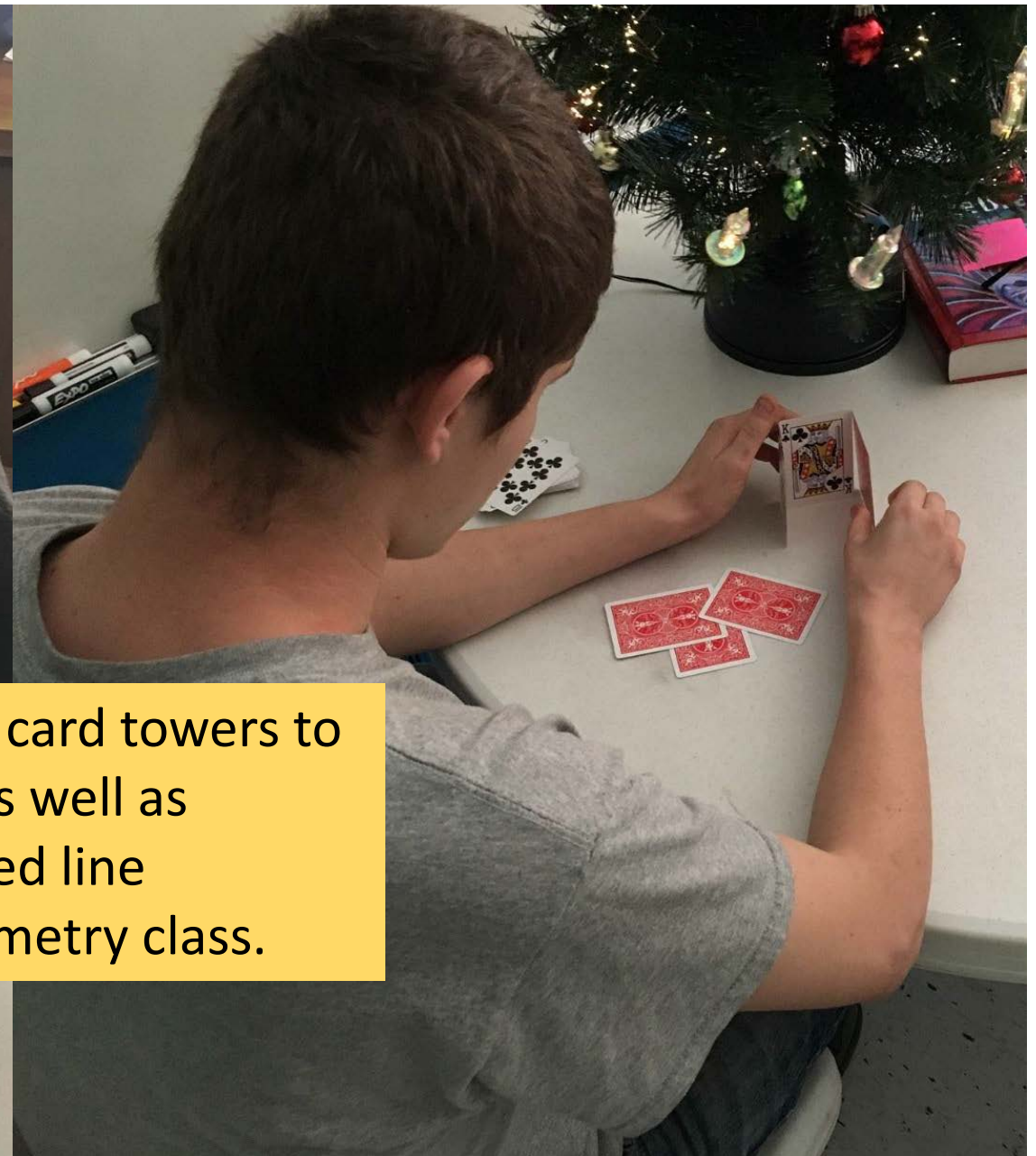
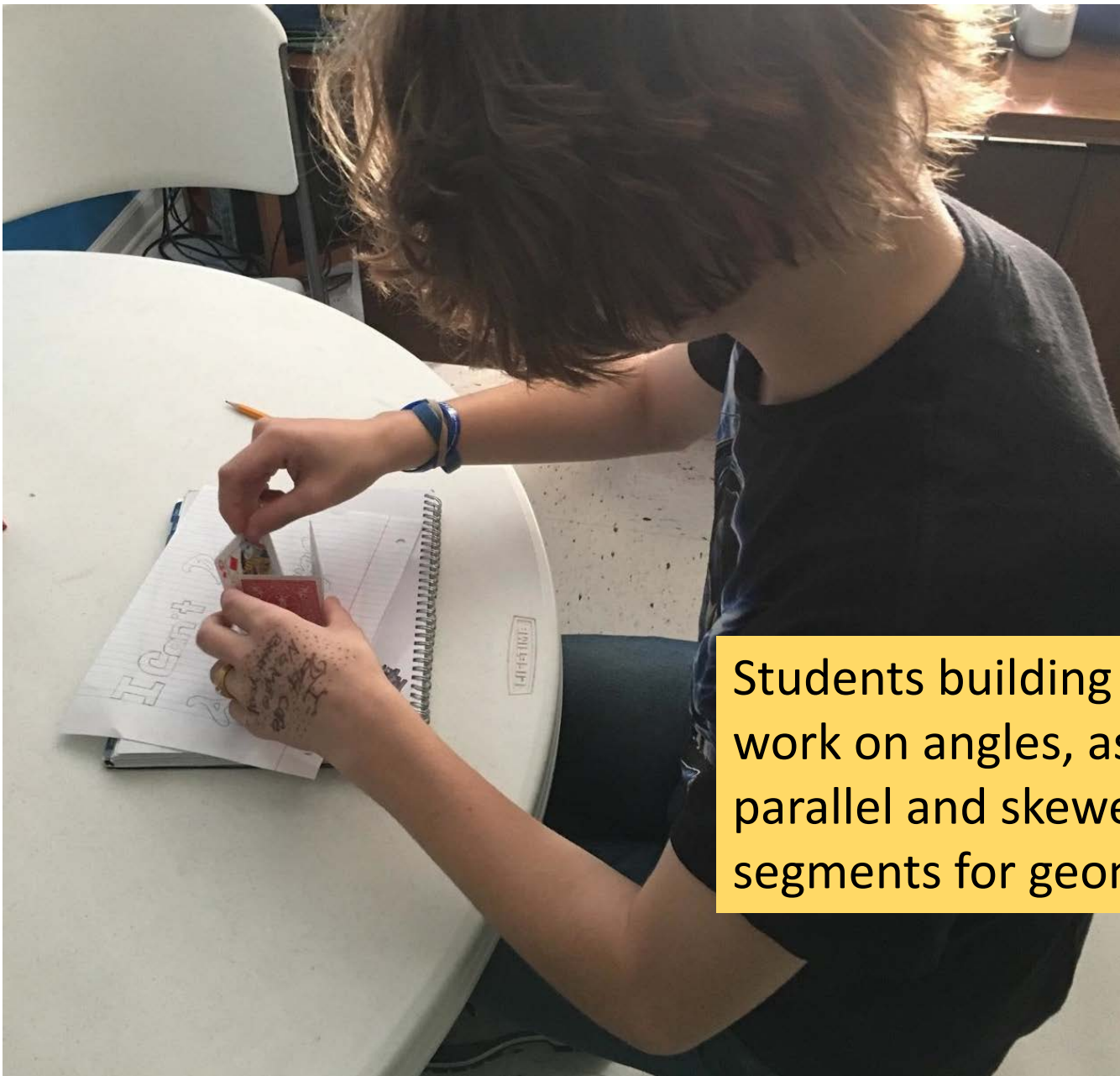


Assembling small computer desk for Head Start.



Student reading stories to the Head Start classes. They really enjoy this interaction with the young children.





Students building card towers to work on angles, as well as parallel and skewed line segments for geometry class.



Mousetrap Catapults

Students made mousetrap catapults in geometry. The students were given supplies and basic building instructions. A target was set up and students were given mini marshmallows to catapult.





Thanksgiving Lunch



Marshaun played JV and Varsity football for Franklin County High School.



Layton and Christian work part-time for Goodwill Industries in Rocky Mount through their Youth Work and Training services. They pull weeds and pick up trash at Goodwill and area homes. They also do other work at area homes such as: move wood piles, move gravel, and mix and pour cement for steps. They are both learning a great deal and are enjoying a little independence that earning their own money gives them.



Christian is in 11th grade and is taking karate lessons at a local business and is really enjoying it.

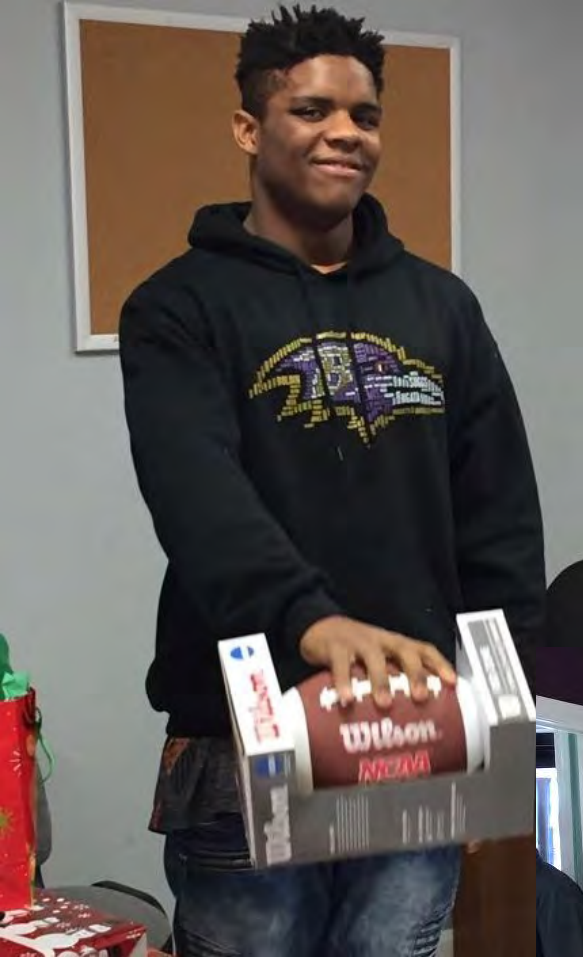


Marshaun and Layton, both 10th graders, are attending Franklin county High School a half day.



Christmas Luncheon served by STEP's Board of Directors





Santa treating the students with presents from the board.





The students and staff at LIFES Academy want to thank the STEP Board of Directors for helping us have a great first half of the year.