April 28, 2015

Dear ATP Students and Families,

I wanted to update you on a few items.

\*First of all, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Pampered Chef fundraiser! We were able to earn approximately $140 for our class!!! Without receiving a budget this year from the district, every penny we have has been because of donations and fundraising…so thank you!

\*Don’t forget, our SEMI FORMAL dance is THIS FRIDAY, May 1st during school hours. We’re excited to see our kiddos all dressed up for the event! The mod/sev programs from MVHS, VMHS, and MMHS as well as student leadership, will be joining us for the big day. ☺

\*I wanted to invite you all to an ATP BBQ we will be having on Tuesday, June 9th from 10:00-Noon at Harveston Park in Temecula. We will be joining the other three Adult Transition Program classes for a day to socialize with one another and celebrate all of our graduates. We will be BBQing hot dogs and providing drinks, dessert, and games. We are asking for a $3 optional donation per person (student or family member) who would like to join us for lunch. Please let me know ahead of time if you are planning to attend so we have enough food for the group.

\*On a personal note, I wanted to share a couple of things. One, at this point I am hoping to work through the month of May before my maternity leave. However we all know babies have their own agenda ;) Also, as some of you may know, this is my last year teaching with ATP. I accepted a position within the district, serving as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for Orthopedic Impairments. I am excited to be helping on a district level, where I can lend support to all teachers in our moderate/severe special education classes. Although, it’s difficult to leave this class; I have been blessed to work with phenomenal kids and their families over the last 10 years. I want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to you all for trusting and supporting me in our program. I hope to see our kiddos still through consult/collab with teachers and I may even see some of you in IEPs in the future! ☺

I am sure that everyone is wondering who the new teacher will be. At this point, I do not know who will be my replacement. The district has accepted applications for teacher transfers and I am anticipating that interviews will be held soon. I will certainly let you all know, when I know!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

-Rachel Duffy