

February Activity Projects

Love the Bus Month

(INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM)

Love the Bus is ASBC's ongoing campaign to raise awareness and appreciation for the hundreds of thousands of school bus drivers who safely transport children to and from school.

School bus drivers have made the Yellow School Bus the largest and safest transportation system in the country and are deserving of our thanks. By understanding the value of student transportation to our education system, Love the Bus promotes the idea that every person involved in our schools is critical to our children's success.

While Love the Bus is an ongoing campaign, every February ASBC and schools across America take time out to celebrate Love the Bus month. Residents and Students can participate by sharing stories about their favorite bus drivers and making interactive Valentine's cards to give to their bus driver.

- Invite a group of kids in and help them make thank you Valentines Cards for their school bus driver.
- Discussion about How did you get to school? Did you ride a bus?

For more information go to the following website:
www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org/love-the-bus/love-the-bus

Spunky Old Broads Month



Ideas to Celebrate

- Tea Party
- Wine & Cheese Party
- Cocktail Hour
- Invite a representative from Mary Kay in to help assist with make overs for the residents.
- Photo ops: Bring in a variety of items for the Ladies to dress up or wear Fancy hats boas think outside the box. Take pictures of the ladies and post them throughout your facility.
- Make your own Masquerade mask and take pictures of the ladies with them on. Place throughout the facility and have the staff and residents to guess who they are.
- Quiz Time: Fun facts about the ladies that NO one knows about and have others guess which resident it is.

Go to the following website to print Mask template:

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_the_mes/Wearables/masquerademask/masquerademask.html

Mend a Broken Heart Month



Each year, **nearly 300,000 children** must be rescued from unimaginable abuse and neglect and enter foster care. Very frequently, these children arrive for care empty-handed and broken-hearted. Mend a Broken Heart Month is a yearly observance sponsored by the My Stuff Bags Foundation that encourages individuals and groups to support children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

Donate “Stuff”

You can help fill My Stuff Bags with new children’s items by enlisting family, friends and coworkers to collect and send as many as possible of the items below, or any other children’s items that would fit in a mid-sized duffel. Items must be new, non-violent, and non-denominational. No food or candy, please. We need items for children from infants to teens.

Here’s a list of suggestions to get you started:

- Stuffed animals
- Coloring books & crayons
- Small toys for all ages

- School supplies and stationery
- Small toiletries: travel-size toothbrush/toothpaste, hotel soap and shampoo etc
- Items for teens/tweens: games, young-adult books, deodorant, makeup, trading cards
- Baby Stuff – rattles, pacifiers, bibs, diapers, baby clothes
- Books, journals or diaries
- Clothing of all kinds – t-shirts, baseball hats, knit caps, scarves, socks, shoes, underwear
- Hand held games
- Small photo albums
- Children love handcrafted items, too

We Need Blankets!

Every child deserves the warmth and security of their very own “blankie,” and that’s why each My Stuff Bag has a blanket inside! Blankets must be new, and can be purchased or handcrafted (in any creative way you’d like) in any fabric, any color, and any size from 40” x 40” up to 54” x 60.” Or, learn an easy way to [Make a Blanket Here!](#)

Go to website:

<http://www.mystuffbags.org/how-to-help/donate-stuff/>

All donations are gratefully appreciated, are tax deductible and can be sent to the address below.

My Stuff Bags Foundation
5347 Sterling Center Dr
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Candy-Making Day



You choose the day and make homemade candy with your residents. Drop candies are easy and they decide what goes into their candy.

Items Needed:

Individual bowls

Spoons

Wax Paper

Chocolate to melt

Nuts

Coconut

Raisins

The list is unlimited.

Melt chocolate and give each resident chocolate in their bowl and have them mix in the items they want and drop by teaspoons unto wax paper. Allow time to cool.

Love Bugs

You need:

*Red or Pink Yarn

*Pipe Cleaners

*Craft Foam or hearts small (Dollar Tree)

*Empty egg carton or styromfoam ball

*5" square of cardboard

*Tacky glue

*Scissors

Instructions

Make a pompon by wrapping yarn around a piece of cardboard at least 100 times. Cut a 6" piece of yarn and slide it under wrapped yarn. Tie tightly into a double knot. Turn floppy over and cut completely through the yarn on the side. Turn yarn blob sideways and smooth down strands.

Bend a pipe cleaner in half and push it up through the pompon.

Cut out two hearts for eyes and one for mouth. Cut two small circles for pupil. Use tacky glue to secure in place. Give love bugs to someone you love.



Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

Making homemade ice cream recipe

INGREDIENTS

Servings 1

- ½ cup **half-and-half**
- 1 tablespoon **sugar**
- ¼ teaspoon **vanilla**
- 1 sandwich ziploc bag
- 1 gallon ziploc bag
- 3 cups crushed ice
- ⅓ cup **rock salt**

DIRECTIONS

1. Put first 3 ingredients in the smaller Ziplock bag and seal bag (Make sure it is tightly closed!). Put ice and rock salt in the larger bag and then add the filled small bag. Seal the large bag.
2. Squeeze bag until ice cream is thickened, about 10-15 minutes.
3. Remove small bag, unseal, and eat with spoon.
4. No need to even dirty a bowl!

Check out the following website:

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/ice-cream-for-breakfast-day/>

Mardi Gras Mask



1. Cardstock (pick a mardi gras color like purple or green)
2. Project board (black)
3. Feathers
4. X-acto knife
5. Glue
6. Pencil

How to Make Your Own Mardi Gras Mask:

1. Choose 1 sheet of card stock and line it up with your black piece of project board.
2. Sketch free hand with pencil the shape of the mask you want, including the eyes. Go over it with marker to define exactly where you want to cut.
3. Cut out the eye holes with an x-acto knife. Press firmly so you go through the card stock and cut through the project board. Don't worry if you have a frayed edges! It will all be covered with feathers in the end.
4. Now you should have 2 separate cutouts of your mask shape – 1 on colored card stock and the other on the black project board. Add glue along the perimeter of the project board mask and outline the eyes with glue as well. Adhere the purple mask onto the black one.
5. Add glue and start adding your feathers. Start by making a layer of feathers encircling the eye-holes of the mask. Then layer the feathers in any design you want, using glue to secure them.
6. And then before you know it...in only a few minutes, you will have finished your own handmade Mardi Gras feather mask!

