

# Signature Speaks

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## Welcome!

The Holiday season has come and gone and now we're bracing for the cold. Brrrrr! The good news is that Spring is less than 70 days away! 😊

We've been busy the past couple of months! We used old sport coats to make handmade ornaments to sell at the Gallery. If you missed them, be sure to come by the Day Program to pick some up so you can have them for your tree next year!

Our newest creations are free-style stitched artwork (see below left). Some of us are sketching our own scenes on fabric and then stitching with needlepoint thread to fill in with color, which makes for really interesting and beautiful textures. We also have colorful handmade scarves to wrap around and warm your neck from the cold!

During October and November we had the opportunity to spend 8 weeks working with a Freedom High School Student to learn the game of soccer. We practiced warm-up drills, shooting drills, and learned team positions. The best part about it was learning the importance of teamwork and giving each other positive encouragement. Our team name was Signature Scorpions because we're so tough we *sting!*



The creativity never ends at Signature Day Program!

We've been making hand-crocheted "infinity" scarves. Psst....Valentine's Day is just around the corner.....someone you love would love to have one! Drop by the Day Program to get yours today!

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## Feature Person of the Month



Taylor first came to SDP for an internship in the summer of 2013. He enjoyed being at SDP, so decided to attend full time after graduation from North Liberty. Taylor's favorite part of SDP is **MUSIC** (he is our resident rock star) and he's having fun learning to play the bass guitar! Taylor also loves karaoke, bowling, and classes offered through Western Piedmont Community College.

## ASL of the Month



**Change.** Two "As" are held at chest level with the knuckles of one hand resting on the knuckles of the other hand. Both hands pivot in opposite directions to switch places.



**Train.** Crossed "U" hands with palms facing down. Represent moving along the train tracks by moving the top hand back and forth.



## Music Moment

Thomas has been working with Cassie to teach her to play some songs on the piano. She is learning very quickly and is able to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" by herself. Thomas is using a number system to teach Cassie the keys on the piano, and he works with her weekly so she can practice and learn new songs. Thomas says he likes to find songs between middle C and B that Cassie can learn. He's quite the instructor - thank you Thomas!

## Deann's Health Tip

Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water. This is especially important during cold and flu season. Clean hands keep the germs away!



## Jake's Birthday Corner

October: Neil 13<sup>th</sup>, Dustin 25<sup>th</sup>, Eric R 28<sup>th</sup>  
November: Amanda 7<sup>th</sup>, Jake 16<sup>th</sup>, Matthew 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December: Taylor 16<sup>th</sup>, Cassie 24<sup>th</sup>, Liz 31<sup>st</sup>

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