

June Newsletter 2007

GAP Community Child Care Center

Happy Father's Day

Any man can be a Father,
but it takes a special person
to be called Dad.



Father's Day- a complicated and important day.

I called my dad this evening to wish him happy Fathers Day and we talked for a while, which was cool. We don't get to do that as often as we'd like sometimes, and I always enjoy chatting with him about whatever's going on. Right now they're busy completely renovating a house they bought - like as in gutting the whole thing and redesigning and rebuilding. Quite the project.

Anyhow, it's Father's Day, and it's a complicated day for me. When I called my dad passed along my wishes to him, he reflected them back to me. I think he knows how important that is to me, or at least I hope he does. Most people don't know about me being a dad, and the whole story behind that. I don't often get a chance to talk about Brian, my foster son whom I adopted several years back. He died about six years ago. Some people would say he died of depression. Suicide's a hard word to say out loud in context. It's been a journey, both before and since he died.

The one things that's kept me going in the years since is the group of guys Brian knew before he died, people whose lives he touched enough for them to stick around and hang out with me from time to time, even these many years later. They're all older now, adults out on their own in one way or another. One's on an aircraft carrier on the Pacific today. Another is driving a big rig to southern California right now. Others are here in town going to college and working, still others have moved on, and so it goes. In their own ways, they each stay in touch. I am proud to call them my friends.

A co-worker sent me a quick email on Friday, and it has to be one of the most thoughtful, nicest things anyone's said to me in quite a while. And she didn't send it because she works in HR and has to do these things. She sent it because she really cares. She remembered and went out of her way to say something. You can't put a value on that...

"Just want to reach out to you with a few words given that Father's Day is Sunday. I hope that you celebrate knowing that you'll forever be a Dad. And not only did you touch your son's life, but you continue to touch the lives of those boys with whom you interact today, and this blessing should be celebrated. May the times you spent with your son fill your heart always."

I am grateful today for friends that care, for Brian's friends that have stuck around over the years, and for the time I had the opportunity to spend with him, however short and however difficult. I hope he's in a better place. I am sure he is.

To all the dads out there, hug your kids, no matter how old or young. And to those of you with dads, if you haven't made that phone call yet or dropped by to say hi, you still have a few minutes and it doesn't have to happen just one Sunday a year. Make the call. Pay the visit. Today or tomorrow, it all counts for the same.

Father's Day art's and crafts!!

GOLF BEAR CRAFT

Make Dad this golf pro bear to give him advice on how to improve his handicap.

Materials:

- toilet paper tube
- a printer
- a piece of paper
- some crayons
- scissors
- glue.



Instructions:

- Print out the template of choice. If you are using the black and white template, try some using checkered wrapping paper to print your template on.
- Color (where appropriate) and cut out the template pieces.
- Glue the large rectangular piece on first to cover the tube.
- Glue on the the head, the legs, the arms and the golf club.
- Glue on the tie for a formal golf date with the boss or leave it out for a less formal look.



Birthday wishes

Christina 06/06/05

Leonard 06/20/05

Thermari 06/10/05

Evelyn 06/15/05

Efrain 06/10/06

Sooyoung 06/21/03

Crystal 06/24/06

Emmanuel 06/23/06

Arinda 06/13

The Owl's class recently took a walk to Mt Pleasant Library for story time. Enjoy the pictures!!



GAP'S CREATIVE ART PAGE

Look at the creativity!!



A brief word from one of the teacher's from the Lion's class



My name is Jame Foster I am a mother of a three year old daughter.
I just received my CDA credential and I have been working at the GAP Center for almost two years. I love working with children and I have been working in child care for a total of five and a half years.



We will miss the following staff: Louise Davenport will be moving to California, also Thy Tran will be leaving to become a nursing assistant. We wish both of them good success in their future endeavors.