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STRIVE Newsletter

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Mission Statement

To assist tweens, teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities in utilizing resources within their community so they can participate as viable members of the community.

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STRIVE ROCKS! Dance Marathon

STRIVE ROCKS



Presenting Sponsor:



Health. Join In.

CAN YOU DANCE ALL NIGHT?!

Join over 500 Dancers on March 5th & 6th at the USM Sullivan Gym

Pledge Packets are available and Registration can be found at www.firstgiving.com/STRIVE! Start fundraising now for the year's biggest dance party!

Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers— we're talking flat screen TV, digital cameras, \$500 College Scholarship and much more!

NEW IN 2011: PHOTO BOOTH

Put together a crew and compete to be "STRIVE's Best Dance Crew"
Or Show your spirit all night long and compete for the crown as Mr. & Miss DM

Visit www.striverocks.org for more information

If you would like someone from STRIVE to drop off information to you and your friends just give us a call! 207-774-6278!

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April Vacation Camp

Calling All Campers! April 18-22nd

April Camp is right around the corner!
Make sure you sign up today!
Contact: Kristina Smalley at 207-774-6278

Activities will include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Sports
- Games
- Movies

And much more!

STRIVE NIGHT - Dinner Theater

Anthony's Italian Kitchen

Spring Italian Fiesta

Variety show with Songs,
Comical skits & Surprises!

April 30th

Anthony's Dinner Theater is graciously donating 20%
of all proceeds to benefit STRIVE!

Buy your tickets now

Ticket Price is \$39.95 per person and
includes a 5 course Italian Dinner as well as
the Musical Entertainment!

To Purchase Tickets please call the Anthony's Broadway Line at
207-221-2267

STRIVE U News



Applications Are In

The STRIVE U Admissions Committee is currently reviewing applications. Decision letters will be mailed on April 1st. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Erin Berg at 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org

Important Upcoming Events

June 25, 2011 - Graduation Class of 2011

June 26, 2011- Move-in Day Class of 2013

September 10, 2011 - Open House

Breakfast at the Ballpark



STRIVE and the
Portland Sea Dogs-
a Winning Combination!

STRIVE is proud to partner with the Portland Sea Dogs on
several upcoming events!

Mark your Calendars! STRIVE will be holding a **Breakfast at the Ballpark!** This exciting event featuring Sea Dogs players will be held on May 30th- Memorial Day! What a great way to kickoff summer- come to a unique event with the Sea Dogs and STRIVE! More details- including ticket information to follow.

Also- STRIVE Night at the Sea Dogs. Thursday, June 9th .
STRIVE will be taking over Hadlock Field for STRIVE Night!
We hope you can join us. Tickets will be just \$6.
More information to follow!

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Features At Fenway STRIVE Bus Trip!

FUTURES AT FENWAY

On Saturday, August 20th, the Portland Sea Dogs will be playing a minor league double header at Fenway Park. The Sea Dogs play the Binghamton Mets, and the Pawtucket Red Sox follow against the Syracuse Chiefs. STRIVE will be taking a bus to the game- and you can be a part of all the action! Kids attending the event will be selected randomly throughout the day to participate in a number of exciting activities including mascot races and other on-field activities. Additionally, youngsters will be able to get autographs from the players during autograph sessions scheduled on the concourse.

How can you get on the bus? This is a great deal. For only \$40, you'll get roundtrip transportation, ticket to the game (covered section, behind home plate) and a great experience from your friends at STRIVE! The best part is that \$20 will also go directly to STRIVE! Space is limited- we have only 50 tickets to this event- if you would like to go please contact us ksmalley@pslservices.org or call (207) 774-6278. This is a great chance to see Fenway Park with your friends from STRIVE!

Three Points for STRIVE Update

It is not too late to pledge through the "3 Points for STRIVE" campaign with the Maine Red Claws! For each three pointer hit during this season your donation will go to benefit STRIVE!

To download a pledge card visit: www.pslstrive.org

TOTAL 3 Pointers to Date: XXXXX

STRIVE is honored to be working with the following supporters



Next STEP Update

The Next STEP Program is a private pay Transitioning Educational Program - focusing on additional educational opportunities and social, recreation and personal wellness.

Next STEP is accepting applications for the summer and fall semesters! If you would like more information on how you or your student could benefit from this unique program please contact the STRIVE Offices. The Next STEP program runs daily Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Students have the option to participate at a full time or part time schedule. Each day is comprised of educational classes, as well as a focus on social, recreational and wellness activities.

Sample topics include: money management, independent life skills, nutrition, transportation, personal safety and have incorporated a variety of transferable skills through each class.

Please contact the STRIVE Offices if you would like us to work with your student and personalize a schedule!

*Please visit www.pslstrive.org to obtain more information, a fact sheet and the application.
If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit please contact
Meghan Sawicki at msawicki@pslservices.org or 207-774-6278 ext 211.*

WINTER WEATHER STORM CLOSING:

In the event of inclement weather conditions please know that STRIVE will post closings on the following:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/STRIVENation Website: www.pslstrive.org

And on local news channels: WMTW, WCSH & WGME

Feel free to call the office if you are unsure of a closing.

Volunteer News

Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

Thank you to everyone who donated to STRIVE in February
We appreciate your generous support.

Michelle Hallett
Robert Junkins
P. Gregory Scully
Robert & Linda Fuller
Philip & Barbara Brown
Cynthia & Lawrence Vaughn
William Gourde
Gina Barnes
Robert and Patricia Wilson
Henrietta Larou
Kathleen & Michael Bouchard
Stephen & Paula Kloth
Alonzo & Mary Fake- in honor of Eric Hughes
Hub Furniture Company
Powerpay, LLC

TWEEN Friday Afternoon Socials

Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?
Are you looking to make some new friends?!

Then join us every Friday afternoon from
3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!

March's Calendar of Events:

- March 4: *Spark's Ark*
- March 11: *Mardi Gras*
- March 18: *St. Patty's Party*
- March 25: *Green Thumbs*



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Get a Green Bag at STRIVE &
drop off your cans at a
Hannaford Grocery Store.
The deposits will go to STRIVE!
Every 5 cents counts!



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Change your Search Engine
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GoodSearch and pick STRIVE
as your charity!

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donated to STRIVE!

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Cost: \$10

Buy Books!

Are you interested in specific
genres of books?!

Support BookWorks by
ordering a Book Bag Grab
Bag of your favorite variety.
\$10

STRIVE WISH LIST

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| General Office Supplies | Frozen Pizzas |
| xBox 360 and/or Wii video games | Paper Cutter |
| Sports Equipment | Storage Shed |
| Volunteers to work shifts at Bookworks! | Craft Supplies |
| Painting Paper/Watercolor Paper | Markers |
| | Scissors |

BookWorks! Open Shifts

BookWorks! is run completely through the help of volunteers! We're always looking for eager volunteers to help run the used bookstore. Come once, or come weekly!

Shifts Available:

- Mondays: 3-4pm
- Tuesdays: 10am-12pm & 3-5pm
- Wednesdays: 10am-2pm & 3-4pm
- Thursdays: 11am-12pm & 4-5pm
- Fridays: 10am-3pm
- Saturdays: 10am -2pm

To sign up or to learn more please contact Kristina Smalley
At 207-774-6278 or ksmalley@pslstrive.org



THEME NIGHT!

MARCH
18th

Join STRIVE for the "St. Patty's Dance"

Decorate Shamrocks
Gold Rush Game
Prizes for the best dressed
Dancing, Snacks & Tons of Fun!



Member Spot Light:
Alizah Brandwein

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: The Notebook

Any Siblings? Brother– Zach

If you could have 1 holiday every day, what would it be? Christmas

Coollest thing you've done at STRIVE: Move to Portland for the Next STEP Program

If you could choose an actor to star in your life story, who would it be? Rachel McAdams

Favorite song right now: Big Time Rush

If you could go anywhere for Spring Break where would you go & why? Vegas! To make some money!

Favorite thing to do during the winter months: Ski

Favorite Color: Purple



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Michael Kendrick	March 1
Michael Fournier	March 1
Arielle Richardson	March 1
Kasia Kilmek-Cornett	March 2
Creed Ray	March 3
Michael Laughlin	March 3
Brian Harbaugh	March 6
Sherm Perry	March 6
Lindsay St. Peter	March 6
Scott Thompson	March 7
Jacob Jackson	March 9
Jessica Cossaboom	March 15

Amanda Groder	March 17
April Tedesco	March 17
Hillary Lawrence	March 19
Natasha Cole	March 20
Bennett Agnew	March 21
Rebecca Lee	March 22
Melissa Mann	March 22
Brandon Cronk	March 23
Sarah Zwicker	March 24
Casey Ward	March 25
Kathleen Shevenell	March 30
Lorge Salamonski	March 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!

Members' Page

Aktion Club Update



Aktion Club has set its 2011 calendar and will include a variety of volunteer projects throughout the year! If you would like to get involved with Aktion Club please contact Kristina Smalley at 774-6278.



During the Month of March—
Aktion Club will be making Spring Time Flower Arrangements to be delivered to the residence of Harbor Terrace and Franklin Towers!

Monday Night Wellness Series



ZUMBA Gold Dance Craze April 4 - June 20

What do you get when you combine plain old aerobics with Latin dance? ZUMBA! Certified Zumba Gold Instructor Becki Jaques leads you through the Fun way to get in shape for the summer! Great for a wide range of physical abilities.
\$20 for STRIVE Members
\$40 for Anyone Else

Questions? Contact Kate Reingold at 774-6278 ext. 216 or kreingold@pslservices.org

March Events

STRIVE ROCKS! Dance Marathon
March 5 & 6th

Advisory Board Meeting:
March 4 & 18 from 5:00– 5:45pm

Aktion Club:
March 2 & 30 from 3:30-4:00pm

Monday Night Wellness Series:
January 3 - March 14 from 5:30—7:00pm

Wednesday Night Educational Class:
Money Management— March 2- April 20

Theme Night: St. Patty's Dance!
March 18 - from 6:00-9:00pm

Wednesday Night Educational Series

Money Management March 2 - April 20

Learn what to do with your dough!
Students will learn about budgeting, checking accounts, credit cards, loans, social security and much more!



Questions? Contact Kate Reingold at 774-6278 ext. 216 or kreingold@pslservices.org

Upcoming Events

April Camp:
April 18-22

"Italian Fiesta" at Anthony's Italian Kitchen
April 30

STRIVE PICTURES



Tim & Ralph
During Art Class



Paulina Dressed to
Impress at the Valentine's
Dance!



Micah & Justin
Showing off their watercolor designs



Aphrodite & Tate
Tween's King & Queen



Danielle & Brett
STRIVE Night's King & Queen



Captain
Thomas
Shows off his
Pirate Costume
During
Pirate Day
At
Camp STRIVE!
Arghhh!



Do you have pictures that you would like to share with us?
If so please send them to
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