

as a board member for the National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camps.

Family Foundation School parents have formed a new information and advocacy group called "Parents in Partnership Society" (PIPS). The group's mission includes supporting other parents of at-risk teens, and raising the public's awareness and understanding of the educational and therapeutic needs of these students. Also, the students performed Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" to the community of Hancock.

Conferences included:

2010 Regional Conference on Learning Differences was led by Educational Specialists at **Landmark College's** Institute for Research and Training.

Intermountain presented the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Study. The **Association for Experiential Education** (AEE) and Project Adventure Inc. presented the 2010 Research and Evaluation in Adventure Programming (REAP) Symposium in Washington, DC.

Staff changes included:

Discovery Ranch welcomed Jeanette Brown, LCSW, LSAC to the therapy team

Northwest Academy welcomed Ramon Palacios, ICADC

Cherokee Creek Boys School welcomed a third full-time therapist, Robin Hagy.



The **Pinnacle Schools** and **Elk River Treatment Programs** welcomed Selina Mason as the new Director of Admissions and Marketing.

Liz and Jim Gordon joined the team at **Greenbrier Academy**.

Eckerd Academy of the Blue Ridge welcomed Matt Losch as the Education Coordinator.

After 22 years of outstanding service to the **Catherine Freer Program**, Paul Smith has resigned as Program Director in order to pursue new endeavors.

Matt Schoch and Alyssa Szepi have returned to **Dragonfly** and Judith Cockerham, a professional chef, started working with Dragonfly mid March.

There are also three new staff members at **Optimum Performance Institute**: Jessica Breton, MA, is the new Administrative Program Director, Alisa M. Shapiro, MA, is the new Director of Outpatient Services and Staff Education and Jennifer Bell Martin, MS, is OPT's new Director of Volunteer and Career Services. She replaced Altesa Baker.

Miranda Williams MHC-A, LPC, ESA joined the **Odyssey Northwest** clinical team as a Field Therapist.

Finally, **King George School** welcomed Willie Baracchi as the new fine arts instructor.

Visitors included:

Randy Russell of Souloire was the sole visitor this month.

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