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Fall 2017

## Upcoming Events

Oct. 31: Halloween



Nov. 11: Veterans Day



Nov 23: Thanksgiving



Dec 12: Hanukkah

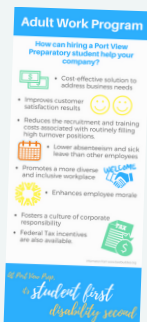


Dec 25: Christmas



## Help Promote the Port View Work Program!

Contact our office for a letter and flier.



## Principals' Corner



We recently wrote an opinion piece sent to the editor of the Orange County Register about the growing housing needs for adults with special needs. As the state is reviewing housing legislation, we want the Special Needs population to be a top priority for our California civic leaders. We want our state to lead the way in being proactive about policies that directly impact our students.

According to a study by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), approximately 75% of those with developmental disabilities live with their parents. Fortunately, we are seeing some amazing living communities in the works in Northern California, that inspire us to move for change here in Southern California.

## Expanding Port View Preparatory's Community Partner Program



We think the young adults with disabilities should contribute like any other good citizen, to the best of their ability. Though there is funding from the federal government and a California law to protect individuals with developmental disabilities, not all basic needs are met. We see our students and other young adults wanting to help themselves and others. Unfortunately, there is a lack of jobs for them to help pay their way.

We are reaching out to dozens of businesses in the Ontario and Yorba Linda area to help us expand the Work Program so that our students can gain necessary experience to help them thrive after graduation. Best Buddies, an organization that advocates for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has shown that hiring those with disabilities has many benefits: raising employee morale, reducing the costs from routinely refilling high turnover positions, and improving customer satisfaction. Let us know if you would like a copy of our letter and infographic for a company or organization in your network.

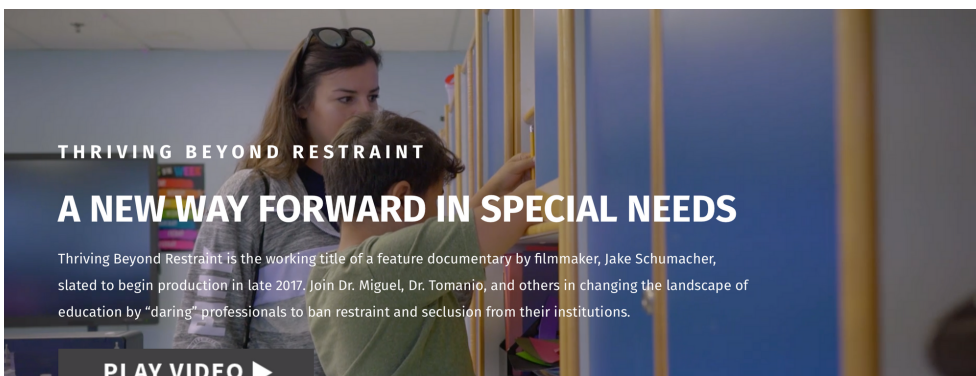


## PVP in the News

### Thriving Beyond Restraint

In August, a disturbing video surfaced of two Ohio teachers carrying a student with autism through the school. At one point, they are literally dragging him across the floor by his ankle. (To watch the video: [tinyurl.com/Advocate-No-Restraint](https://tinyurl.com/Advocate-No-Restraint)) This kind of ineffective behavior is why we want to be different and to change how people with developmental disabilities are treated and educated across the country.

We are proud to announce that Port View is featured in an upcoming documentary project! As we continue to advocate to legislative decision makers for our students with developmental disabilities, we hope that this project will help to encourage all schools to ban seclusion and restraint from their institutions. If you would like to learn more about the project, visit [ThrivingBeyondRestraint.com](http://ThrivingBeyondRestraint.com).



### Recent Student Election Campaign

14 students ran for government positions at our two Port View campuses. We are so proud of all who participated in the campaigns--making fliers, speeches, and inviting their peers to vote. Over the year, these students will coordinate events including Prom, locations for community based instruction outings, input for student snacks, and other special events. Our student officials have an amazing time and make new friends, but they also learn to plan events and organize the student body. We know their experiences will not only make fun memories, they will give them valuable skills to use beyond their time at Port View.

After the story of our Ontario campus opening was published in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, it has gone on to be reported online in the Orange County Register, Ontario News, Riverside Today, and noted by a Disability-Abuse activist group under "Improved Supports" and in the news section of a handicap equipment products company.



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