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The Gramon High School Program is designed to empower our young adults as they prepare for life beyond high school. Gramon School focuses on building essential life skills, enhancing vocational training, and fostering social and community connections.

Through personalized educational experiences, work-based learning, and community-based instruction we ensure that each student’s unique strengths and interests are celebrated. Together, we are paving the way for brighter futures and greater opportunities beyond the classroom.



## TASTE OF GRAMON

Students in Taste of Gramon were prepping empanadas and buffalo chicken dip for our fundraiser to benefit Officer Ciampi. Students also prepped Bento Boxes to be sold to the staff throughout the week.



## COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION

The students explored Willowbrook Mall to browse, practice ordering, and make purchases, honing their money skills such as budgeting and calculating totals.



## QUICK INFORMATION

The Gramon School  
24 Dwight Place, Fairfield, NJ 07004  
Phone: 973-808-9555

*Principal:* Lisa Mulhall  
*Supervisor of Special Ed:* Jodie Corforte

# VOCATIONAL

Students are embracing a new Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunity at Monster Golf in Fairfield, adding it to our expanding list of off-site vocational experiences. As they prepare to open the course, they're busy vacuuming the greens, cleaning the arcade and party rooms, organizing prizes, and setting up the tables.



## WHO'S WHO?

### MARISA BIANCHI

*Guidance Counselor*

As a guidance counselor I provide comprehensive support to families preparing for their child's transition to adulthood.



My services include navigating guardianship, social security benefits, DDD services, and finding suitable 21+ day programs. I offer flexible meeting options to assist parents with DDD applications and NJCAT assessments.

#### Contact Information:

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## RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities  
1-800-832-9173  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd)

NJ Division of Disability Services  
1-888-285-3036  
[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds)

Center for Independent Living  
732-571-3703  
[www.njsilc.org](http://www.njsilc.org)

Social Security Administration  
1-800-772-1213  
[www.ssa.gov/disability](http://www.ssa.gov/disability)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?!



10/30 - Fall Festival

10/31 - Halloween / PPO  
Walk-a-thon

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

10/14 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM

10/31 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 PM

## THERAPIST CORNER

Fall is a great time to explore your environment and all of the changes that come with the new season. Bring your family together for a fun fall scavenger hunt to work on following directions, naming items, and describing what you see! A few things to look for include red, orange or brown leaves, acorns, squirrels, pinecones, and pumpkins.

*Therapy tip: use pictures of real items to give visual support when needed.*



by: Amanda Goldberg  
Speech Therapist