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As we celebrate the **“Love Month”** let us always remember that love is not limited to the month of February alone.

An act of kindness, appreciation and encouragement goes a long way to help people get thru the daily onslaughts of life.

In the words of Mother Theresa, **“Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love”**.

Happy Valentines day to all.

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Be My Date?

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What comes first to your mind when you hear about the month of February? Your love ones? Chocolate and flowers? Teddy bears or anything symbolizing love? Or maybe your special someone? Well everything said falls under February 14, the so- called **VALENTINE’s DAY**. It is a tradition where couples usually go and hang out, exchange gifts and sometimes eat in a luxurious restaurant. So are you one of them?

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As everyone knows *Valentine's Day* is not a non-working holiday, which means students and teachers need to go to school to study and teach. On the other hand, some schools celebrate this tradition in such different way that no one can ever imagine.

At **Stepping Stone**, we celebrate it like a prom day for the students where everyone is required to wear formal attire including the teachers. There is even a sign posted on the Teen-Adult room which reads "*No Dress No Entry*".

Since the Teen-Adult room was the choice for the main venue to celebrate *Valentine's Day*, with the help of *Teacher Sofia* and *Teacher Lia*, a SPED intern, they decorated the room with hanging hearts, and cut outs on white board with a bible verse "*Let all that you do be done in love- 1 Corinthians 16:14*" and a cupid.

When all the teen-adult students finally arrived, they all helped to make chocolate cupcakes led by Teacher Sofia. Everyone enjoyed what they were doing. *Teacher Lia* and some of the other student even cooked spaghetti while others were busy making chocolate cupcakes.

After cooking and baking, it was time to decorate the cupcakes with some delicious red icing and top it with rainbow mallows. The Teachers and Occupational therapy interns helped the students put on the icing. Everything seemed to be done and so started the dancing!



To start the floor rolling, *Teacher Vell* an International intern and *Teacher Jethro* an Occupational therapist intern led the first dance. They showed the students how to properly ask a girl on the floor and how to dance in rhythm. Every student looked for their partners and even asked their teachers to dance with them.

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It was such a memorable day for everyone at the school. This just shows that you do not need a partner or special someone to celebrate *Valentine's Day*. You just need a crowd or people to be with that knows your worth and how much you mean to them. The important thing is the love that flows from within everyone is felt.

We are lucky to have unexpected people to celebrate this tradition with. It creates moments that leaves a smile on everyone's faces.

So do you want to be my date? There was a lot of fun stuff to deal with especially when you stretching with such a big number of people.

Show your love by simply smiling and be someones' date on the next *Valentine's Day*.





Sucacat Campus Valentines Day!

February is the love month as celebrated all over the world. **Stepping Stone Sucacat** celebrated *Valentine's Day* as teachers prepared fun activities for the students.

The first game was *"Musical Hearts"* where students and teachers danced together and had to step on a heart shaped paper once the music stopped. Each heart shaped paper on the floor had a message which the pair had to follow.

Everyone was very attentive as **Teacher Sam** explained the rules of the game. Student **Youseff** got a *"roll over"* message written on the heart shaped paper which his teachers' assisted him in performing the task.

Margarette of Teen Adult class had her Valentine's hair and make up done by **Teacher Grace**, who also gave her tips on how to look more beautiful for the event.

One of the games that is always included in a party is *"Longest Chant"* by student **Charles Felix** who won for saying the longest *Happy Valentine's Day* over a 30 second period! That was really a long chant!

Teacher Grace and student **Grecko** won in the *"Musical Hearts"* game. Who will ever forget *"Bring Me Game"*? In this category, **Teacher Kim** and student **Youseff** won.

All of the students participated well in the games and were really excited to win prizes like chocolates and candies. After the enjoyable event, everyone had delicious snacks together.

Each one had their give-aways with a note attached from **Stepping Stone**. It was indeed a *Happy Hearts* day filled with love, but genuine love, care and understanding for our students happens every single day.



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