



## Monthly Moments-June 2019

### *Butterflies in the Sky*

This month, rooms 2 and 4 participated in a special language unit on the Painted Lady butterfly. Each student was given a tiny Painted Lady caterpillar in a cup and observed them for changes during their Wednesday speech and language groups. Students also worked on butterfly-related activities such as completing a workbook that included scientific observations of their caterpillar's life cycle stages.

A few tiny butterflies emerged from their chrysalises on a Friday afternoon and were released at school. The rest emerged over the weekend at the home of our speech therapist, Zoe. She shared photos of the adult butterflies being released with students during their weekly speech and language group. They were really excited, especially Sophia, who used her communication device to say, "I think it is beautiful." We think so too!



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### *Ride A Wave*

Summertime is here! A favorite summer activity at Morgan Autism Center is attending Ride a Wave (RAW) in Santa Cruz. RAW is a unique organization that teaches individuals to safely play in the ocean and enjoy water sports like surfing and body boarding. Their adaptive equipment and highly trained staff and volunteers allow our clients and students to feel the thrill of "riding a wave" - some for the first time! Thank you to all the Ride a Wave volunteers, Morgan Autism Center staff and families for making it such a special and memorable day.

Visit our website at [www.morgancenter.org](http://www.morgancenter.org) under our NEWS tab to watch a video by ABC7 News Bay Area about Morgan Autism Center and Ride a Wave.



## *Adult Clients Visit the VA in Palo Alto*

Before Memorial Day, a group of clients from our Adult Program paid a special visit to veterans at the VA hospital in Palo Alto. They created thank you cards and artwork, all of which they hand delivered to the incredible veterans. Our clients were eager to personally thank them for their service and extend our gratitude for all they have done for our country. Thank you to our wonderful veterans and to our clients for this thoughtful act. □

