Hi All, Happy Tuesday!

First, I hope everyone’s studying is going well – we are so close!

Second, as I mentioned yesterday, I am trying to start a new volunteering SIG for psychiatric pediatric patients in the ED. I’ve heard some positive feedback and I wanted to say thank you to those that have reached out!

**A little more about the project:** the problem at the moment is that there is no inpatient psych/peds clinic at the hospital, so kiddos are boarded in the ED until spaces open up at other inpatient clinics throughout the state (or until they are deemed eligible for discharge). As you all can imagine spending any amount of time in the ED can be quite boring for anybody, especially kids. After consulting with the fellow and attending in charge, we decided it could be beneficial for the kiddos if we spent an hour in the afternoon with them 2-3 times a week, playing games and entertaining. Hopefully, we can get this going soon after coming back from break!

For this SIG to be approved I’ll need **24 others** (hopefully more though!) to show interest in the SIG and to be committed to volunteering some of their time in the ED. Embedded in this e-mail is a link to a google doc that should get us up and going. And don’t hesitate to reach out if you think of any other ideas. We will need to fill leadership positions and all of that as well, so if you’re interested in making this happen feel free to reach out to me directly.

Cheers, happy studying, and have a wonderful and restful break

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