

Levy Link

March 2019



March 8



March 11-15

Dates to remember:

- * March 5—Site Council
11:30am in the North
Conference Room
- * March 7—Music in
Our Schools Month All
-School Community
Sing-a-Long 10:30am
in Levy Gym
- * March 8—No School
- * March 11-15—Spring
Break, No School

Mission Statement

The mission of Levy Special Education Center is to provide a safe and stimulation learning environment which promotes dignity and respect for the students, and where the individual needs of each student are met by a team of skilled caring professionals in ways that are purposeful and meaningful.

Fall happenings in D2

The staff and students in D2 had a great time in the fall. The students learned about animals in their habitats. The students learned about the different areas animals may live in and how some areas are not a good place for other animals. In science, the students learned about camouflage and how animals can blend in to their natural habitats to help with protection. We also got to attend the circus, where the students had a great time seeing animals and acrobats perform. This year's trip to the pumpkin patch was canceled due to the rain, so instead, we brought the pumpkin patch to the students. We had a fun filled afternoon where the students got to jump on the schools inflatable, blow bubbles, play with scooters, color coloring pages, and decorate cookies. Of course, it wouldn't be a pumpkin patch without pumpkins! The students received a pumpkin as well. They decorated their pumpkins and submitted them into the school's annual pumpkin decorating contest.



D2 continued...



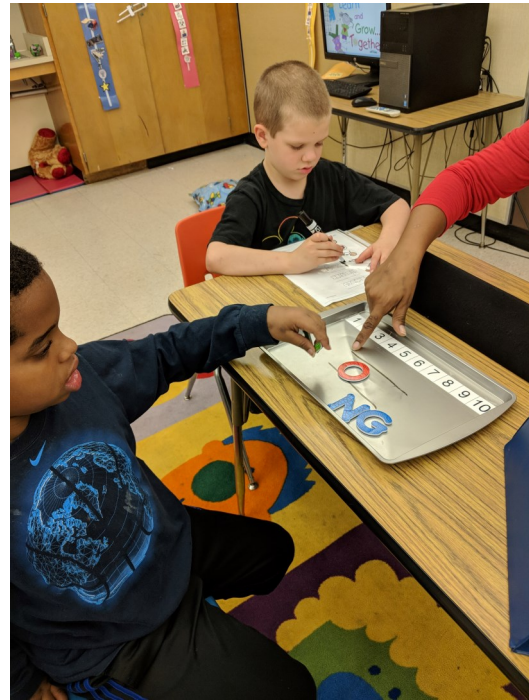
Fall happenings from Classroom D4

We have had an exciting and busy school year. We started the year with six awesome kids and have loved every day so far. We have activities here at school that keep us busy every day. We go to APE, Music, Swimming, Life Skills, and Vocational Skills during the school week. We went on a field trip earlier this year to the circus to watch the elephants and bears and trapeze artists! We also keep busy in our classroom. We do our interactive Calendar Time on the Smart-board, Reading Centers with our Unique Curriculum, and Academic Centers in the Work System room and our classroom. We still somehow find time to let the students run around, swing, or slide in the OT room or outside when it is warm enough. We are a very active classroom and our students go home very tired at the end of the day.

We had our lesson on leaders and rules. We learned who kids need to listen to (teachers, police officers, nurses, ect) and what it means to follow rules (nice hands, nice feet, ect). Hopefully this has shown through as we interact with other adults in the school and when we are out in the community. We have had a great year so far and we know that our students made tons of progress both academically and personally. They are an amazing group of students who we feel blessed to have in our room!

-D4 Staff: Jordan, Crystal, Karen, Katlin, and Sarah

D4 continued...



Meet your Speech Therapists



My name is **Abby Anthony** and I'm one of the speech therapists at Levy. I graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. I completed my clinical fellowship year at Heartspring and continued serving that population for almost 5 years before coming to Levy. I enjoy spending time with my 2 dogs and cat. To stay active I enjoy dancing and running. I grew up in Wichita and have 2 older brothers. I enjoy being at Levy and working with students and supporting their unique communication needs.

My name is **Nancy Beldin** and I'm a new speech therapist here at Levy. I also graduated from Wichita State University with CSD degree in 1982. I have worked for the Wichita school district for 20 years. I also serve Dunlap Learning Center at Chisholm. I enjoy serving this population and being able to learn something new every day! I'm married and have 1 son who is 30 years old. I grew up in Kansas and enjoy our new travel trailer and spending time with my grandson, Alex.



Levy Transition Training Program

As we enter in to the final 9 weeks of the school, we thought we would talk about some of our highlights of the school year.

Basketball

Once again the Levy Legends had a wonderful season. We played a total of 8 games. Four of those games were at Newman University, our partner for Basketball. Newman has graciously given us the opportunity to have a home court, a Pep Rally in their gym and our Basketball Banquet on their campus. We are so very grateful for this opportunity and want to thank Mike Rodee for making this happen.



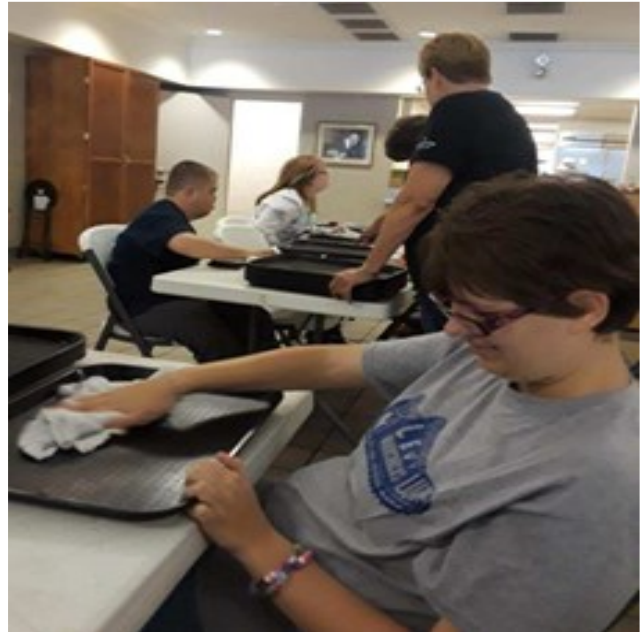
Art Show

The Levy Transition Program also participated in the Arc of Sedgwick County's Annual Art Show at Moxie Junction. We have some very talented young adults and all of them won at least one ribbon for their work. You can see their creations in the front hall way.

Levy Transition Training Program

Community Based Instruction (Vocational)

The Levy Transition Program spends four mornings each week working in the community with the support of our staff, learning valuable skills as they prepare for life after graduation. We have had a wonderful year and thank our businesses who give us this opportunity. A special thanks goes out to the United Methodist Open Door, Avita Assisted Living, Play It Again Sports, Meals On Wheels, Old Cowtown Museum, the Lord's Diner and Goodwill Industries for trusting our students to do the right thing.



Community Based Instruction (Self-Management)

Throughout the year we look for opportunities in the community where we can take the students to learn social, communication and behavioral skills. We have had tons of fun and visited Hampel Lake, a Shocker Women's Basketball Game, the new Library, Sedgwick County Park and a Thunder Hockey Game, just to name a few.



Learning in 216

In Room 216 we are learning about Positive Character Traits and Positive Self Esteem. These help us to be a better person. They help us to be the best we can be. We have also learned that we need to eat healthy and be active to be the best we can be.



In Reading we are reading about all different types of jobs. Some of the jobs we have read about are grocery store stocker, lawn care worker, custodian, policeman, fire fighter, circus worker, professional athlete, clown, doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, fisherman, waiter, chef, make-up artist, veterinarian, computer technician, computer programmer, and auto mechanic.

Greetings from B4

It has been a very busy year! We have had changes in staff and a new student has joined our class. Our new student is from Uganda. She is a very active and pleasant young lady. She has never been in school so she is very curious and watching everything that happens in and out of the classroom.

We have learned about peacekeepers throughout history and modern day peacekeepers in Unique. We have learned about Martin Luther King, Sojourner Truth, the Obama family, Wichita's mayor and our principal Mrs. Katie. We are almost ready to study Energy in March.

We started the basketball season in January and keep busy with practice and games. We have games on Fridays so if you haven't been to a game you should come out. The team and cheer team get very excited! In my room I have 1 player and 3 cheerleaders. Come out and support us. Go Levy Legends! We are excited about our next fieldtrip coming up on March 5 at Intrust Bank Arena to see the OKC Thunder basketball team.

B4 has an open door policy so feel free to drop in and see what is happening in B4. You may also call 973-3404.

Baylee, Betty, Carl, Rose, Zoie, Ms. Janet, Mrs. Dorinda, Ms. Rachel, Ms. Stacey, and Ms. Tina.

Pictures from B4

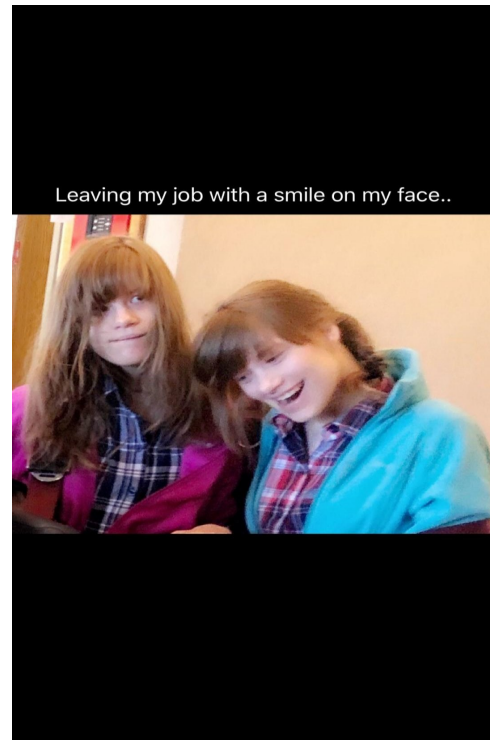


Taking turns holding the box of paper.

Doing a good job on waiting to work at cprf..



More pics from B4





News from Room B1

We have had a fun and busy school year in our classroom. Our class has been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. We have been having fun with our News2You articles each week. We work with them during our individual work time. We do math, reading and writing activities. We especially enjoy writing our journals and then reading them to our classmates and teachers using our voice output devices. Some of the fun articles have been **Operation Santa Paws, World Series/Super Bowl and Read Across American**. We have also enjoyed going to watch the Levy Legends play basketball and are excited to watch the OKC Thunder basketball team on March 6th. We have enjoyed having a Minion theme for our class this school year. Here are some photos of the students as Minions for the Fall Festival costume parade.





The staff and students in B1:

Pam, Phyllis, Kinzey, Jaime, Deshay, Esther, Jonathan, LaDale and Jordy



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