Levy Link

1st Annual Levy-Northwest Pep Rally

The Northwest High School dance team and pep band came to Levy Special Education Center on February 17 and held a pep rally to support Levy’s cheer squad and basketball team. During the pep rally, Levy’s basketball team and cheer squad were introduced to a crowd of Northwest and Levy students and then everyone danced and cheered as the band played.

Levy’s basketball team plays in the Tri-County Basketball League, and they play their basketball games on Friday afternoons during the basketball season. Levy holds pep rallies during the season to show support for their student athletes. However, this was the first time the students had a pep band at their pep rally supporting them, and this was also the first pep band pep rally that some of Levy students have ever attended.

Levy would like to send a special thankyou to Staci Marshall (Levy Office Staff) and Bill Billingsley (Levy Classroom Staff and Head Basketball Coach) for creating and planning this pep rally; Gil Alvarez (Northwest Principal) and Kim Cotton (Levy Principal) for allowing Northwest and Levy students to participate in this pep rally; Dr. Gary Leopold (Northwest Band Director) for supporting Levy and directing the pep band during the pep rally; and Meagan Vogel (Northwest Dance Team Director) for supporting Levy and directing the dance team during the pep rally.

Overall, everyone had an amazing time, and this was an experience that the Levy students will never forget! Thanks again to everyone who assisted in making this experience possible!

Max, Elvis, and Kevin showing their support during the pep rally.

Levy students and staff cheering!
Welcome to E-1

It’s hard to believe how fast this school year is flying by! During the school year, our class has been busy working on academics, social interactions, and Community Based Instruction (CBI).

We spend much of our classroom instruction time working in stations on a daily basis. During stations, the students work on assignments in the areas of science, social studies, vocabulary, numeracy, literacy, and writing. The students work on numeracy and literacy daily, while the other subjects are rotated in and out. The students generally spend 15 to 20 minutes in each station before moving on to the next one. The students enjoy work stations and have learned a lot.

During CBI, the students go out in the community as a group twice a week. During this time, the students work on different job tasks, along with social interaction that’s preparing them for success once they graduate from Levy. The students’ CBI worksites include Hampel Oil, The Lord’s Diner, ProK, and Eric Fisher Salons.

The students and staff are excited with spring in the air and knowing the summer is right around the corner!
Busy in B-2

We have had a busy couple of months in our classroom! We had to say goodbye to one of our students who moved to St. Louis. We miss her and hope she is doing well in her new school. We also have been busy with the Unique Learning System. Last month, we learned about Peacekeepers, and we are learning about the sun this month. I have to send out a huge thank you to my awesome staff for the amazing bulletin boards that they have coordinated around our monthly Unique themes. If you have a minute, please stop by our hall and check out how they have incorporated our themes for the last couple of months on our board.

The students are keeping busy with our center and group activities. They especially enjoy the News2You articles which they get to read with their voice output devices and answer questions about what they learned. The staff has been busy learning new strategies for teaching numeracy and have exciting tools to use in our math center to support these areas of the curriculum. We hope that everyone has a fantastic finish to the school year.

Levy Rocks!

Pam, Thelma, Phyllis, Cheryl, America, Joshua, Esther, Lili, and Gage

How to Get More Information About your Child’s Disability

Read about it.
Reading about your child’s problem can help you understand it better. Your public library may be able to help you search for information online. Sharing information with other children in the home can help siblings understand the health of their brother or sister.

Talk with other parents.
Often it helps to talk with other parents whose children have a similar diagnosis. They may be able to give you ideas about how to help your child learn. If your child has behavior problems, they may have useful hints about things that worked well for them. There are local, state, and national groups that can help you advocate for the needs of your child, and explain his or her condition.

Talk to your family doctor and other professionals.
Do not be afraid to ask for help or explanations. Many people, such as social workers, are committed to helping children with special problems and their families.

Christopher Melugin, LMSW, with resource support from The Family Doctor, Inc.
PICTURES FROM THE PEP RALLY!

Northwest dance team and pep band making their grand entrance at the pep rally.

Levy students dancing with the Northwest dance team.

Northwest dance team performing a routine.

Northwest pep band performing their fight song for Levy students.

Levy students dancing to the band.

Levy students and staff enjoying the pep rally.
It's that time of year again for our annual Gown Town! We need your help so that these young ladies and men can have a Prom night to remember for the rest of their lives.

This year, Gown Town will be on Saturday, March 26, at North High School. The event starts at 9:00 AM and goes until 2:00 PM.

**To help:** Drop off your gently worn prom dresses, men’s suits, sport coats, tuxedoes and shoes to any In The Bag Cleaners location.

**To participate:** Come to the Gown Town event at North High School. All formal wear is available to any high school student. *To receive formal wear, you MUST have a high school student ID to show at the entrance.*

Agency Fair

Thursday, March 24, 2016
5:00-7:00 pm
Chisholm Life Skills Center
2515 E. Osie

Parents of students with disabilities are invited to join us for an evening of information on transition services. Students are also welcome to attend. Agency representatives will be present to answer questions and provide information. Topics to be covered include those listed below:

Targeted Case Management
Adult Residential Services
  Adult Day Services
Special Needs Trusts
Employment Services
Guardianship
Social Security Benefits
Developmental Disability Services

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