

Special Education Board Report: March 2019

Early Childhood

- Did you know... our Early On department works to promote early intervention by providing developmental information and a baby rattle included in the Hillsdale County Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness (CAPA) initiative of providing baby bags to each infant born at Hillsdale Hospital.
- Ready, Set, Go.... PLAY, our transitional playgroup for children getting ready to transition to preschool in the fall is off and running. The group is being consistently attended by 14 students. Each student is already demonstrating gains in building social skills with peers and understanding of school routines.



Greenfield

It's already March and Greenfield has many exciting events happening!

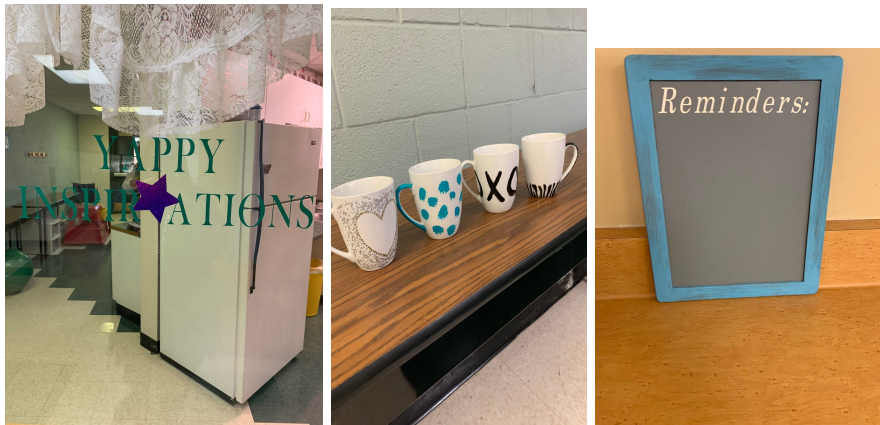
Linda Staib recently presented Hillsdale County's Vocational Skills Program at the annual Michigan Transition Service Association Conference in Traverse City, Michigan. This annual conference brings special educators, social workers, community agencies and administrators from all over the state. Linda's presentation brought in 150 guests!!



This week, Greenfield students got to hang out with Hillsdale College Mission Students. These students took time out of their spring break to play musical instruments, play games and just spend time with us!!



The Young Adult Program continues to make crafts through their classroom business--YAPPY Inspirations. Please contact Emily Buelow if you are interested in purchasing their wonderful products!!



MoCI Program

MoCI High School Program received positive feedback from the Hillsdale HS P.E. teacher that he is enjoying our students taking advantage of the open gym time. He reports that it has been great for staff and students to have them included during that time. It's great to see the benefits of inclusion.



Our MoCI Elementary Program went bowling as a leisure activity on March 11, 2019. This kind of activity allows students to explore interests that they may have outside of school and this may be an activity that they continue beyond school age. Here you can see one of the students bowled a spare and you can see the excitement in this accomplishment.



Emotionally Impaired Program

EI Aide (Karlle Midtgaard) continues to provide direct support to Davis Middle School. She has helped to add details to the universal behavior support to help an individual student be successful. She has had great success in helping the Davis staff implement several suggestions that were given to them from the spec ed supervisor 2 week visit, including a basic behavior protocol for all students. Karlle is beginning to fade away her service currently while training a Davis aide. She will be done at Davis and back to the EI program by March 25th. Supervisor will continue to follow up with Barb Wheeler at Davis to help with any possible issues in implementation once the EI staff has left.

Currently all students enrolled in the HCISD EI program are in general education classes 80% or more of the day with an exception of 1 new student that has been at the program for 3 days.

We had a fun and successful celebration day combined with the elementary MOCI program. We met at Greenfield and watched a movie and played some games along

with some student from Hillsdale College. We then went bowling and had pizza in the afternoon. It was a great way to show the students some enjoying activities within the community. All students and staff seemed to have a great time.

Speech

A few members of the speech team will be participating in the Speech Conference in East Lansing including the supervisor. The therapist will be attending several of the PD sessions and also helping at a booth to help recruit new speech therapist to the HCISD.

Inclusion For All training: Dr. Richard Villa

Dr. Villa returned to Michigan to lead Professional training on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday the training was Inclusion for All. He started the day with the “Why” for inclusion for all students. It was very compelling and many staff have reached out to administration to set up times to discuss how to move forward with inclusion. We are currently getting feedback and will let you know what exciting ideas come from this training.

Upcoming Events:

Transition Bootcamp: March 20th @ Hayes. Here is the [agenda](#) (pg 2)

Greenfield Easter Celebration: April 18th

ACES Day: May 1st

Greenfield Dance: May 3rd

Completion Ceremony: May 29th @ 6:00 PM