



Arkansas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Board of Trustees Superintendent Report August 2024

Superintendent

The AAEA conference was held on July 29-31. I learned new rules as it pertains to licensure. The keynotes were inspiring, and I am pumped up for the new school year. We are getting all the classrooms moved and we should be completed shortly. Mrs. Baxter has been working hard and providing professional development opportunities for math teachers. Mrs. Walsh and I have been working hard recruiting new teachers and it has been paying off.

2023-2024 Food Pantry Report

ASBVI provided food bags for 25 students during the 2023-2024 school year. No funds were expended, and all food was donated by Midtowne Church in Benton, AR, ASBVI staff and the ASBVI Alumni Association.

Midtowne Church, the largest donor, provided 25 bags of food for 34 weeks of school for students in need. A food drive was conducted by the staff to collect holiday food items for Thanksgiving and Winter Break. And the ASBVI Alumni Association donated additional food to help cover the summer camp students.

The students were given extra food during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring breaks to help cover their needs. At Christmas, Midtowne Church collected a wish list from every student on the backpack roster and church members purchased gifts to equal about \$100.00 each. All gifts were wrapped and delivered to the students before the break.

Four students from the DSB/ASBVI Jump Start summer internship program (high school) received bags for the 2 weeks of camp. Ten students from the ASBVI Summer Camp and Camp Sunshine received bags for the 2 weeks they were in attendance.

Approximately 1,000 bags of food were delivered to ASBVI students in need for the 2023-2024 School year and summer programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Dean, ASBVI, Food Pantry Coordinator

What has been going well:

- We have new teachers for 2nd grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, and 7th/8th grade ELA and science.

Educational

Registration went well. We have begun passing out IDs for all 12-month staff. We are ensuring that all students, teachers, and staff always have IDs.

June 2024 Health Services Board Report:

No report

Campus Projects/Maintenance/Custodial/Safety

- Exterior gates will be locked
- All classes will take place in Hellen Keller Building except music and Art
- Special Education department, Bitrh-3, and eventually O&M will be housed in Hill cottage

Upcoming Activities

- Teachers/10-Month Employees Return August 14th, 2024
- Open House, new Student/Parent Orientation, Parent Teacher Conferences – August 18, 2024 (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
- First Day of School – August 19, 2024
- Title 1 Meeting –TBA (6:00 p.m.)
- NWEA Testing – August 26 through August 30, 2024