

Board Report, December 2024

Lori Avart, Special Education Coordinator

Staff:

With the influx of students and changing of needs at the grade school level, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to hire a paraprofessional who has worked in the building and has gone back to work on her special education teacher licensure. This person would fill a half year substitute position for the remainder of the school year and have the opportunity to interview for a full time permanent position next fall.

Other News:

I have worked to help ensure we have a small team of teachers and staff that are able to provide safe hands on restraints should a student present an imminent danger to their own or another person at the school. We are also continuing to be able to provide training in Ukeru to school staff by having staff trained. This team of teachers have been trained in Ukeru which focus on brain research and trauma informed practices when working with students who become escalated or out of control.

Another Pre-K Screening:

The Pre-K held another Preschool Screening at the end of November. We screened 4 more students. I have also worked with the County Early Intervention Program that we are required to evaluate for special education eligibility when they turn 3. We are working on scheduling transition meetings for families who have children turning 3 who may become eligible for school based services. We are close to capacity at the pre-k but do have some spots that remain unfilled at this time. The next screening will be in February.

School Vision and Hearing Screening are scheduled for the main campus on January 9th and 27th as well as at the Pre-k in February.

Other News:

- Mrs.Price has a group of students that are registered and she will be working with to participate in the Special Olympics Basketball Skills program Jacksonville in January.

- The Special Education office is working to make sure that assessment accommodations for the upcoming state assessments are ready to go.
- In addition to the reevaluations that we routinely complete each year, we currently have 9 initial referrals and several special reevaluations for students who have some unique circumstances.
- We are also working with 504 students to assist with behavior assessments.