

Special Education

The special education department will be teaming up with POW's health department to provide Child Find at all the sites next week. During Child Find, all children, ages 3-21 years of age, are invited for a screening if they are suspected of having a disability. During this experience, the district will screen about 30 preschool and kindergarten aged students. This is always a great way for parents and students to gain exposure to the school setting as well as give teachers the opportunity to meet children within the village that are not currently enrolled.

Special education teachers will visit the district office for caseload file reviews on Friday, May 13th. During their time, Deidre and Carol will be working with each teacher reviewing each student file. This will be completed using a state generated document that is used on district audits. The outcome for this activity will support teachers in understanding all required reporting and document as well as set the district up with files that are complete and accurate.

We are gearing up to finish off the school year strong. Teachers are finishing up inventory, making sure they have supplies ordered for next year, and double-checking documentation and paperwork to ensure everything is wrapped up.

District Assessments

All sites are now finished with the new AK STAR and Science assessments. The testing window closed April 29th. There were a few issues with setting up the program, but the AK STAR ended up easier to maneuver through than the MAPs program. The last MAPs assessment and iReady diagnostic concluded this Thursday.

The Dynamic Learning Maps are assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate, even with accommodations. DLM assessments offer these students a way to show what they know and can do in English language arts, mathematics, and science. The testing window was open from March 21 through May 6th and all students qualifying for this assessment have completed their assessment.