

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education

Engaging People; Enriching Lives!

May 2016 - Positive Happenings - Childcare Programs

Newslines from the Childcare Sites

Students in SAC & Sonic at **Columbus** have been busy working on projects associated with the Lakefest Build a Boat event. They created a life-size cougar from paper mache' to ride in the boat.

Sonic students at **Forest Lake** have been "visiting" national parks this year and had a good time discovering things about water bugs and worms.

Students at **Forest View** have been hanging photos of friends and fun at SAC all year long. Their photo wall now covers most of the north wall in the mini-gym!

The **Lino Lakes** SAC and Sonic students have two new favorite gym games; Big Base and Pickleball. Students also play Big Base during physical education and Pickleball is a favorite with adults in Community Education.

SAC & Sonic students at **Linwood** are looking forward to joining their friends at Wyoming for summer care after a great time at the Wyoming spring break site.

The group at **Montessori** continues to be of great help to food service staff by creating some amazing decorations for the cafeteria bulletin boards.

The tradition lives on at **Scandia,** as they once again held their annual NASCAR complete with cardboard box car races.

JeopROARdy (episode 3 now in the works) is the game designed and hosted by Sonic students to encourage learning PBIS principles as they are embraced at **Wyoming** Elementary.

The **CLC Steps Ahead** children loved learning about weather with a cool shaving cream cloud experiment and a tornado in a bottle.

The **Lino Lakes Steps Ahead** children painted volcanoes with shaving cream, glue and orange paint during the letter V week and had fun measuring water in and out of various containers in the sensory table for the letter W.

The **Wyoming Steps Ahead** children had an "egg-citing" time staining hard boiled eggs in 4 different cups filled with tea, diet coke, coffee and grape juice. After a day in the cups, they brushed the eggs with baking soda and toothbrushes to simulate what happens when they brush their teeth.



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Newslines from the Childcare Office

- * The total number of students enrolled in SAC, Sonic, and Steps Ahead for the 2015-2016 school year is 809.
- * Childcare staff attended great sessions on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), the Nurtured Heart Approach, and crisis prevention de-escalation techniques during the classified staff development day in February.
- * Of the 57 staff working with children in the FLAS Community Education Childcare Programs, 93 percent have up-to-date certification in CPR and the remaining staff are being certified in CPR on May 5. Staff also receive First Aid training and complete the Head's Up concussion training.
- * Nurse Heather trained staff on the new head lice procedures.

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