



Lynchburg-Clay Local School District

Special Education Services Newsletter

1st 9 Weeks

October 2020

We have had a successful first nine weeks back at school! This newsletter highlights some of the great things going on in the Special Education Department in our district. The students have proven how flexible and adaptable they are to new situations and we are so proud of them! Our staff has been working hard to provide fun, engaging learning activities for all students, while keeping students' health and safety a top priority. Your child's first nine week's progress report should be coming home soon. Please review your child's progress toward his/her goals. As always, partnering with parents is key to academic success. Feel free to reach out to me, your child's Intervention Specialist, or general education teacher at any time with questions or concerns.



Warmly,
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Lynchburg-Clay Elementary News



LCES Special Education Team:

Miss Humphries, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Mullenix, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Donley, Mrs. Fawley, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Bohrer, Ms. Marion, Ms. Tipton, Ms. Pinkerton

Mrs. Pennington's Preschool News:

Here in preschool, we have been having a lot of fun while we learn! We love facilitated play to develop our pre academic, social and motor skills! I wanted to share a few resources to explain what typical development of young children looks like, and why it is so important that we PLAY!

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/support-learning-with-play>

<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/signs-symptoms/developmental-milestones/skill-development-from-birth-to-age-5>

Mrs. Roberts' K/1st Grade News:

I have recently started using boom cards to reinforce certain skills that I am teaching that week, like vocabulary words and the phonics skill! The students love them!!

Ms. Marion's 2nd Grade News:

2nd grade has been working on consonant blends. We are using the game "I have..Who has.." They are also working hard on increasing their reading level for AR. We have had a great first nine weeks of school!

Mrs. Bohrer's 3rd Grade News:

This first nine weeks, we have been using our digital classroom. The students have been very successful and learned to navigate this well! My students have all made gains and improvements on their STAR reading test scores! Ms. Tipton is our classroom aide. She is awesome and together we have helped some students accomplish mastery of some of their IEP objectives/benchmarks!

Mrs. Fawley's 4th Grade News:

My students have gained 283 units this year on Lexia Core 5! I am so proud of them! A resource I have loved using this year is Epic. It provides books to read online and many of them are AR books that can be used to take quizzes at school. Epic can only be used from 9am-4pm (school hours), but it is so useful!

https://www.getepic.com/promo?signUpV=create_account

Mrs. Mullenix's 5th Grade News:

For the month of October, my students have read 48 books and 71,853 words, for an individual average of 14 minutes per day in the Accelerated Reader program! Over 60% of the students in my group are meeting their Lexia minutes every single week! I'd like parents to know that you can utilize LexiaCore5 at home. Just go to www.lexiacore5.com. You can also download the Lexia Core5 Reading app for Apple and Android devices. The first time your child uses Core5, you may need to enter the teacher email.

Miss Humphries' MH Room News:

We had a great first 9 weeks in the MH room! Each week we had a different theme, usually a topic from our book of the week. Most of our work and activities were based around this theme, which has been super engaging for the kids! One of our favorite weeks so far was inspired by the book "If You Give a Pig a Pancake," by Laura Numeroff. We read the book, counted pancakes, practiced putting the parts of the story in order, and our classroom aide, Ms. Perkins even helped us make real pancakes to eat!

Lynchburg-Clay Middle School News



LCMS Special Education Team:

Mrs. Whitenack, Ms. Knight, Mrs. Jones, Ms. Snyder, Mrs. Rosselott, Mrs. Etienne, Mrs. Barron's, and Mr. Walker

Not available for the picture- Mrs. Moore

At the Lynchburg-Clay Middle School, teachers and staff are working hard to "get back to normal". We are increasing our use of technology by using Google Classroom. All classroom teachers are able to put most of their daily lessons and assignments into Google Classroom. This is available for you and your child to access. All grades are using Lexia PowerUp for additional reading instruction. Also, sixth and seventh grade students use XtraMath, and the eighth grade uses Khan Academy. These sites are for additional math instruction. These are online resources that can be accessed through Google Classrooms. If you would like access to any of your child's teachers' Google Classrooms and other online resources, please send an email to the Intervention Specialist in charge of your child's IEP.

Lynchburg-Clay High School News



LCHS Special Education Team:

Mrs. Allen, Ms. Hatten, Ms. Fittro, Ms. Newman, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Bennington, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Stephens, Mrs. DeBoard, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Oaks-Feiss, Mrs. Chaney

The Intervention Specialists, Aides, and Attendants at Lynchburg-Clay High School are off to a great start to the 2020-2021 school year. We are learning new ways to teach by incorporating more technology. Each student in the high school will have an assigned Chromebook for school use. We have been utilizing Google Classroom tools to allow for more flexibility in material presentation and student responses to assignments. This allows students to have access to resources and assignments from anywhere and anytime they have Internet access. Using virtual resources, including Google Meet, have also enabled the students to receive services with outside agencies, even when individuals are unable to come in-person to provide those services, including transition activities through OOD. We are working hard to help prepare students for the electronic age in which we now live.

Speech and Language News



Our speech language pathologists are Miss Mary Bennett and Miss Jeanie Linton. Miss Bennett treats Pre-K and lower elementary grades while Miss Linton treats 3rd-12th grades. We are currently working with students in the classroom and virtually through teletherapy services. Learning how to change therapy activities for online learning has been challenging, but exciting. We have learned that Youtube has lots of great read-aloud books to practice communication and speech sound skills. Thanks for letting us serve your children! Here's a link to some online resources from us: <https://sites.google.com/view/lclsdspeech/home>. Feel free to contact us at mary.bennett@lclsd.org or jean.linton@lclsd.org with any comments or concerns!

Related Service Provider News



My name is Abbey Weaver. I am the Itinerant Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing through Region 14 Hopewell Center. Below you will find some valuable resources for parents and students. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department Facebook page @DeafHardofHearingTeamHopewellRegion14. <https://deafandblindoutreach.org/> The Deafness and Blindness Outreach Center for Ohio <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/> This is the National Deaf Center



This is the Region 14 Hopewell Center Motor Team! The team in this picture provides services to our students for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Adaptive PE. The link to their page is: <https://www.southernohioesc.org/1/Content2/motor-team>.



My name is Kathy Tolle. I am a Physical Therapist employed through Region 14 Hopewell Center. This is the link to the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center's Physical Therapy homepage: <https://sites.google.com/sst14.org/soescphysicaltherapy>. I can be reached at 937-393-1904 ext 2217, or by email at ktolle@sst14.org.



My name is Amy West and I am an Occupational Therapist that is part of the motor team from Southern Ohio Educational Service Center (Region 14- Hopewell Center). Below is a link that will take you to our Occupational Therapy homepage that has some great resources for you and your child.

<https://sites.google.com/southernohioesc.org/soescoccupationaltherapy/home>

School Psychologist News



My name is Deborah Gilbert, Ph.D. I am Lynchburg-Clay Local School District's Psychologist. You are the most important person in your child's life. Life is stressful, especially these days. It's important that you take care of yourself so you can be your best self for your child. Here are two links that provide ideas about how to help you manage your own stress and support your child:

https://parenting-ed.org/wp-content/themes/parenting-ed/files/handouts/stress_management.pdf

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/helping-children-cope-with-changes-resulting-from-covid-19>