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We Want to Hear From You

Below is a link to our satisfaction survey for individuals, students, families, community members, elected officials, collaborative agencies, providers, members from local school districts.... anyone that has an affiliation with Lawrence County DD.

Please take the time to fill out the survey so we can garner your feedback. The best surveys are the ones that leave comments on what they like or dislike, so feel free to write in follow up responses in the comment boxes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3XR7D3>

Staff Birthdays

Falecia Collier, Oct. 4

Dylan Markins, Oct. 12

Andrea Hieronimus, Oct. 17

Tammy Lilly, Oct. 19

Terri Riley, Oct. 19

Hollie Haney, Oct. 23

Amy Yeomans, Oct. 24

Mary Ferguson, Oct. 28

Laurie Eastham, Oct. 29

Shannon Allen, Oct. 31

Meet Our People: Kendall

Fourteen-year-old Rock Hill Middle School student Kendall Speaks has been described by others as warm and friendly. Kendall may at times be soft spoken, but underneath her great smile is an athlete that knows what she wants and stays focused on making it happen.

Kendall loves sports. She is an avid participant in WCMX (wheelchair motocross) and a member of the NWBA (National Wheelchair Basketball Association). These two sports have allowed Kendall the opportunity to travel all over the United States. She is a member of the Cincinnati Dragons varsity basketball team, and has stayed in the dorms while attending basketball camp at the University of Illinois. Kendall has friends all over the world due to her involvement in sports, and she keeps up with them through social media.

Although Kendall is young, she has plans for her future. She has applied to participate in the Paralympics and attend basketball camp in Colorado Springs, CO, and she wants to attend the University of Illinois after graduating high school. Her biggest dream is to purchase a BIG wheelchair accessible RV and travel the United States to participate in WCMX and NWBA events.

For now, Kendall is enjoying teenage life. She was nominated by the Rock Hill Middle School football team to be an 8th grade Homecoming attendant. At the Homecoming game on September 20, 2018, Kendall proudly represented her classmates as part of the Homecoming court. Congratulations Kendall!

Submitted by Laurie Eastham, SSA





My name is Amy Bailey and I have been teaching adaptive physical education (APE) at Open Door School since October 2017. I have always had a love for human anatomy and physical well-being so I wanted to work with our youth and teach them, early on, the importance of taking care of their bodies. I graduated in 2008 from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia with a Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education. My favorite aspect of working at Open Door School is having the opportunity to get to know and teach the students all sorts of various activities involving physical education.

Get to Know the Adaptive PE Program at Open Door

Students, depending on their grade level, are offered APE two to three times a week in a group setting with their class. If eligible, some students receive additional instruction outside of class as well. According to Adaptive Physical Education and Sport by Joseph P. Winnick, adaptive physical education is defined as an “individualized program of physical and motor fitness; fundamental motor skills and patterns; and skills in aquatics, dance, and individual and group games and sports designed to meet the unique needs of individuals.” After a year of teaching APE at Open Door School, I believe that my job is a unique opportunity for students to learn new skills



and engage in physical activities that promote wellness that they can use for a lifetime. Without proper health and wellness, the quality of life is decreased and it impairs the ability to proceed with other daily tasks in life including academic achievement.

Students at Open Door work on improving or increasing their health by engaging in activities pertaining to all components of health related fitness, including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility. We cover various team sports, such as volleyball and basketball; individual sports such as bowling and bocce; as well as dance, gymnastics, and yoga. Students are also taught basic fundamentals in all skills covered, such as throwing, catching, skipping, jumping, etc so that they can perform all tasks safely and effectively. All skills are modified so that every student has the ability to achieve these tasks. I believe that is what sets our program apart: modifying and breaking down skills for every level for maximum achievement.



- Amy Bailey, Adaptive PE Instructor at Open Door School

Open Door Students Participate in the Transition Program

Open Door offers students a transition program which gives students a chance to participate in a meaningful work experience. Students have the opportunity to interact with the community and build social skills, as well as learn job skills which will help them with future endeavors.

Currently, The students work at Bartram and Son Supermarket in Ironton on Monday and Wednesday of each week. On Mondays, they bag groceries, clean the aisles, and stock shelves. On Wednesdays, they purchase groceries for the Jet Café, which is in operation on Fridays at Open Door School. The students help plan the meals, make a grocery list, and purchase the items. After organizing the menu, they take orders from the staff and the students are in charge of collecting and counting the money. Then on Fridays, the students cook and serve the guests. The students absolutely love working at Bartram and Son Supermarket and take great pride in what they do at the Jet Café.



Calendar of Events

October 1-2

Executive Professional Development

October 1-5

Spirit Week @ ODS

October 5

Special Education Network Meeting

Focus - October

October 9

LCDD Board Meeting

October 11

Parent Teacher Conference (ODS)

October 12

ODS Staff Inservice (no school)

Preschool Family Conferences (no school)

October 24

Regional Sp. Education Meeting (SOESC)

October 26

Emergency Operations Plan - Table Top Drill

October 31

ODS Halloween Parade/Party



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Emergency Operations Plan Involves the Entire County

The safety and well-being of students and individuals at LCDD is at the forefront of priorities for our staff.

LCDD Facilities Operations Manager, Jeff Townsend, has been hard at work over the past several months to make certain safety of students and individuals under LCDD's umbrella remains crucial. To best prepare for situations that would require law enforcement and first responders, Townsend has coordinated an

Emergency Operations Plan that includes sharing information and developing plans with emergency responders in our county.

Several meetings are held with staff members and county officials to review the plans in order to ensure health and safety of our individuals. If you'd like to attend an upcoming meeting, please contact us at 740-532-7401



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