

SWCCCASE DESTINY

November 2016 Newsletter



PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

We are very excited that this is our first year implementing PBIS in the DESTINY program! The philosophy of PBIS is to be positive, proactive, and purposeful. Members of the DESTINY staff met last year to work on planning for this year. We have three expectations that the students have been working on learning: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. We practice those skills in the classroom and around the school and have many visual supports available to assist students with learning and

remembering them. Each classroom has a system to reward and acknowledge students for following the expectations. We also have a new system for tracking any behavior issues that arise to assist us in planning for ways to help students improve.



In October, Destiny classes held their first PBIS Student Kick-Off. Students visited different areas of the school to learn and practice the three PBIS expectations. They got their "passports"

stamped at each location. After getting all their passport stamps, students were able to attend a celebration. The students at Kerkstra Elementary celebrated with a dance party including a pinata and a limbo game. Arbor Park Middle School played "minute to win it" games and Oak Forest High School students enjoyed a dance party and snacks.



New Faces at DESTINY

We would like to welcome some new staff to our DESTINY classrooms. Our social worker for Arbor Park Middle School and Oak Forest High School, Theresa Piccirillo, will be out on leave until the end of February. She is home taking care of her new baby boy. Congratulations Mrs. Piccirillo! While she is out, Ms. Nefeteri Okine, will be providing social work services to students.

We have also had a change in our occupational therapy staff at Kerkstra, Arbor Park and Oak Forest. Our new Registered Occupational Therapist is Ms. Peggi Schied and she will be working with students who have direct or consult OT minutes in their IEP's.

Celebrating Seniors

At the annual Thanksgiving Feast at Oak Forest High School, students helped prepare and serve a meal for their friends and staff. Classrooms decorated the suite in colorful fall crafts and pictures. After the meal was shared, the senior students were recognized and presented with the senior class rings.



Please contact Lisa Schouten, DESTINY Supervisor, with any questions or for assistance.

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