

# Lynchburg-Clay Local School District

## Special Education Services Newsletter

**3rd 9 Weeks**

**March 2021**

Happy Spring! The third 9 weeks of school brought some new challenges with snow days, but our teachers and students have worked hard to stay on track. Most students are preparing to begin State Testing this month. Please help your child be prepared on their testing days by making sure they've had a proper night's sleep and plenty of positive encouragement! You should receive your child's 3rd nine week's report card and progress report this week. 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.



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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:**

The Mini Mustangs have been practicing social-emotional skills, such as identifying their feelings and the feelings of others, and also practicing self regulation skills. Little kids can have some BIG emotions- and that is ok! Check out the following links to learn more about what you can do at home to develop your child's social emotional skill development.

<https://consciousdiscipline.com/free-resources/articles/>

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/building-social-emotional-skills-at-home>

### **Mrs. Roberts' K/1st Grade News:**

The kindergarten students have been working very hard on constructing one complete sentence in response to a journal topic. They have also been working very hard on learning all of the letters and their corresponding sounds, and they have been doing so well with blending CVC words!

The 1st grade students have been working very diligently on writing 2 or 3 complete sentences in response to a journal topic. This week the 1st graders will be learning about the sound of long u. They have done a fantastic job with learning the long sounds of all of the vowels this year!

The kindergarten and 1st grade students have had the opportunity since the beginning of March to enjoy one-on-one time with a Wilmington College student that is completing hours in my classroom. They love being able to play games with her to practice skills!

**Ms. Marion's 2nd Grade News:**

In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade the students are using an APP "text to speech." This APP allows the student's to type a word and it will say the word for them or they can speak a word and it will spell the word for them. This is a great way to learn an unfamiliar word and works on their spelling.

**Mrs. Bohrer's 3rd Grade News:**

Third grade students have been working hard to prepare for the Reading AIR test. The students have made gains in reading fluency this nine weeks!

**Mrs. Fawley's 4th Grade News:**

We use Freckle Math to practice math skills independently. So far this year we have grown 13 levels in the various domains! You can access Freckle Math at home at:

<https://student.freckle.com/#/login> Class Code: fawled

**Mrs. Mullenix's 5th Grade News:**

5th graders have been so busy during the 3rd nine week period! In Science they are studying animal relationships called symbiosis and in Social Studies they are all preparing for the big states and capital test. Reading and Math classes are focusing on State test prep and everyone is working so hard. Families have access to the AIR test practice materials through the ODE website Parents can view practice and released assessments at:

<https://oh.portal.cambiumast.com/users/students-and-families.stml>

**Miss Humphries' Social Communications Classroom News:**

The students in the Social Communications classroom made some pretty exciting academic progress during the 3rd 9 weeks of school! Some students were able to master a few of their IEP goals this 9 weeks! We have also been focusing on our emotions and the tools we can use to appropriately express those emotions. The students have loved checking in about how they are feeling throughout the day which has resulted in some pretty productive conversations!

### 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

Everyone was very busy during the third nine weeks at the Middle School. Every grade has been getting ready for the State Tests. Sixth and seventh graders will take the ELA (Reading and Writing) and Math tests. Eighth graders will take tests in ELA (Reading and Writing), Math and Science. These tests will begin on March 29, 2021.

Sixth grade has finished the book, Out of the Dust. It is a great book that the students enjoyed. In 6th grade Math, we have begun an Algebra unit. We are currently working on ratios and rates.

In seventh grade, we have finished up our lesson on informational essays. We are now rocking out argumentative essays. During Math, we worked on solving equations. In Reading, we are reading the book, The Giver. It is such a good book!

Eighth graders just finished reading and some completed a project over the book, Casey at the Bat. In Math, we have been working on finding the slope and equation of a line on a coordinate plane and geometry lessons.

## 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 Third Quarter at LCHS seemed very short and busy. After returning from Christmas Break one week later than normal, we experienced several snow day absences, in addition to MLK and Presidents' Day. Transition has been the key word for high school Special Ed students. L-C sophomores applied to Laurel Oaks and recently received letters of acceptance. On March 4, students at LCHS received a grant from the Hillsboro Elks Lodge to assist with providing for and meeting transition needs. (Photo A) The Deb Hall 5 County Transition Expo was held virtually on Tuesday, March 9. (Photo B) Also on March 9 while juniors took the State funded ACT, sophomores took a Pre-ACT practice test while freshmen attended End of Course Exam workshops in English and Algebra. Students are looking forward to an in-person prom on April 10, and seniors are preparing for graduation on May 23. Everyone is very excited as we start to wrap up the 2020-2021 school year!!



(Photo A)





(Photo B)

### **Speech and Language News**



We have used a lot of different activities during the 3rd quarter. Miss Linton used a wordless picture book called "Hike". Those are great for working on language skills, like storytelling! Miss Bennett used stories about winter and snow - although now that it's getting warmer, we can all look forward to spending more time outside! There are lots of opportunities to build speech and language skills while outdoors. Go on a scavenger hunt. Have your child talk about what they see. Draw words with their speech sounds using sidewalk chalk. Have fun! 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](mailto:mary.bennett@lclsd.org) or [jean.linton@lclsd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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://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>