



STUDENT SERVICES REPORT



CONTINUOUSLY GROWING Student Services Kick-Off



The Student Services Staff held their annual “KICK-OFF” on Friday, July 28th. The newest members of the student services family were introduced. Dr. Zabrina Cannady led the welcome and Dr. Kristi-Lee Arrington elaborated on our district’s new theme for the school year, “Continuously Growing”. Student Services Coordinator Jason Pinkney provided detailed information on emergency procedures and Vector. Tangela Brice, Student Services Project Aware Coordinator, shared valuable information about selfcare and the importance of knowing what falls within your circle of concern, circle of control, or circle of influence. The team continued the morning by participating in break-out sessions and group meetings to ensure collaboration for continued top notch services for our district. This team is ready to take on the school year and remove barriers so our students can continuously grow!





CONTINUOUSLY GROWING

Student Services Staff

Welcome!

Karen Krivey - Interpreter
Elizabeth Larsen - TA Teacher
Nikki Johnson - Lindsey Teacher
Mary Ross Bankson - Psychologist
Hannah Mills - SLP @ SHES
Kelly Turpin - SLP @ WRHS
Allison Lassiter - SLP @ ESES
Wendy Guenthner - Para @ TA
Amber Walton - Para @ TA
Jessica Gilstrap - Nurse @ TA
Christa Nelson - Coordinator
Letitia Render - Program Specialist
Karen Zanfardino - Behavior Specialist



SCHOOL NUTRITION
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2022-2023 Clean Sweep 10 Years and More

Each school nutrition lunchroom receives 2 health inspections during the school year. This past school year, our 37 lunchrooms received a total of 74 health inspections county-wide. Out of 74 reviews, ALL 74 were a perfect score of 100! The schools listed below have had a decade or more of consecutive perfect health scores!! We love that our managers and employees work so hard to make healthy and safe meals for our students!

For 10 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Kings Chapel Elementary – Norma Hernandez
Northside Elementary – Antoinette Gordon**

For 11 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Perry High – Jennifer Howard
Russell Elementary – Jay Weatherford**

For 12 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Eagle Springs Elementary – Sharon Deas
Northside High – Morgan Hamel
Northside Middle – Pat Rice
Pearl Stephens Elementary – Pam Ross
Warner Robins High – James Bryant**

For 13 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Feagin Mill Middle – Rose Reimers
Mossy Creek Middle – Shella McGahee
Veterans High – Andrea McCollum**

For 15 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

Parkwood Elementary – Mary Land

For 16 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Houston County High – Tricia Nicolosi
Perry Middle – Jaynie Mayol
Shirley Hills Elementary – Robert Johnson**

For 17 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Huntington Middle – Josephine Durham
Quail Run Elementary – Amy Twigg**

For 18 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Lake Joy Elementary – Cindy Hypes
Warner Robins Middle – Brandi Smith**

For 20 consecutive years of perfect health scores:

**Miller Elementary – Steve Askew
Morningside Elementary – Donna Stewart
Perdue Primary – Brittany Williams
Tucker Elementary – Brandon Crosby**

LINDSEY STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER

The Lindsey Student Support Center hosted summer fun activities throughout the months of June and July. The Student Services Department, along with six high school volunteers, supported seventy-seven students from across the district. Our school food nutrition staff served over 414 school lunches at LSSC. Each day, students could come inside to eat their lunch and enjoy a lunchtime movie for entertainment. Student Services staff developed activities for the students that incorporated both learning and summertime favorites! Some activities the students enjoyed were Arts and Crafts, Sundaes on Mondays, Wellness Wednesday, and Popcorn & Problem Solving. Special visitors from the Warner Robins Fire Department and the Houston County Sheriff's Office also came to teach the students about fire safety and first responder professions. The summer activities concluded with a Back-to-School Kick-Off Week, which incorporated multiple academic review opportunities along with a School Supply Scavenger Hunt. Overall, the summer fun activities at the Lindsey Student Support Center were enjoyed by all who participated!

According to a 3rd grade student from Shirley Hills Elementary School, "I liked the library in the morning, playing games, and Arts and Crafts."



One Russell Elementary grandparent expressed, "I'm glad that the kids had something to do over the summer and the school district provided it. I appreciate the adults and volunteers that made it happen."



A primary student from C. B. Watson Primary shared, "I like the playground and getting a toy (from the Resource Room)."



A Houston County High School volunteer conveyed, "I really liked how happy and active the kids are."



One 7th grader from Huntington Middle School said, "I like the different activities and being able to play in the gym."



This summer SunMark Community Bank partnered with the Lindsey Student Support Center to provide Financial Literacy training to teens and adults. Participants learned how to develop a budget and differentiate between a need and a want. The event was an overwhelming success!



Project AWARE received 289 referrals during the 2022-2023 school year. Students in 8th grade represented the highest number for referrals followed by 7th and 9th graders. Of those 289 student referrals, we helped 153 families establish ongoing therapeutic relationships with providers in our local community. There were 35 schools that accessed Project AWARE services during the 2022-2023 school year.

In collaboration with the District and School Effectiveness office, Project AWARE collected over 24,000 universal behavior screeners from our primary/elementary grade students during the 2022-2023 school year. The information was used to guide discussions and strategize interventions for both teacher and student-centered support.

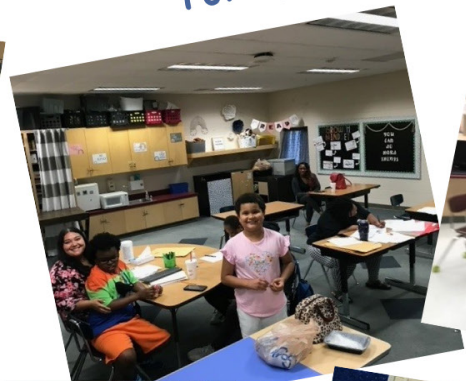
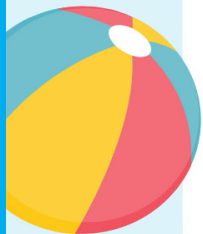
As a part of our ongoing efforts to proactively identify barriers to learning, Project AWARE will expand universal behavior screening to all middle schools during the 2023-2024 school year. The screeners will begin in September 2023. Parents will have the opportunity to opt their student out of both the primary/elementary screener and the middle school screener. As an additional resource, Dr. Emily Graybill, behavioral screener field expert from Georgia State University will host two trainings detailing both the research and the efficacy surrounding universal behavior screenings in the school environment.





Quail Run Elementary and Thomson Middle School housed the Extended School Year (ESY) program for on-campus learning this summer. The program took place Monday-Wednesday, June 5th-14th and Tuesday-Thursday, June 20th-22nd.

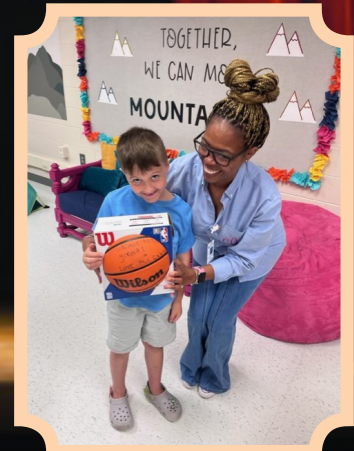
Two-hundred and forty-two Pre-K through 12th grade students participated in engaging lessons that focused on their IEP goals and objectives. Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Speech Language Pathologists, Interpreters, Med-Techs, School Food Services, and Nurses helped make this program a success and facilitated positive learning outcomes for all!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month our spotlight shines on Mrs. Charmeka Overstreet from Lake Joy Primary School. Mrs. Overstreet worked as a Program Director for twenty years with a non-profit organization for at-risk children. Nine of those years were spent working with children who dropped out of school. When she was working with these young people, she realized she was on the wrong side of education and pursued a career in education. She has been teaching at LJPS for two years, and she also serves as department chair. She shared that she enjoys working under the great leadership of Dr. Kiefer. “The Administrative team and teachers at LJPS have welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to grow like wildflowers. I take my job seriously and have a strong passion for educating students.” What makes Mrs. Overstreet exceptional is when she recognizes a need, she figures out a way to provide it for her students. For example, she put together a fundraiser and pulled together enough money to purchase basketballs for her students and followed this with raising donations to provide 110 basketballs for each student participating in this summer’s ESY program. Mrs. Overstreet raised enough funds for 40 additional basketballs, which were donated to Westside and Miller Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Overstreet is married to Dr. Michael Overstreet, who is the Principal of Dublin High School. They have three beautiful children Ashley, Jay and Zion and one grandson Ashton. She loves spending time with her family, shopping, hanging out with friends, and traveling. Mrs. Overstreet is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Her favorite quote is: “There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist or accept the responsibility for changing them” -Denis Waitley. Thank you Mrs. Overstreet for your passion and perseverance to positively impact the lives of our students in the classroom and outside the classroom!



Credit Recovery

ESY PROGRAM

The Student Services Department offered a four-week Credit Recovery opportunity at Northside High School and Perry High School. The high school teachers, counselors, and Program Specialists from all five high schools worked together to identify students in grades 9-12 who were credit deficient. This opportunity was available to these students through their Individual Education Plans. The program was held June 5th through June 30th, Monday-Friday, from 7:30am-12:00pm. Students attended in person Monday through Thursday and participated virtually on Fridays. Students were allowed to attend in-person on Fridays to work with teachers as needed. A total of 121 students attended the program in-person and 4 students participated virtually due to specific needs. The goal is for these students to participate in the required courses to get back on track for graduation; therefore, increasing the Houston County graduation rate for students with disabilities. A total of 353 courses were completed during the four weeks and 6 students were able to graduate. These students participated in the county-wide summer graduation program, which was held on July 20, 2023 at Warner Robins High School.

