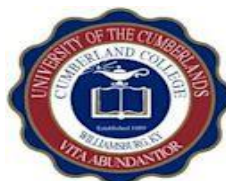




## Special Education & Preschool Board Report

December 2023

1. The December 1 Count has been completed and submitted. We currently have 39 students receiving Special Education, with several more in the evaluation process.
  - a. The December 1 count is the official count for students being served under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)
  - b. The count includes all students 3-21 who have active IEPs on December 1 each school year.
  - c. The count is used for calculation of Exceptional Child Add-On to SEEK Funding for the following school year.
  
2. Mrs. Buse has been working on administering the Fall Alternate Assessment testing to our 4 students who are currently on alternate assessment. The Fall testing window ends on December 15, 2023, and all testing will be completed by then. There is also a Spring testing window that Mrs. Buse will administer the testing for.
  
3. Happy to announce that Mr. Collett, one of the MSD Instructional Assistants we hired this year, has found his passion here at Southgate and has been accepted into the Option 6 program for Special Education at the University of the Cumberland beginning in January.



**4. Preschool's Pies with Parents event in November was a huge success! Fun was had by both students and their families.**



**5. Preschool will be visiting Highland Village Senior Living for Christmas Caroling on December 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be stopping for lunch on their way back to allow the morning and afternoon students to have the opportunity to intermingle.**



6. Final plans are being made for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Preschool Christmas Program. Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hilf and Ms. Adams have been working hard to get the students ready for their big performance. The program will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. They would love for you to come see their program! Cookies and hot chocolate will be served, and I've heard Santa will be making an appearance for pictures.



The Special Education/Preschool Team would like to wish our Board Members a very **Merry Christmas!** We thank you and appreciate your support of our students!

