



Special Education and Preschool Board Report

December 2024

- 1. The December 1 Count has been completed, submitted, and verified. We currently have 42 students receiving Special Education, an increase from 39 on last year's count.**
 - 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. Mr. Lucas has been working on administering the Fall Alternate Assessment. We currently have 3 students who qualify for alternate assessment. The Fall testing window opened on November 12th and ends on December 18, 2024. All testing will be completed by then. There is a 2nd testing window in the spring, which runs from April 14th – May 23rd.**



3. Preschool's Pies with Parents event in November was a huge success! The Preschool Team does an amazing job of providing engagement opportunities for our parents/caregivers. We love having our families in the building, and so do the students!



4. Preschool students will be visiting Highland Village Senior Living for Christmas Caroling on December 19th. They will be stopping for lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse to eat and allow the AM and PM students the opportunity to intermingle. Longhorn has once again graciously offered to cover the cost of the student meals, for which we are thankful. MSD students will also be attending the caroling event this year. Here are a few pictures from last year's caroling event.



5. The 2nd Annual Preschool Christmas Program will be held on the evening of December 19th at 6pm. Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Melville, and Mrs. Hilf have been working hard to get the students ready for their big performance. The program will be on December 19th at 6:00pm. They would love for you to come see their program! This year's theme is the Grinch, and I've heard both Santa and the Grinch will be making an appearance for pictures.

6. All students have been completing MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing this week. I look forward to sharing results and progress made by special education students in January. Our Special Education Teachers, Para Educators and Related Service Providers work extremely hard every day to meet the needs of students and help them grow!



The Special Education team would like to thank the Southgate Board of Education for their continued support! We thank you and appreciate your willingness to help us help our students. We wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and Happy Holiday Season!

