



Special Education and Preschool Board Report

January 2025

- 1. Preschool students went Christmas caroling at Highland Meadows, followed by lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse again this year. This year, the students in the MSD classroom joined in on the fun!**

When leaving Highland Meadows, I overheard a resident say “I have been looking forward to seeing them again since they were here last year. They did a fantastic job”!



A HUGE thank you to Longhorn Steakhouse for donating a delicious lunch to each preschool student! We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

2. The students then performed for their family and friends that evening, with special guests The Grinch and Santa!



A HUGE thank you to Biggby in Cold Springs for donating 5 gallons of hot chocolate for preschool students, parents and families to enjoy after the program! We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

3. Our Preschool Staff are always planning special activities for our students. The week before Christmas, the students enjoyed guests who came to read to them, including Campbell County Sherriff, Mike Jansen, City Council Member, Aileen Okura, former Southgate student, Ashley Dawn, and our very own Superintendent, Greg Duty.



4. Our second of 3 **Ready! for Kindergarten** nights is scheduled for January 23rd at 5:30. We had a wonderful turnout at our 1st Ready! For Kindergarten night and are expecting the same for this one!



Empowering Parents as Their Children's Most Influential Teachers

During a child's early years, parents and caregivers play a key role in shaping **language, literacy, math,** and **social-emotional** skills. Active engagement of families and caregivers is the most effective way to make those critical developmental years count.

How READY! for Kindergarten Works

READY! for Kindergarten consists of **Age Level Targets**®, **Training**, and **Tools** to Play With a Purpose making learning at home fun and effective. Parents attend three 90-minute in-person or online workshops for each of the first five years of their child's life. School districts and organizations offer READY! to help close the achievement gap by partnering with parents so more children succeed in school and in life.



5. Due to the break and snow days, I have not had the opportunity to review and breakdown the winter MAP Testing information. I will have this information compiled and ready to share at the February Board Meeting.