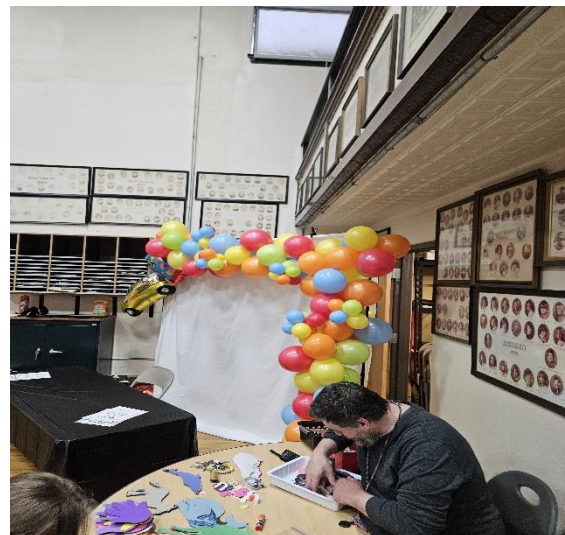




Special Education and Preschool Board Report

April 2025

1. We had a great turnout at our Early Preschool and Kindergarten registration that was held on Thursday, March 27th! This event allowed parents and students to meet the teachers and pick up registration packets. Each student was provided with a gift bag which included a book and stuffed animal that went along with the theme of the book. We are grateful to Drue Miller for donating the bags and stuffed animals. We are also thankful to our middle school students who volunteered as tour guides. In addition, we had many community organizations present providing information to families regarding their organization and services they offer. Some examples include Aunt Kathy's, Campbell County Library, 21st Century Program, Southgate Fire Dept, and Southgate Police Department. Leo the Lion was there to greet families and students.



2. Preschool Hosted a We are Glowing Up Celebration on April 3rd to celebrate the Week of the Young Child.



3. The last Cub School was held on April 4th. Cub school occurs on the 1st Friday of the month October – April and provides an opportunity for families of children under the age of 3 to come see what our preschool classroom and preschool program have to offer.



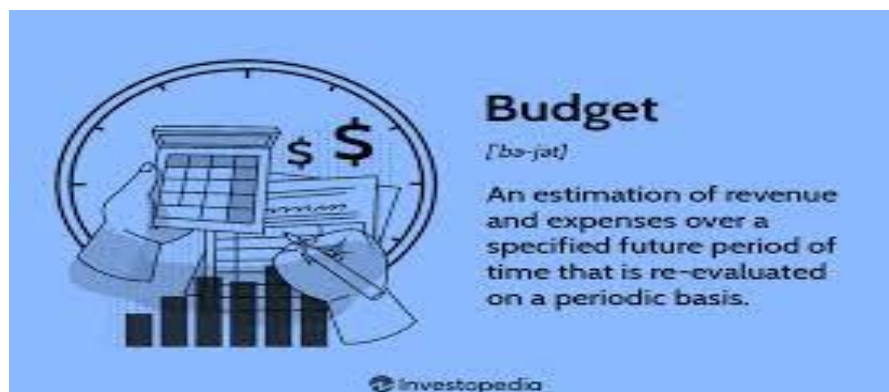
4. We will once again be hosting our Little Lions Summer Camp! Little Lions Summer Camp is open to 3- & 4-year-old students who will be entering or returning to preschool in the Fall. Mrs. Scott has many fantastic things planned that will provide learning opportunities for our youngest lions!

The poster for Little Lions Summer Camp has a warm, orange-toned background. At the top, an illustration shows a female teacher with brown hair and a pink shirt sitting at a table, interacting with several young children. The children are engaged in various activities: one is building with blocks, another is reading a book, and others are playing with toys. Below the illustration, the title "Little Lions" is written in large, bold letters, with "Little" in blue and "Lions" in red. Underneath the title, the words "SUMMER CAMP" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below that, the tagline "Fun-Filled Learning for Young Minds" is written in a smaller, italicized, black font. A paragraph of text describes the camp activities: "Come grow with us this summer at our Little Lions Summer Camp for all incoming preschool students. We will learn about preschool classroom expectations, become familiar with the classroom schedule, go on a fun-engaging field trip, and learn and play in our fun classroom and outdoor classroom." At the bottom, there are two colored boxes. The left box is brown and contains "Contact Information:" followed by a phone icon, the number "8594410743 ext 126", an email icon, the address "courtney.scott@southgate.kyschools.us", and a location pin icon, "Class DOJO Mrs. Scott's Preschool". The right box is blue and contains "JOIN OUR PROGRAM!" followed by "DATES:" and a list of dates: "July 14th, 15th, 16th", "July 21st, 22nd, 23rd", and "July 28th, 29, 30th". It also includes "TIME:" and "8:30-11:30". A small cartoon lion is in the bottom right corner of the blue box.

5. I have completed and submitted the Me and My School Grant Application. Me and My School is a summer transition program for children entering Kindergarten. It is a four-to-6-week program consisting of a minimum of 54 hours. The purpose of Me and My School is to provide programming for children that focuses on preparing them in all aspects for entering school. School personnel are responsible for providing programming in all developmental areas, including cognitive, social/emotional, and motor.



6. I have completed the 2025-2026 Preschool Budget in GMAP, and it has been approved.



7. I will be working with Mrs. Hansman to provide Accommodation Training to our staff for the upcoming Kentucky State Assessment. I will provide a chart that outlines each student's accommodations outlined in their IEP, so students have access to these for testing.

Kentucky students take the Kentucky Summative Assessments (KSA) to meet federal and state testing requirements. The Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) is a Criterion Referenced Test (CRT) including Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Writing (Editing and Mechanics and On-Demand) based upon Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS).

KSA are the annual summative assessments given in grades 3 through 8, 10 and 11 to Kentucky public school students. KSA provides content area assessments, including reading and mathematics at all grades, and science, social studies, writing, and editing and mechanics once per grade band (i.e. elementary, middle, and high).

These assessments are Kentucky's measure of student proficiency and progress on the state content standards. These standards establish goals for what all students should know and be able to do in each grade. KSA are online assessments with only a small percentage of accommodated students taking it on paper. It goes beyond multiple-choice questions to include extended response and technology-enhanced items for students to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



8. Documentation for the new STAR rating system through the Pyramid Model is due by April 30th. I, along with Mrs. Scott, are compiling our documents for submission. No date has been released for when districts will receive their STAR rating.



9. I will be attending the LRP National Institute conference at the end of the month.

LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities® has been delivering the highest-quality professional development possible to educators like you for over 45 years. Each year, the Institute brings together the leading special education attorneys and educators to provide evidence-based best practices, case law and compliance guidance to help serve students with disabilities most effectively.

NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

LRP's National Institute will be the first major conference following the U.S. Department of Education Executive Order to untangle the news, share what to expect after the reassignment of oversight to other agencies, anticipate repercussions from the reduction in ED staff, and address potential allocation of funds and implementation by states. After attending the Institute in April, you will

return to your school district with valuable input on necessary policy changes and practices to prepare for the next school year!

10. **Upcoming Dates**

Preschool Field Trip – May 1st

Last day of Preschool – May 8th

Preschool Graduation – May 9th

