



Special Education and Preschool Board Report, November 2025

1. The **December 1 Count** is quickly approaching! I have been reviewing files and running error reports to be prepared for the 2025 December 1 Count.

Key purposes of the December 1 count

- **Funding:** The count is a primary factor in determining how much federal and state funding a district receives for special education services, as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- **Reporting:** It provides the data needed for various federal and state reports, such as those submitted to the U.S. Department of Education and state legislatures.
- **Compliance:** It helps states and districts monitor if they are meeting the requirements of IDEA, including ensuring all eligible students have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and that services are being provided correctly.
- **Monitoring:** It provides a basis for tracking indicators related to the special education population, such as calculating significant disproportionality and performing IEP record reviews.

2. The **Fall Alternate Assessment** Window for Kentucky begins on November 10th and ends on December 19th.

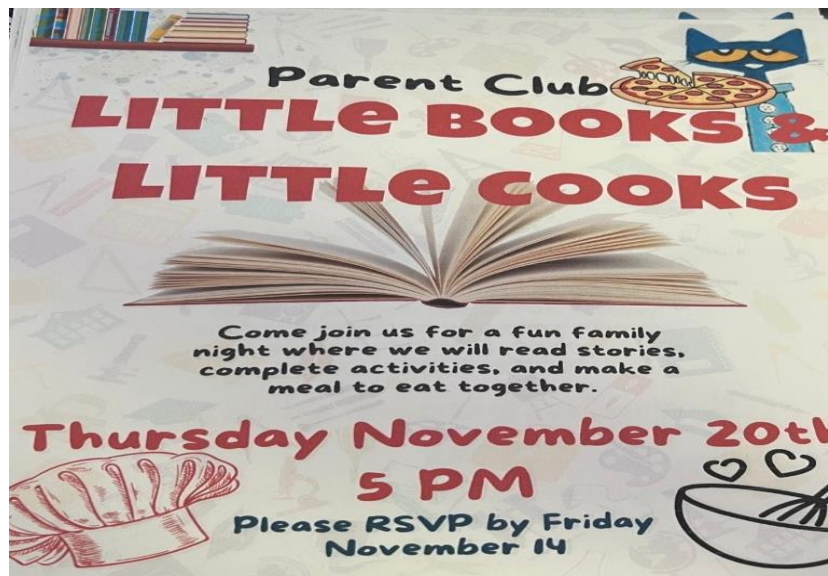
- Mr. Lucas will be administering the alternate assessment this year. We currently have 2 students in elementary and 1 student in middle school who qualify for alternate assessment.
- Alternate assessment is a testing method for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who cannot take the general state assessment, even with accommodations. It is designed to provide a more accurate measure of their achievement based on alternate achievement standards, and can include methods like portfolios, performance tasks, and observations. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) limits the number of students who can participate in this type of test to no more than one percent of all students in a state.

3. The **Southgate Fire Department** brought the safety house and firetruck here to school to teach our students about fire safety!



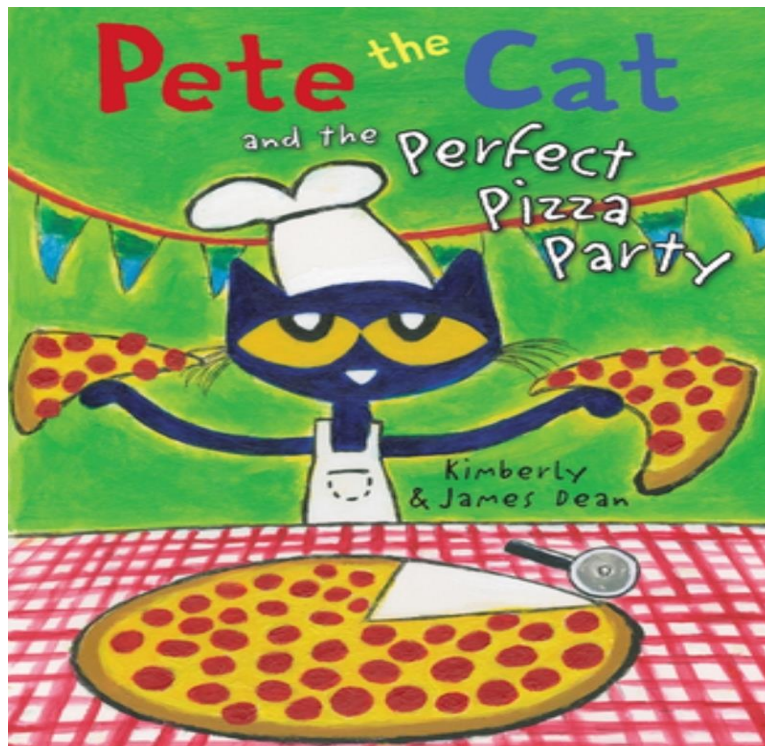
Practicing escaping from a fire

4. Upcoming **Parent Engagement** events!



During this month's **Parent Club on November 20th**, preschool students and families will have the opportunity to make pizza and eat together! Activities like this teach parents ways to not only spend quality time with their child, but also build vocabulary, take turns, teamwork, and be exposed to math concepts through measuring ingredients.

Each family who participates will receive their own copy of the Pete the Cat Pizza Party book to add to their home library!



Preschool will host **Pies with Parents on November 25, 2025**. This is an annual event where preschool parents and families are invited to the preschool classroom to enjoy eating Thanksgiving Pies with their students. This is a well-attended event every year!



5. Community Involvement Event

Our preschool students will once again be performing for the Annual Christmas performance for the residents at Highland Meadows on **December 18th**. The details are still being worked out for where our students will be eating lunch after their performance at Highland Meadows. The students will also be performing their program for their families here at school that same evening.

