

Special Services Coordinator Report to the School Board

From Jennifer Demmons

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Some Special Education Activities

Dana Lozier's 4 grade class has been writing poems for their families as holiday gifts. They interviewed their parents and then used their answers to create the poems. Here's one (student name omitted for confidentiality):

You call me ladybug Jada-bug.

A maroon playful horse to light up your life.

Silly. Loving. True.

From the day I arrived you were in love and happy.

We share this beautiful life reading and talking.

You dream for me to become a wonderful lady with a dream job.

Our love is as beautiful as nature.

Ashley Olson's paras participated in some team-building--and brought holiday cheer to the elementary-- with a gingerbread house decorating contest. Their work is showcased near the elementary office if you want to check them out!

Bill Boudreaux's vocational class has been collaborating with Mr. Devins on plans for students to deliver microgreens from the greenhouse. The Bronc store is now open before school and during lunch. The store is also opening by appointment in cooperation with middle school resource teachers to bring 6-8 grade students to spend their Bronc Bucks (one of the positive incentive plans at the Middle School). The Bronc Fan Gear shop run by the Vocational Skills class recently purchased a hat press and can now print caps and bucket hats as well as t-shirts and sweatshirts. Their website to purchase gear should go live soon.

"Social Thinking" Kits

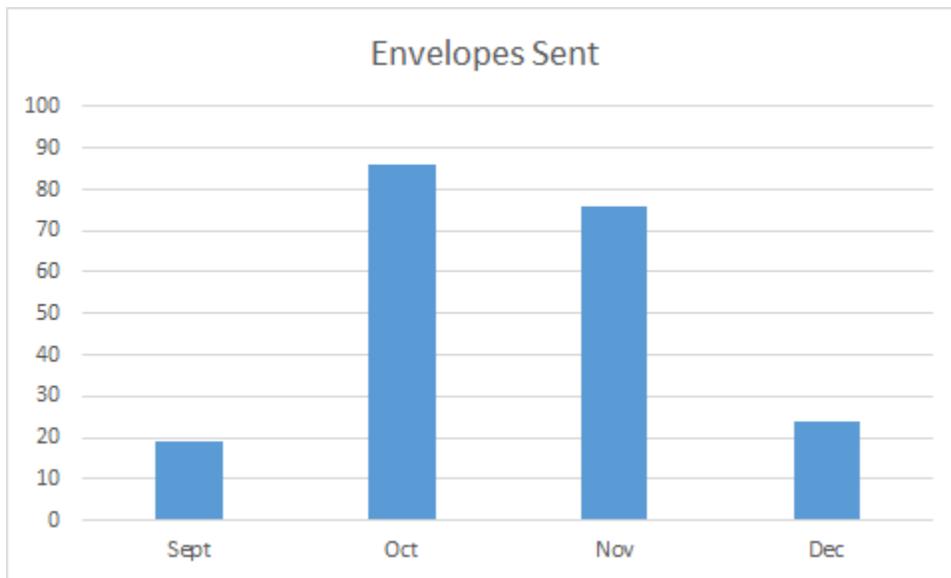
Jen Cline (head of OPI's special education department) and Gary Wagner were instrumental in making grant funding available to support school climate money availability to MCASE (Montana Council for Administrators of Special Education). MCASE purchased seven Social Thinking kits for each Montana MCASE region. While our department already teaches students social/emotional/behavioral skills using programs like Zones of Regulation, Super Flex, Think Social, and Coping Cat, the kit has some new ones for us to check out. I was quick to request one, so we should be receiving our kit soon. The following materials are in the kit:

- * You are a Social Detective
- * We Thinkers Vol. 1 and 2
- * The Zones of Regulation
- * Superflex Curriculum Pkg
- * Think Social

SPED Stats

DocuSign continues to help the department send parents legal documents and collect signatures in a secure and efficient manner.

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Total Signers	Total Files	Total Pages
446	223	1678



Numbers: This school year, we've newly qualified 11 students for special education services (4 preschool, 2 elementary, 4 intermediate, 1 middle school), with several more in the evaluation process.