

Warrior QuickNews

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A Message from Dr. Schuetz - October 29, 2021

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FEED NORTHLAND KIDS

Feed Northland Kids estimates 1 out of 7 kids in the Northland go hungry every day. The Smithville School District is committed to ensuring that our students don't become that one.



We have continued to network and develop solutions for the food insecurity in our community. We offer four different choices based on the level of need for our families.

Option 1 - Some schools have an in house food pantry for kids to select food items weekly to take home for the weekend.

Option 2 - The District distributes 128 food kits monthly. The families who chose to participate receive a bag each week. These bags consist of the following:

- Main Meal Entree rotated 5 times monthly (different each week)
 - Examples include Spaghetti, Rice Casserole, etc.
- 1 Loaf of Bread

- 2 Soups
- 2 Vegetables
- 2 Canned Pastas
- 2 Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
- 2 Canned Meats
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 1 Jar of Peanut Butter
- 1 Breakfast Cereal
- Granola Bars

Option 3 - Smithville School District has partnered with Feed Northland Kids to provide selected families with fresh produce. The families receive a pre-assembled combination box of fruits and vegetables twice a month.

Option 4 - Smithville School District has partnered with our local downtown A Meal That Counts AMTC COOP where a year-round, indoor farmer's market is offered free of charge. The program has offered to allow selected families to visit two times a month to pick out their own fresh produce including a selection of meat. Our families benefit by being given a variety of healthy food choices when preparing meals. The program hopes to promote healthy eating behaviors among youth and families by offering guidance on how to utilize fresh produce.

If you need food assistance, please contact Smithville School District Family Resource Specialist, Lisa Manz.

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phone - (816) 532-4566



MS. JESSICA SCHMIDT RECEIVES 2020 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AWARD

Each year an individual is recognized as the The Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders Outstanding Educator of Students with Autism Award for his/her outstanding achievement and excellence in classroom service to students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). The award recipient is Jessica Schmidt who is being recognized for her work as an Autism teacher in the Leavenworth Unified School District 453. Jessica now teaches Special Education in the Smithville School District. Letters of recommendation by school staff and supervisors supported her nomination, noting her outstanding achievement and excellence in service to the Leavenworth Unified School District 453 as well as the greater community of Leavenworth. As a career educator of students with disabilities especially those with autism spectrum disorder, her dedication and expertise in the implementation of evidence-based practices, family support, and training to first responders in the community are a testament to her professionalism and heart for students to be included in every aspect of their community.



CADET TEACHING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OFFERED BY SMITHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Cadet Teaching is a professional experience in which students participate in real-world learning experiences that includes classroom learning and a placement within the district in a desired grade and/or content level. Students dive into all aspects of education and being an effective teacher. Their placement serves as an internship to gain hands-on experience with students and a means to apply what they're learning about teaching. The program is a year-long program that also offers dual-credit opportunities and a chance to earn A+ program hours.

Senior, Adison Lowman (pictured above) is teaching a lesson to the Nutrition and Wellness class at Smithville High School. Adison is in her second year in the Cadet Teaching Program. Lowman stated, "My whole life I had always thought of being a teacher. I can remember playing school with my friends and I had always wanted to play the teacher role!". As a junior Adison was placed in Mrs. McLaughlin's Pre-K classroom. She said, "As the year progressed and I had spent more and more time with the students I realized that what matters is what you're passionate about, and for me, that is teaching. Although with this new mindset and new want to pursue a degree in teaching, I felt like something was missing. I had always had the thought of teaching secondary FACS in the back of my mind." As a senior Adison has been placed in the FACS classrooms at Smithville Middle School and Smithville High School. After participating in this program, Lowman said, "I am so blessed to have these opportunities that I have been given to teach these classes, observe them, get a feel for what teaching is like, and get a head start in my journey to becoming an educator."

Students who are interested in becoming an educator can experience the Cadet Teaching Program by speaking to their High School Counselor.

GATING CRITERIA IMPLEMENTATION

Starting Monday, November 1, Smithville School District will begin following the gating criteria passed by the Board of Education. To view the full gating criteria plan, [click here](#). Updates to the District COVID-19 data and status can be found on the District Webpage at <https://www.smithvilleschooldistrict.net/domain/891>.

WE ARE HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

Would you like to be a substitute teacher but don't have the required 60 college credit hours?

For only \$180 you can now obtain your certification to become a substitute teacher in Missouri through completing Frontline Substitute Teacher Training, as approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The training consists of approximately 20 hours of content specifically designed for substitute teachers and aligned to Missouri Teaching Standards.

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To apply to be a SSD substitute, go to: <https://smithville.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=2011>



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