

SPICE SPEAKS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SPONSORING GIVING TREE

Once again, the RSU3 National Honor Society will be sponsoring a Giving Tree. They will be collecting gifts for the families in the district's SPICE Program. The tree is located in the Mount View High School office. Each ornament has a gift request from every child in the SPICE Family Literacy Program. Anyone wishing to participate may call the office or go in to choose an ornament. You then purchase the gift and deliver it to the school. SPICE serves many families, and a majority of those families would be unable to afford Christmas gifts for their children if not for the support of the community. NHS members give up their own time to collect, sort, and wrap these gifts under the direction of NHS Advisor, Bonnie Shaw. This is the third year that NHS angels have supported the families in the SPICE Program, and the effort has traditionally been a huge success, providing hundreds of gifts for needy families. It is not unusual for families to request items like clothes, jackets, and boots for their children—so the requested items are often necessities as well. RSU3 Adult & Community Education staff would like to extend a heartfelt **“THANK YOU”** to the National Honor Society and to all who contribute for this effort.



Honoring President George H.W. Bush June 12, 1924–November 30, 2018



“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bush family as they mourn the loss of President George H.W. Bush. We will always remember him as a compassionate leader, a dedicated family man, and—most gratefully—as a passionate champion for his wife’s beloved cause of literacy. His extraordinary life of service will continue to inspire all of us who share his calling to ‘make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world.’ ”

~British A. Robinson, President and CEO, Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The SPICE students work hard doing both academic work for themselves and helping their children become successful students.

This spotlight is on three young students—one starting kindergarten, but the spotlight shines brightly on the parents who advocated for their children and overcame obstacles and fears to get their children into school.



If you received last spring's edition of SPICE Speaks, you met Steven, (left) a determined young man who never let his disability stop him from going to school. Steven is an avid learner and enjoys all subjects. When his family moved, he was uncertain about a new school, but in September, Steven started at Captain Albert Stevens School and is enjoying both his new school and his new friends! Steven's teacher reports home regularly, and her communication is almost always positive-praising Steven for his behavior and willingness to learn. Great job, Steven!

Abby and Christopher (right), only got to go to school for about a month last year as they were new to the neighborhood. They had not attended any type of school previously, so they were hesitant and took awhile to warm up to the school routine. Chris and Abby were just getting adjusted when school got out for the summer.

When they finished their vacation, they thought that they knew who their teachers would be in the fall. When September arrived, and they were getting prepared to start again, they learned that the school had switched things up. Neither Chris nor Abby had the teacher originally planned, but they went on their first day and met their respective new teachers. Both children now love school and are learning new things. They both get praise for their behavior at school and even enjoy doing their homework. Yah, Chris and Abby!



Marie's Page



SPICE students have been participating in many activities so far this year. One student went to visit a wonderful home for teen parents in Dexter. The Journey House is available to pregnant women or mothers between 16 and 21. The home offers family style living, education, parenting, and other supports for mothers and their children. Other students have

been conducting science experiments, learning about US History, writing short stories, and volunteering at homeless shelters and food pantries. Children of SPICE students have been involved in drama productions, joined Cub Scouts, been students-of-the-week, and made a variety of craft projects.

All of these activities provide a great deal of educational and social opportunities for students and have been a great success. Keep up the great work!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Ashlee Richards was a young mother of two living in a small apartment when she started SPICE. Ashlee had many questions about parenting and really wanted to earn her high school credential so she could move on with her life. She had a strong desire to start working and support her family. After accomplishing her goal of earning her high school credential through the SPICE program, Ashlee stayed

in Maine raising her two girls; however, she was still struggling to make ends meet. Recently Ashlee made a bold move. She packed her new baby, Rylan, and her daughters, Sky & Kylee, their most treasured possessions, some courage, and hope into a van and drove to Indiana. She is now living in Indiana, engaged to be married, and the head cook at IHOP. Sky and Kylee are both attending school and on the honor role, learning new things

every day. Rylan is growing up quickly and will be starting his education soon. Ashlee said, *"It was refreshing to start over. I will miss people and memories there; however I am looking forward to making many more here in Indiana. It's been a great adventure so far, and I'm so happy I moved. I am always thankful for my time with SPICE because SPICE helped me gain the education I needed, and it boosted my kids education as well."*



On the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!

--Dr. Seuss

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Students and Parents in Cooperative Education (SPICE) Family Literacy Program

Is a home-based program that works with families to provide career and educational opportunities for a parent (s) with an adult education goal and children with pre-literacy and early literacy skill goals.

**Do you want to earn your High School Diploma or HiSET?*

**Do you want to go to college?*

**Do you want to increase job skills or learn new skills to get a job?*

**Do you want to learn how to help your child succeed in school?*

**Do you want to connect with your child, school, family, and community?*

**Do you want to participate in a program that is not cost to all RSU3 district residents?*

If you have a child who is 7 years old or younger, we can help! For more information, contact the SPICE program at 568-3431 or contact your local elementary school.



Happy
Holidays

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