

# PREBLE COUNTY ESC ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### ELEMENTARY ED

Mr. Nealeigh and the elementary class have been working hard this month! The classroom goes outside daily to discover nature and have been capturing butterflies and other insects to observe in the classroom setting before releasing them on Friday. The classroom has also been participating in art projects that go along with their study of insects.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL ED

Mrs. Mobley's classroom helped at the food pantry, being the first middle school class to do this in the past 3 years. This change was because of the positive behavior they have exhibited so far this school year. The class has been using technology for science labs and then doing a presentation. They have been studying ancient civilizations in Social Studies. Their focus has been on the ancient civilization of Mesopotamia.

### HIGH SCHOOL ED

In Social Studies, the class has been doing a Constitutional Scavenger Hunt, and studying Scientific Revolution. We did have one 12th grade student finish credits he needed to graduate in the first 9 weeks. This is a major success for him and our teachers who helped him. He has now been transferred back to his home district where he will complete a capstone project as well as other requirements for his pathway to graduation.

### KEY DATES

October 14 - Columbus Day / No School

October 18 - End of 4th Quarter

October 28- Nov 1 Spirit Week

October 31st- Halloween



## ESC MD 1/2/3

In our elementary MD room, the students have been working through five centers in the classroom. They change centers every two weeks to focus on different skills. In the second nine weeks they will incorporate a sixth center that will be based on using technology and apps that come with it.

We would like to send congrats to one of our teachers for having a healthy baby boy in the recent month! She will be returning back to her classroom at Twin Valley South in Late November.



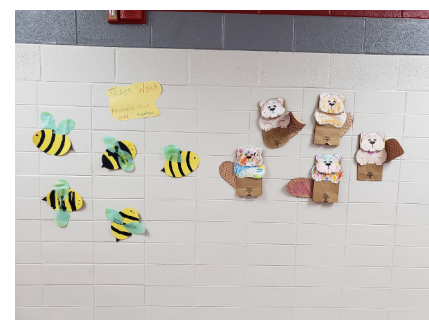
## ESC MD 4

This month in the high school MD classroom at Tri-County North they have been working on the skill of making a purchase. With so many new students this year, ordering lunch has become a new life lesson for some. They are working on knowing what they want to eat, making sure they have enough money, and waiting for their change when making a purchase. This also helps the students advocate for themselves in real world situations. They need to make sure they are getting what they order/want and having to interact with others in the community and not just inside the classroom. The classroom does this once a week at a community restaurant, or they practice this in class when ordering in. This also strengthens their math skills as well as social skills.

## COUNSELOR

The counseling program has been working on the curriculum called "Muttigrees". This is a social/emotional learning curriculum based on helping shelter pets while learning from them. We have talked about diversity, coping mechanisms, resiliency, and stress, all focusing on achieving personal awareness. Next month, we will be focusing on feelings and emotions, body language, dealing with anger, and learning to self-calm.

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# NURSE

Here are some tips on how to prevent your students from bringing home pests:

- 1) Declutter your home. Bed bugs especially love to hide, and they can hide in any material: Paper, plastic, cotton, etc. Doing a seasonal declutter and vacuuming of your home can help minimize any infestation caused by the unwanted pests.
- 2) Limit the amount of items your child brings into school. Identify items to leave at school until the end of the school year. Identify items like books that can stay home and don't need to be taken back and forth from home to school.
- 3) Frequently heat-dry your bed linens, jackets, backpacks, and clothes! Heat is the ONLY enemy of bed bugs! If you are concerned that your child may have been exposed during his school day, dry all of your child's clothes on extra-hot for 45 minutes as soon as they get home!
- 4) No shoes in the house! Shoes can transfer bed bug eggs from any environment to another, not to mention the amount of viruses and bacteria that can be trampled through your home on dirty shoes! Make this year a healthy one by taking your shoes off at the door.



# Speech

During the month of October, Speech therapy sessions and groups will be focused around Fall and Pumpkin themes. We will do "detective" work with our five senses to describe pumpkins, leaves, and other items associated with the month of October using a variety of communication modalities. We will have simulated "Trick-or-Treat" activities for the students who participate in that event in their communities, to encourage appropriate social interaction while trick-or-treating. The students will also continue to work on their understanding and implementation of the Zones of Regulation. Organization of the school library is in full effect, with the help of some awesome students!

