



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS AND PEER MENTORS BOWLING

BSS Afterschool Program: December Newsletter

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Holiday Enrichment

Although December was a short month for the Afterschool Program, the students experienced plenty of enriching lessons and activities. Many of the activities were geared toward the holidays including baking cookies. Students learned the whole process of baking cookies, which was broken up into three parts. First, students made the dough. Then, they rolled the dough, cut the cookies, and baked them. On the final day, they iced their cookies and were able to take them home as a Christmas gift.

Keeping along with the holiday theme, students also made homemade cards. Each student made three cards: one for a family member, one for an adult in the secondary school, and one for someone of their choice.

Students made heartfelt cards to give to family members, each other, and cafeteria workers.



Another enrichment activity that students really enjoyed was led by Mrs. Rebon. She had the students create kindness plans where each student had to do two acts of kindness at school or at home and discuss it with their groups the next day. Students also participated in a wrinkle paper activity, which compared a wrinkled piece of paper to what happens when people say hurtful things.

Attendance and Behavior Reward

Students in the Afterschool Program who had good attendance and behavior in the program for the month of December were treated to an hour of bowling at Suburban Lanes. As an extra special treat, some of the peer mentors from the BSS Peer Mentoring Program were able to bowl not only with their mentees but with all of the students in the program. All of the kids loved bowling with the high school mentors!



Resource Teachers

Occasionally, some of the teachers within the building will create and implement an enrichment activity during the program that falls within their area of expertise.

This month, Mrs. Shanda, our high school Spanish teacher, planned an activity where the students guessed which countries have Spanish as their national language. They also played an online interactive quiz game, Kahoot, where they guessed which flag went with each Spanish-speaking country.

Peer Mentoring Update



We currently have 8 high school mentors paired with 9 mentees and are hoping to enroll a few more by the end of January.

Our peer mentors were able to meet with their mentees a few times during the month of December in addition to going bowling with the Afterschool Program.

The students got to know each other by completing a "Let's Get

Acquainted" activity together where they learned each other's likes, dislikes, and hobbies. Students also got into the holiday spirit by working on a holiday crossword puzzle and by playing a Christmas Scattergories game.

The students' favorite activity in December was making jewelry to give as a gift to someone they care about. They made necklaces, bracelets, or keychains with beads and crafting wire that were generously donated by the high school art teacher Mr. Striker.

Right before Christmas break, the mentors surprised their mentees with homemade Christmas cards for their families, which the mentees loved!



Upcoming Events

- Family Basketball Game January 20, 2018 at 12:00 Bucyrus JV & Varsity Girls against Seneca East
- Life skills for high school students with the Crawford Success Center's operations manager, Amanda Sheets. January 23, 2018 3:00-4:30
- Family Basketball Game February 16, 2018 at 6:00 Bucyrus JV & Varsity Boys against Buckeye Central

