



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS AND PEER MENTORS BOWLING AND BEING SILLY

BSS Afterschool Program: January Newsletter

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National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month! To celebrate, we gathered all of our peer mentors and mentees together on January 24th to get to know each other a little better.



This month, the mentees also had the opportunity to play a “get to know you” board game and “fill up” their paper hot air balloons with their current and future goals and dreams.

Our mentoring program has been such a great success that we have recruited new high school mentors. In fact, we opened up the peer mentoring program to freshmen males because we have had so many male middle school students express interest in the mentoring program. Overall, we have 13 high school mentors and 14 middle school mentees!

Shake & Bake & Take Seminar

On January 23rd, the Afterschool Program sponsored a study skills and life skills seminar for high school students led by Amanda Sheets, the operations manager at the Crawford Success Center.



During the seminar, students worked on their cooking skills by preparing taco rings to take home with them. While the taco rings were cooking, Sheets taught students a notetaking technique called “chunking” and discussed ways to improve short term memory.



Josh Dyer Brings Nature Indoors



Josh Dyer from the Crawford Park District got the students in the Afterschool Program thinking about the world around them when he brought nature inside BSS. Dyer brought in fake snow that had animal prints, human prints, and tree stumps on it and had the students investigate what was in the snow. He also had the students think about how humans, animals, and plants affect nature.



Family Engagement

On January 20th, we had more than 40 people attend our family engagement day at the JV and Varsity Girls basketball game against Seneca East. Any Afterschool Program students and family members who attended the game received free admission.



Resource Teachers

This month, high school science teacher Mr. O'Connell prepared an astronomy lesson for the students in the Afterschool Program. The students were engaged with the lesson from the get-go and asked in-depth questions about the universe and space exploration.



Mr. O'Connell took this time to talk to the students about the

United States space program. He ended the lesson by comparing three different types of telescopes: refracting, Newtonian reflecting, and Schmidt-Cassegrain.

Ms. Dillinger, one of our intervention specialists and a tutor in the Afterschool Program, has been reading the book *Schooled* by Gordon Korman with the 7th graders this month when they're finished with their homework. Students are learning about the importance of diversity through the book's focus on bullying.

January Reward

For January's behavior and attendance reward, we went back to Suburban Lanes to bowl! Eighteen middle school students earned the reward and were treated to free bowling, and nine of our peer mentors were able to join in on the fun!

Upcoming Events

- Family Basketball Game February 16, 2018 at 6:00 Bucyrus JV & Varsity Boys against Buckeye Central