



CAST MEMBERS ANGEL AND ANDY WITH MRS. REBON & MRS. LOVE

BSS Afterschool Program: March Newsletter

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Family Engagement

On March 8th, the students in the Afterschool Program and their families were treated to a special family engagement. First, the students and their family members were able to make a spring Paper Mache yarn craft.



After completing their craft, students and their families were

able to watch the secondary school's production of *James and the Giant Peach*, which two students from the Afterschool Program participated in.

During intermission, the students had a meet and greet with the cast and crew and gave them peach tarts that they made in the Afterschool Program.

Enrichment Activities

Many of the enrichment activities this month were geared toward the school musical, such as the peach tarts the students made to go along with the theme of *James and the Giant Peach*. In addition, the students made cards for the musical's cast and crew to wish them good luck in their performance. It took multiple days to prepare peach tarts and cards for more than 40 cast and



crew members, but the students' hard work paid off. The cast and crew were very appreciative, especially for the tarts because they don't have the opportunity to go home for dinner during performance week.

Other than preparing for the musical, another enrichment activity the kids enjoyed was making their own photo buttons. Students had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Rebon making buttons on a button machine.

Leadership



Mr. Mohr has been continuing to work with our students on their leadership skills. One lesson the students participated in was a water ripple activity. Each student had a bowl of water and was asked to drop leaves, paper clips, and rocks into the water while paying attention to the ripples in the water. The students noticed that no matter how big or small the item was, it caused a ripple. Mr. Mohr related the water ripples to how our words and actions affect others.

Attendance & Behavior Reward

The kids in the Afterschool Program loved going skating at the Sk8 Factory so much that we decided to take them back there for March's attendance and behavior reward.



We were able to take 18 students skating for having good attendance and behavior in the Afterschool Program in March.

Peer Mentoring

Through most of March, our high school mentors and Afterschool Program teachers and aides have been working with the middle school students on homework and study skills. In addition, the mentors have given their mentees tips on how to stay organized so that they can remember to do their homework and turn it in on time. We've noticed a huge decrease in sign-ins, detentions, and Thursday schools as a result of the extra focus we've been putting on homework.

Currently, the mentors and the mentees have been working on a community service project. The students are working together to create kindness buckets for BSS staff members.

The kids are filling buckets with kind messages to staff members throughout the school. Staff members will then surprise each other by picking out a bucket and filling it with candy, school supplies, and other fun surprises.



Upcoming Events:

- Family Engagement-April 12, 2018
- Last day of the Afterschool Program-April 26, 2018