



Working Wonders.....

A Work Transition Newsletter

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Work Transition is a program offered through Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and is housed at Four County Career Center. Students with special needs have the opportunity to learn skills to promote independence and to become successful employees in the community. We offer a variety of experiences for the students to help them find their own successful path to adulthood and employment. Have questions about our program or want more information? Call 419-267-2296 or visit our page on the ESC website at: <https://www.nwoesc.org/WorkTransitionProgram.aspx>

Students of the Month



Our October Star Student is Dale. He has done a wonderful job of being respectful of others and has had great productivity in the classroom! Thanks for being a great student Dale!

Our November/December Star Student is Caden. He was chosen for his great character traits of honesty and integrity. Both are excellent building blocks for success! Awesome job!



Our October Star Worker is Jenna. Jenna likes working hard at job site and always does her best. She has shown great professionalism and good initiative too! You're on your way to being an excellent employee!



Our November/December Star Worker is Kaydence. She was chosen for having good initiative and great work quality. Those are some awesome traits for an employee! Keep up the great work!

Employer Highlights...

This quarter we have had students working at thirteen different business locations! Here are a few more we would like to share this quarter. **Lugbill Supply Center** has completed their store remodel and have kept the students busy dusting the shelves, organizing products so the displays are neat and tidy, and sorting shelving components. At **Northwest State Community College** students help to collect all the recycling throughout the entire complex. They also work in the café washing dishes and cleaning the dining area. **FISH Pantry** keeps the students busy organizing and restocking the food and pantry items and keeping the store clean. Helping the community and gaining work skills makes our students happy! **NwoESC** offers the students an office work experience. The students have helped with making copies, laminating, taking inventory of and restocking the office supplies and assembling preschool bags. *We appreciate all of our job site locations and the different experiences they give our students!*



Cooking Corner...

The second quarter is one of our favorite times to cook with all of the delicious holiday recipes! We made a "quick style" Thanksgiving dinner with all of our favorite dishes like green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, deviled eggs, mashed potatoes and gravy, ham and of course turkey! Some of the other recipes the students made this quarter included: chicken pot pie casserole, ambrosia salad, orange chicken with rice and broccoli, tacos with beans and rice, sloppy joes, and chocolate chip cookies. Part of our cooking lesson includes making a grocery list, comparing prices online for the best deals, and then a group of students go grocery shopping each week to purchase the needed supplies.



In the Classroom:

Students have been busy working on creating a fact sheet for creating resumes. This will put all of their needed information in one convenient location for future use as they seek employment. The most recent vocabulary lesson the class is working with is focused on kitchen utensils and their uses. Learning the name of all the kitchen tools and how to properly use them helps the hands-on cooking lab run smoothly and increases student skills.

Our class helps set up the cafeteria for the Four County ECHO tours for eighth graders. We enjoy getting to help welcome other students!

We had a recent field trip that was informative and fun for the students. We were able to visit a supported living home and see first hand one adult living option. We then visited the World of Work program where different options for work can be explored and experience gained for employment. We ended the trip with lunch at Top Dog where students enjoyed a delicious hot dog meal and ice cream for dessert!

We celebrated the holidays with some fun activities. Students practiced their measuring skills by making Cocoa Mix and Chex Mix.

We spent a morning volunteering at the Christmas Exchange Store in Napoleon. Students helped to sort donated items, restock the tables, clean the store area and help customers with their purchases. We then went out to lunch at Pizza Hut.

Students used some hands-on budgeting and money skills by shopping at the store for a "Secret Snowflake" gift exchange. They then practiced their gift-wrapping skills.

On the last day before Christmas break, the students played Christmas Bingo and opened gifts and decorated cookies. Everyone enjoyed celebrating the holidays!

