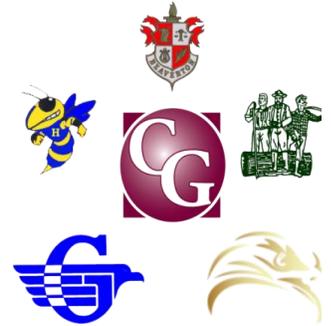


Clare-Gladwin RESD

Special Education Matters



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Eight Weeks to Wellness Challenge 2017

Another Wellness Challenge is in the books! This year’s contest found eleven teams competing. Each RESD department had at least one team that participated. At the end of the eight weeks two teams stood above the rest. Earning the top spot was “The Meltaways.” Becky Brown, Rachel Jones, Sue Chancey, and Brenda Gardner from the Area School all received a \$50 Meijer Gift Card for their efforts. The second place team, “Mission Slimpossible” earned \$25 gift cards for each of the team members. Heidi Rocha, Amanda Cooper, Tara Dutcher and Jeff Erickson from CTE made up this team. A special thank you goes out to SET/SEG for providing us with the generous donation of Meijer Gift Cards.



First Place Finishers from left to right: Becky Brown, Brenda Gardner, Sue Chancey, and Rachel Jones

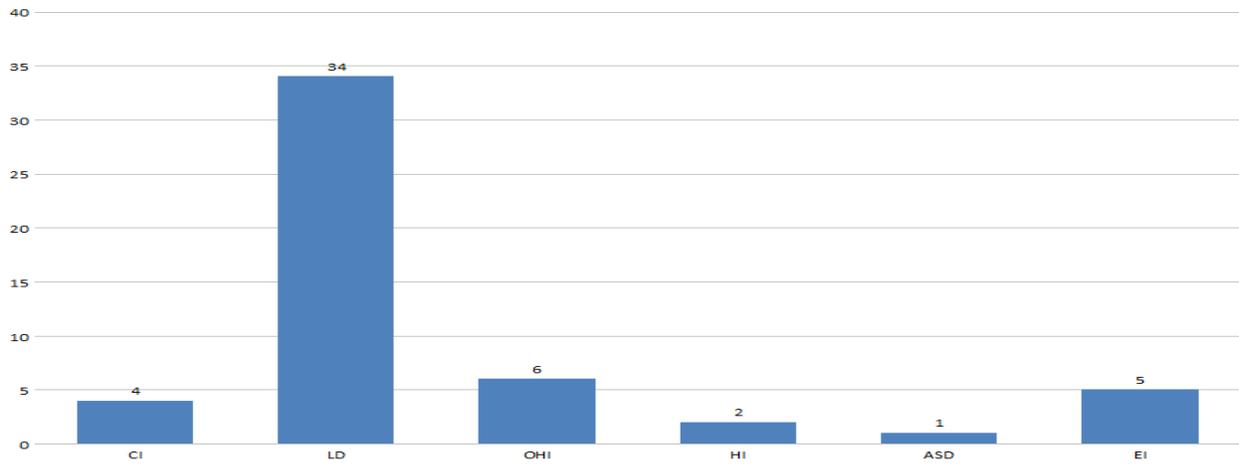


Second Place Finishers from left to right: Heidi Rocha, Amanda Cooper, Tara Dutcher and Jeff Erickson

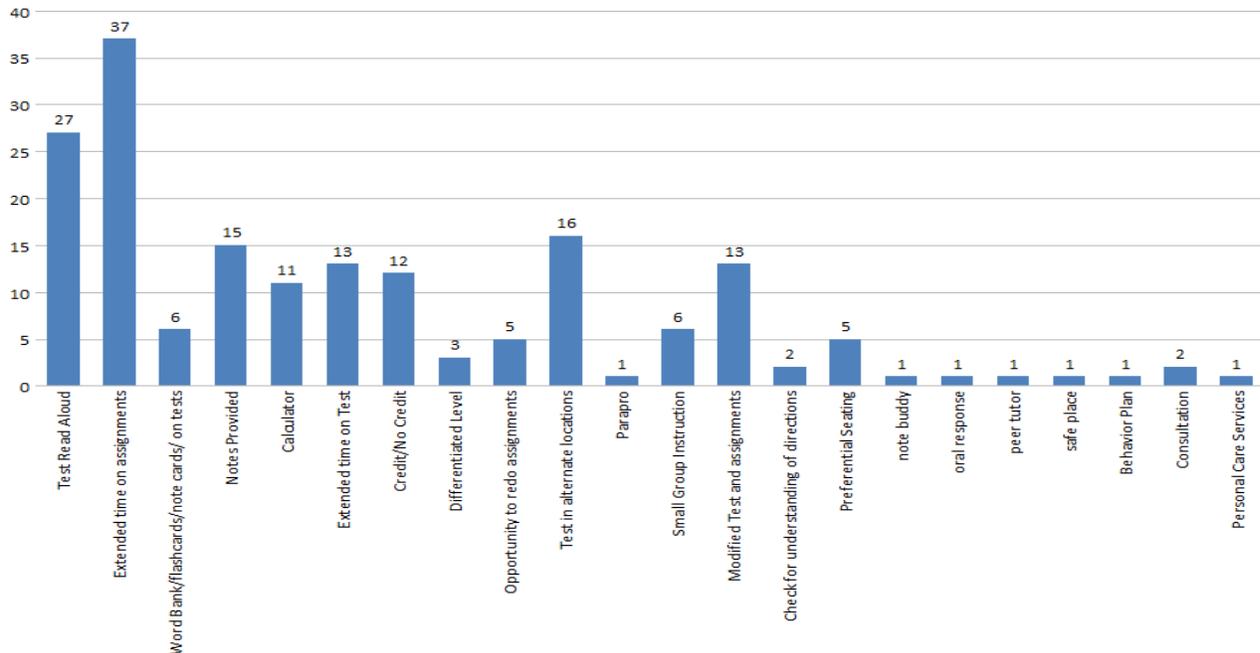
Special Education/CTE Collaborative

CGRESD CTE and Special Education staff continue to work closely together to make sure all students get the support they need for success. Currently 52 CTE students receive special education accommodations via an Individualized Education Plan. For the 2016-17 school year we have added some special education teacher consultant services in an effort to better support CTE staff. The data below represent students with an IEP in CTE programs by special education eligibility area as well as the frequency of accommodations.

**CTE 2016-17
Disability Breakdown by General Category**



**CTE 2016-2017
Accommodations Breakdown**

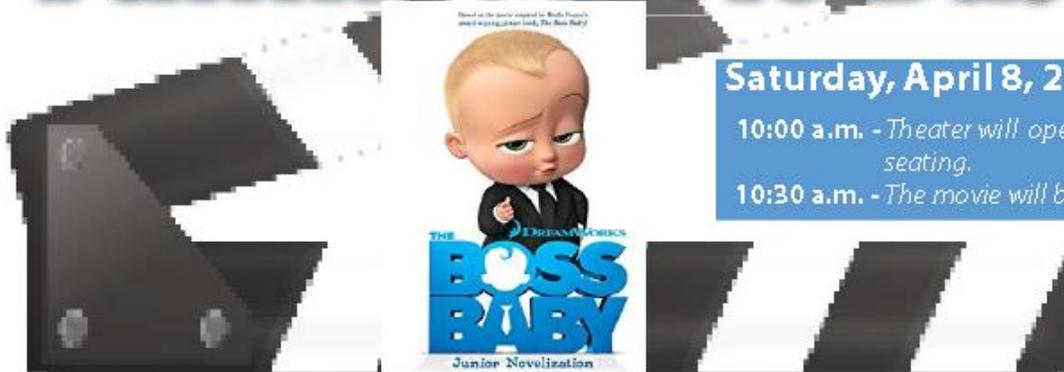




Join the Early Childhood Partners of the
Clare-Gladwin and Gratiot-Isabella Great Start Collaboratives for



Sensory Friendly Family Movie Day



Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Theater will open for seating.

10:30 a.m. - The movie will begin!

CELEBRATION CINEMA
4935 E. PICKARD ST. - MT. PLEASANT, MI.

FREE ADMISSION! - FREE POPCORN! - FREE BEVERAGE!
For the first 100 to R.S.V. P.

You must live in Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot or Isabella Counties.
Out of county and non-R.S.V.P. families may still attend for the theater admission price.

With the sound turned down and the lights turned up, Sensory Friendly Movies offer families affected by sensory sensitivities the chance to enjoy a day at the theater while being free to walk around and talk as they wish!

Plus, a special appearance will be made by local law enforcement officials!



RSVP TODAY! Due to limited seating, please RSVP by April 7th to Roxie at 989-386-8618 or rgreenman@cgresd.net

TRANSITION COUNCIL: PERSONAL CURRICULUM

WHEN

**April 21, 2017
8am-10:30am**

WHERE:

**CGRES
Administration
Bldg.**

**Please RSVP to Katie Knapp-Wyman
([google form](#)) by April 13th.**

https://docs.google.com/a/cgresd.net/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe1A3vt_JJX4CHNJK-bUKBCcx1-EiUCiRRdjEb-44lc9cABw/viewform

**WHO:
TEACHERS,
COUNSELORS, &
ADMINISTRATORS**

TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED

**Rochelle
Bowerman from
MDE will be
presenting on
Personal
Curriculum**

**HOST BY:
Katie Knapp-Wyman**

Five tips for understanding kids who have been through trauma, plus strategies for helping them.

- 1. Kids who have experienced trauma aren't trying to push your buttons.**
- 2. Kids who have been through trauma worry about what's going to happen next.**
- 3. Even if the situation doesn't seem that bad to you, it's how the child feels that matters.**
- 4. Trauma isn't always associated with violence.**
- 5. You don't need to know exactly what caused the trauma to be able to help.**

For strategies to support each of the above five statements, go to:

<http://pull.xmr3.com/cgi-bin/pull/DocPull/7003-419A/104466574/view-as-webpage.html.html>

Serving Families and Children

The Clare-Gladwin RESD Special Education Department held a Cradle to Career Expo for students who receive special education services and their parents. The event's mission was to provide families with valuable information about community resources that are available to students with disabilities. We received commitments from 17 organizations to be on hand to talk with families. The event was held on Tuesday, March 21 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the Clare-Gladwin RESD Area School. Fliers were sent home with all students with an IEP in the Clare-Gladwin RESD. The folks that attended went away with a lot of great information. Thank you to all of our vendors that made this possible.



Area School News

On February 17th Gwen Wild was at the Area School to present on Sensory and Behavior. The feedback from staff was very positive and they have asked for her to return this fall. We are looking forward to using her information and knowledge to help students.

Carrie Balcirak and three staff are providing 10 students with CPR and AED training. This training will happen over the course of four weeks and end with the official certification test. The students are doing well with the instruction and we look forward to the test results!

For March is Reading Month, Josh Felske came to the Area School to talk about his book "Hootie and Happy Cat". Josh went room to room and answered questions about the book and its characters. The hallways and bulletin boards were decorated with images from the book and Colleen Crites' classroom made bone shaped cookies for the entire school.



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Update

The PAC met most recently on February 22nd. Rosanna Purvis from Harrison Community Schools is our newest member. Two community members and CGRESD employees attended the meeting: Anna O'Dell and Corrie Aldrich. At the meeting, training was provided on acting as a Surrogate Parent. Surrogate parents are utilized by school districts when a parent of a child with a disability cannot be found. One of the requirements of a surrogate parent is that they must have knowledge of special education processes and procedures. The CGRESD is responsible to provide the required training to PAC members in the chance that they may need to act in this capacity. We have a great appreciation for each PAC member and their willingness to volunteer for this worthwhile cause!

