



Starlight School Newsletter

Letter from the Director



We have had a fun and challenging year and I am very proud of our staff and students. Even while continuing to navigate the difficulties of going to school during a pandemic, I have seen fantastic educational supports being provided throughout this school year.

Our transition age students are getting out in the community again completing work training at various locations. Our preschool and school age students have begun scheduling field trips and will be visiting different locations both here in Muskingum County and in our neighboring counties. We are hoping to finish this year strong and come back ready for the 22-23 school year!

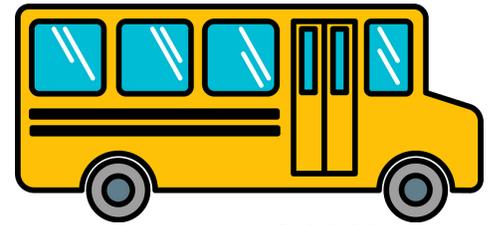
We want to thank all of our families for their continued support during these challenging times and hope everyone has a great summer!

Sincerely,

Brent Brannon

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Director of Educational Services



May 2nd, 2022

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Thank you transportation staff for all of your hard work and dedication to the students of Starlight School.

Health AND Wellness

Just a reminder we offer free Breakfast and Lunch to all our students. We follow the Ohio Department of Education's National School Meal Healthy Initiative Program. The menus are reviewed and distributed monthly and can also be located on the MCBDD website.

Volunteering Leads to Experience

Transition age students have resumed volunteer work experience in the community. These photos show students at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church where they are helping church volunteers clean and set up for weekend services. The students also volunteer at the Muskingum County Family YMCA once a week, where they clean and help setup the Pickle Ball courts.

Volunteering helps students explore future employment opportunities, gain job skills, and make connections in the community.



Special Guests AND Exceptional Activities

Starlight School had a great visit from Muskingum University's Council for Exceptional Children. The group came prepared with several fun activities for our students, including making colorful sensory bottles.



Learning about the Iditarod

The SA2 classroom recently learned all about the Iditarod race, an annual long-distance sled dog race run in early March. It travels from Anchorage to Nome, entirely within the US state of Alaska.

Teacher, Jess Elseser, who previously lived in Alaska, led the students in the learning. "I think it is important to share with the students something with such a rich

history. Also I think it is fun for the students to be able to learn what a mushing team is and all that goes into the sport of dog sled racing. Plus it is fun to see who wins and to follow them on the trail and have a little classroom competition on which musher is going to win."

