

BOE REPORT

February 2022

Happy New Year

**Scranton Attendance Center Preschool
Curriculum Instruction and Assessment**

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"Inspiring and Empowering every Charger, every day."

What's Happening at the Preschool

Please check out this month's newsletter to learn more about SAC Preschool activities. Preschool will begin transitional planning for students going to Kindergarten next year and work closely with Overbrook Attendance Center to support students and families.

Well Child Screenings will continue this spring semester to help parents prepare their children for preschool next year. The SAC team is also reviewing the district calendar and will make decisions for preschool enrollment, Kindergarten Roundup, 2022 start date, screenings and more. The BOE will be notified of next year's preschool calendar soon.

Preschool Newsletter Linked Here:

<https://www.smore.com/nxtusr>



Well Child Screening!

Free developmental screening for kids from birth to 5!

Every "First Friday" of the month!

8:30 am-10:30 am

At Scranton Attendance Center

- Who? Any child from birth-5 who hasn't attended a screening in the last year. (Current preschoolers do NOT need to attend.)

For an appointment, call SAC @ 800-836-9525

All areas of development are screened: language, speech, cognitive, fine & gross motor, vision & hearing

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What's happening in the Curriculum Department?

Professional Development

USD 434 teachers and staff will participate in continued SEL professional development on February 21st. Educators are in an ongoing process of learning about the foundations of social-emotional learning, neuro-sequential model, toxic stress, strategies to support students, and adult SEL and wellness. This month the district will participate in a poverty simulation. This simulation will give our staff an immersive experience into the life of poverty and how to better support our students and families. This experience will provide an insight into crisis, trauma, and perseverance that every educator will find valuable.

Math Curriculum

The K-5 Math Committee will meet again this month to collaborate with middle/secondary teachers. The goal for this meeting is to create K-12 alignment, discuss best practices in mathematics, create a vetting process for resource adoption, and plan for a pilot program. This team has done amazing work and concentrated on the areas of improvement for district mathematics education. I thank them for all of their hard work.

Recruiting

Spring recruiting is underway. The Director of Curriculum and Building Administrators spend days in the spring attending college recruiting and career fairs. Santa Fe Trail is looking for candidates that will support the district missions, BOE goals, and work towards excellence in teaching and learning. This is a great time to meet wonderful and fresh educators from around the state and country. We look forward to hiring new faces to join the CHARGER family.

District Leadership Team

The DLT has been unable to meet the past 2 months due to inclement weather and district illness. This committee will reconvene on February 16th to discuss 2 selected focus areas. These focus areas are communication and school culture. This team will be examining BOE goals and support the schools in action planning and feedback. The purpose of the DLT is to create a collaborative approach in decision making amongst internal and external stakeholders. They have a meaningful role in school improvement and student achievement. This team has discussed many topics surrounding these focus areas and bring suggestions towards fulfilling the district vision.

District Social Emotional Learning Committee

The district is in its first year of developing a district-wide framework around social-emotional learning. This committee is charged by counselors, social workers, and administrators to develop a vision and goals to support our students and staff. This first year is the planning and learning phase with ongoing professional development, writing an action plan, and aligning to BOE goals. We will continue to update the BOE as we growth in this initiative and make further plans for next year.