

ANW Special Education Newsletter

OCTOBER 2010



CALENDAR

- Oct. 6: 1:00 p.m. Middle School Inter-related Cat. Mtg. / 3:30 p.m. PDP Committee Mtg.
- Oct. 8: 1:00 p.m. ED Cat. Mtg.
- Oct. 12: 9:30 a.m. Superintendents Mtg.
- Oct. 13: 4:30 p.m. Education Assoc. Mtg. / 6:00 p.m. Board Mtg.
- Oct. 14: 1:00 p.m. MR Cat. Mtg.
- Oct. 27: 8:30 a.m. New Para Sign Up / 1:00 p.m. HS Inter-related Cat. Mtg.

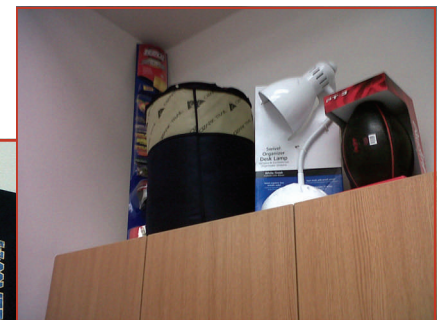


And as Albert Einstein said long before, we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited, Imagination encircles the world.- Albert Einstein



“Oh Wow”!

Chanute High School's special education department, under the direction of Cindy Audiss, School Social Worker/Facilitator has included a re-enforcer to enhance the chances a student is going to follow the rules and meet their criteria as specified on their IEPs. Cindy, Special Education Teachers and the Paraprofessionals are always looking out for a student that is doing something above and beyond the call of duty. When a staff member witnesses a student being courteous and respectful to a teacher or paraprofessional, completing their work without being prompted constantly, participating in class, etc. they are rewarded and are handed an “Oh Wow” coupon or certificate. The students deposit each certificate they receive in a box in Ms. Audiss's office as part of a drawing at the end of the month. Students know that the more “Oh Wow” certificates they get, the better chance they have of winning their choice of a prize. The special education staff pool their classroom budgeted monies to purchase high demand items to be used for the drawings each month. The “Oh Wow” program gives students the extra incentive they need to be more successful at school.



We have books that can be checked out:
Special Needs: In the General Classroom, Strategies That Make it Work
Paraprofessionals and Teachers Working Together (2007 edition and 2010 edition)
Co-Teaching and Collaboration in the Classroom: Practical Strategies for Success.



Prevent Ladder Injuries Kansas Association of School Boards

Each year there are more than 164000 emergency room-treated injuries in the U.S. relating to ladders. The U.S. consumer Product Safety Commission offers the following safety precautions to help prevent these injuries.

- Make sure the weight your ladder is supporting does not exceed its maximum load rating (user plus materials). There should only be one person on the ladder at one time.
- Use a ladder that is the proper length for the job. Proper length is a minimum of 3 feet extending over the roofline or working surface. The three top rungs of a straight, single or extension ladder should not be used for standing.

- Straight, single, or extension ladders should be set up at about a 75 degree angle.
- All metal ladders should have slip-resistant feet.
- Metal ladders will conduct electricity. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder in the vicinity of power lines or electrical equipment. Do not let a ladder made from any material contact live electric wires.
- Be sure all locks on extension ladders are properly engaged.
- The ground under the ladder should be level and firm. Large flat wooden boards braced under the ladder can level a ladder on ground or soft ground. A



good practice is to have a helper hold the bottom of the ladder.

- Do not place a ladder in front of a door that is not locked, blocked or guarded.
- Keep your body centered between the rails of the ladder at all times. Do not lean too far to the side while working.
- Do not use a ladder for any purpose other than that for which it was intended.
- Do not step on the top step, bucket shelf or attempt to climb or stand on the rear section of a step ladder.
- Never leave a raised ladder unintended.
- Follow use instruction labels on ladders.



Alyce Gawlas is teaching this year at Iola High School. She currently lives in Iola. She has her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Science. She also has her MA in teaching, both degrees are from Pittsburg State University. She has two children.



Ashley Buntin came to us with 2 years of experience in Webb City, MO school district. Before school started she married and now is Ashley Tromsness or Mrs. T. She teaches Preschool at Altoona Elementary School. She lives in Galesburg. Welcome to ANW Ashley!

