

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

March 2011

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ROVA Leadership Camp

Four ECTS students received the Rotary Outstanding Vocational Award (ROVA) in March. Jan accompanied two General McLane and two Iroquois students to a leadership camp held at the McKeever Environmental Center in Sandy Lake on March 6-7th. The trip was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Edinboro and the City of Erie. During the camp, over 80 career and technical education students from western Pennsylvania participated in a variety of team building and problem solving activities. Jan will accompany the two students from General McLane to an Edinboro Rotary luncheon where they will receive a certificate of participation for their portfolios. They will thank the Rotarians and share a PowerPoint presentation of their experience.

Special Education

Junior Pre –NOCTI Testing will be administered throughout the beginning of the month of April, approximately 250 of our juniors will take the NOCTI pretest to help determine growth of our students in their Career and Technical field of study. Eighty of those students are identified with a disability and will be offered the accommodations based off of their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) or their section 504 Service agreements. Our instructional aides will play a vital role in making sure that those students receive the extra support in testing that they need. The accommodations that they will provide will range from extra time or just a small group setting to take the test to the complete test being read.

Literacy

This month under the direction of Robin Grimes, our part time reading coach, Tammy Bright our part time math coach and Jane Boyd one of our instructional assistants who helps with our standards mastery training we held a *Tip Off Event* for our juniors who would be taking the PSSA testing throughout the months of March and April. At this event our coaches reviewed some basic concepts and tips on successfully taking the PSSA tests and reminding our juniors of the importance of doing their best on all of these tests.

Great News: 86% of our juniors who were enrolled in our PSSA support training course this year showed improvement in the benchmark testing in reading. Our hope is that this will translate into the overall PSSA results but especially the reading scores.