

Director's Report June 8, 2018

Family Fun Night



A family fun night was held in late April for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing that reside in the Franklin Park area. Two of the hearing itinerant teachers – **Jill Lauer and Lindsey Siegel** put together a presentation for parents and prepared games, food, hands-on crafts and other activities. This event brought together families and students who



might not have a reason to interact. For the students, it was a great chance to see that there are others out there who wear the same equipment or have the same needs. For parents, it was an opportunity to interact and learn from each other.



FOIA Request

A FOIA request was received from James Bachman, Executive Director of the IL Retired Teachers Association on May 30, 2018. The names, addresses and email addresses of educators who retired in 2018 were requested. We responded to the request on May 31, 2018.

Transportation

An updated spreadsheet is included for your review. Things have been going smoothly as the year ended in most districts. There have not been any meetings with Hopewell in the last month. They are finishing up the year and working with Mia and the district assistants to coordinate ESY transportation.

Staff Recognition

Our retirement/staff recognition event was very successful this year. There was a sharp increase in the number of CASE staff who attended. We are going to miss our retirees!

ESY

ESY enrollment is approximately 300 student applications. All hiring is done and we are looking forward to getting started. ESY will be held at Blackhawk Elementary School in District 15. District teachers have been helpful in getting student information to ESY staff and Mindy and Emily are working to get things organized for the opening.

Music Therapy

Music therapy was expanded in our districts last year and will increase again next year. Seeing the students interact is amazing and we are fortunate to have some very dedicated and talented music therapists working with our students. We are already looking forward to next year!



Performance at D16

Students at Glen Hill Primary School performed “The Dish Ran Away With the Spoon” in late May. The teachers worked with related services providers to organize and practice for their performance. There were two shows – one during the school day for other students in the building and the other in the evening for parents.



District Trainings

Cindy will be doing an all school PD June 4th in D41 around these themes: Why has the response to behavior changed? What is the interplay between Research, Restorative Justice and Senate Bill 100? She will also provide behavior/social emotional strategies to prepare for the start of the school year.

A number of CASE staff are leading workshops at the D15 learning academy this summer on topics ranging from behavior plan implementation to high impact instructional strategies.