



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS WITH THEIR WINTER SCENES

BSS Afterschool Program: January 2019 Newsletter

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Career Explorations

We focused a lot on careers during January. School Resource Officer Mata talked with our Afterschool Program students about his journey to becoming a police officer. He talked about joining the military and how that led him to where he is now.



In addition, our school district's Food Services Manager and District Wellness Coordinator Charma Schifer talked to our students about her career path. Charma discussed being a graduate of Bucyrus High School before going to college and

majoring in English. She also explained how she owned a café before taking this job. After her presentation, Charma showed the students around the secondary school's kitchen.

Enrichment



Not only did Charma talk to us about her career, she also demonstrated her cooking skills while we made Mexican chicken pizza and grilled cheese. Charma showed us that there are many different ways to make a grilled cheese sandwich by using a variety of toppings such as bacon, tomatoes, black olives, and more!



This month we also played board games, continued making mosaics, and made a winter scene craft as part of our enrichment activities.



Students also toured the back building where they saw the weight room, locker rooms, Educational Options classroom, and the greenhouse. They even got to watch the wrestling team practice for a little bit. Many of our students had never been to the back building before, so they were very excited to explore it.



Family Engagement

On January 18th, we invited our Afterschool Program Families to a varsity boys' basketball game. The 16 families who attended were given free admission to the game. Some of our high school mentors were even there to meet their mentees' families.



Peer Mentoring

January is National Mentoring Month, and to celebrate we recognized our high school mentors and their mentees on the Bucyrus Secondary School Facebook page. Our mentors explained why they are mentors



and how much they enjoy spending time with their mentees. We are grateful to now have 18 mentors and 22 mentees in the mentoring program.

This month students in the mentoring program focused on creating positive body images. To promote positivity, these students were involved in a group activity where one person stood with their back against the whiteboard while everyone else took turns writing positive messages about that person on the board.



Goal Setting

We started the new year off by focusing on goal setting. We

worked with our students this month on setting long-term and short-term goals including how to set realistic goals and how to achieve them. Throughout the remainder of the year, we will see if our students are progressing toward their goals.

Attendance & Behavior Reward



For our January attendance and behavior reward, we went roller skating at the Bucyrus Sk8 Factory. However, our reward had to wait until the first week of February due to snow days in January. Thanks to the assistance of walkers, even our amateur skaters were able to have fun! Twenty of our students qualified to go on this reward trip based on good attendance and behavior!