

Exceptional Programs for Exceptional Learners Monthly Newsletter

100% attendance by
parents at our C-ville
EC transition meet-
ings!

Teacher goal for this
month:

Celebrate your students' strengths!

BEST PRACTICE

What wonderful celebrations have been occurring for many of our Tri-County students and the hard work that the adults have given to make them possible! April 3 was the Tri-County Field Day, put on by Sarah Wilson, Casi Addis, Carl Dinkel, and Amy Burnett. What a wonderful day! April 24 was Special Olympics in Pittsburg, and April 30 was Tot Olympics. A future celebration is the Gifted "Connections" at ICC on May 9th. These are wonderful opportunities for families, teachers, and administrators to celebrate the strengths of our students. Thank you participating teachers, paras and students!

The Law of the Garbage Truck

Margo Buscher, our secondary coordinator, shared this story. I think it is a wonderful story to end the school year on...

"One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I

asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "the Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home,

or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...

"Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't." *Life is ten percent what you make of it and ninety percent how you take it!*

Have a wonderful break—take time to rest, live and love your family and friends!

Farewell and Good Luck to...

We have many certified and classified staff that will be leaving Tri-County for many different reasons at the end of this school year. Don't forget to wish them good luck on their future endeavors.

Sonya Austin—3rd grade resource teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Independence is moving near San Francisco

Johnna Clinkenbeard—6th grade resource teacher at CES in Coffeyville is mov-

ing to Missouri

Stacie Clarkson—Speech/Language Pathologist for Early Childhood and Eisenhower in Independence is working for Coffeyville Regional Medical Center

Lynn Smith—SEK Academy teacher is moving to Derby to be a High School Facilitator

Carol Strathe—Elementary Gifted teacher for Indy and C-ville is going to be teach-

ing in Altamont

Also good luck to Kim Newton and Randi Bernhart in their student teaching in the Fall!

Thank you for your service to Tri-County and the students you served!