

# ExCEL Board Report

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With January firmly in our rearview, February is upon us and there is no stopping the staff or students here at ExCEL.

Student news- We are holding strong with 61 wolves in the pack coming into February. There were some students that went above and beyond in the month of January and have been recognized as the ExCEL leaders of the pack. In the elementary school we have CJ C. from Kewanee. In the middle school we have Isaiah P. from Kewanee. In the high school Kewanee pulled off the hat trick with having Rayden T. as leader of the pack for his behavior in January.

Staff news- Our staff Leader of the Pack is Amy Russelburg. She is our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on our elementary floor. This is her first year with ExCEL after joining us from Davenport School District. She has been a fantastic addition to the ExCEL team we look forward to what she will continue to bring to our program.

Building news- We have had a lot of faces coming into and out of our building this past month. With the additional resources that we offer here at ExCEL like Bridgeway, YSB, Center for Youth and Family Solutions, Big Brother/Big Sister and Transitions to name a few, Mr. Jeffrey has brought it upon himself to also have a representative from the Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living come in once a week to work with our high school students. That representative will also be working with our younger students as well in areas of independent living, peer support, and transition skills. Mr. Jeffrey also brought in Mr. Anderson from the Anderson Family Coffee to talk to our Personal Finance class about starting a business.