



# ExCEL



## Board Report May 2022 Submitted by Casey Miller

The end is in sight and the energy is palpable here at ExCEL. With the start of May comes the end of testing, most I.E.P.s are in the books, and it's getting very close to final project time for the members of the Wolfpack.

Student news-The pack currently stands at 47 members, but those numbers are sure to change before the next school year starts. We have 2 high school students who will be graduating on May 12 along with seven 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be taking part in our middle school promotion ceremony. We will also have 3 students transitioning back to their home districts at the culmination of this school year.

Even though the year is almost done that doesn't mean we don't recognize the outstanding work our students have done through the month of April. The following students have been named the "Leaders of the Pack" for the month of May. A. Jones of Kewanee was our stand-out for our elementary floor. C. Hernandez of Kewanee received that honor for the middle school floor. In our high school it was only fitting to elect C. Gibbs as our leader of the pack. Mr. Gibbs will be graduating from ExCEL on May 12<sup>th</sup>, capping off a long career at ExCEL School and we could not be prouder.

Staff news- Our staff continue to expose our students to the world outside of ExCEL. Our high school took a trip to Galva where they toured local businesses and made potential employment contacts. They also toured Black Hawk East to explore the potential collegiate options for their futures.

The high school wasn't the only group that got to see the world this month. Our social workers took our elementary students to the YMCA in Kewanee this month as well. It gave our younger students an opportunity to see what kind of services the YMCA offers and allowed them to sample some of the more enjoyable activities at that facility.

We had such amazing staff performances during the month of April we had to name 2 "Leaders of the Staff". Our first winner was Mrs. DeMay, formerly Verbeck. She is our K-1 teacher and busts her back every day for her students. Our second winner was our high school social worker, Mrs. Camp. Even with low numbers in our high school, our students can keep our staff busy day in and day out. Mrs. Camp is always willing to lend a hand around the building and always finds time to see every student on her caseload each week.

Building News- We are to that point in the year where it is time to start looking at improvements that need to be made over the summer. Our Summer Crew is set, and they will spend the Summer with Mr. O'Reilly stripping and waxing the floors, painting the building, and doing whatever else comes up to make this building as functional as possible for the coming school year.