

BIBICH ELEMENTARY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- March 6 3rd Grade
Soil & Water
- March 8-9 Kindergarten
Enrollment
9-11 a.m.
noon-2pm
- March 15 End
of 3rd
grading period
- March 13-17 IREAD
3 test Window
- March 21 2nd
Grade
Soil & Water
- March 22 PTO Talent
Show @ 6p.m.
- March 27-31 No School
Spring Break
- April 3 Kindergarten Field
Trip-Theater @
the Center

ABOUT THE EDITOR

Hi, my name is Rachel Front, and I am a Public Relations intern



at Lake Central High School. My job is to help show the amazing things that happen within Bibich and the Lake Central School Corporation. So, if you have any interesting stories or events that you want me to know about please email me at Rachelfront@gmail.com



HOOPS FOR HEARTS

Cardiovascular health is key when it comes to living a healthy life. Bibich students helped the American Heart Association take a leap forward towards helping others live healthy lives by raising money for Jump Rope for Heart on February 23rd.

"[It's important to donate] so that doctors can cure kids and people that don't have really good hearts," Mia Sena, 2nd grade, said.

Bibich students raised over \$13,000 through their fundraising. Students fundraising techniques varied from going to friends and family to sending videos out to their parents' companies.

"[I made a video] because it was the only way I could get it to my dad's work; he couldn't just pull me out of

school! I raised \$246," Zaydin Pevley, 2nd grade, said. Along with raising money, students set goals for themselves such as eating healthier, exercising more, and drinking more water. Motivation to stay with these goals and raise more money stemmed from many things such as living healthier, competition, or the prizes they could win depending on the amount of money they raised. But for one student, Kaylee Martus, 3rd grade, it was more about family.

"[I fundraised] for my baby cousin Zachary because he died of heart problems. [It's important to fundraise] so other people can live and be happy," Martus said.



HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE CLASSROOM



CONNOR BOLZ, 3RD GRADE

"These are hearts, and you have to write a compliment to the person. I like this because everyone gets to say a compliment about everyone in the classroom. I also like it because it's a surprise and [people] tell you what you're good at."



ABBY MOORE, 2ND GRADE

"[Learning about money] is important because when you get older you have to learn to count cents so you can buy stuff. That way you don't have to tell somebody else to count [for you]."



ISABELLA CORTEZ, KINDERGARTEN

"This is a little penguin, and his name is Tacky the Penguin. [I like doing crafts because] their fun and you can cut out stuff. I like gluing it together. [We use] circles and triangles, and the head is oval shaped. [Tacky is from the book] Tacky the Penguin; it has different kinds of penguins and is really funny."



Valentine's Day



FEATURE



LIFE CHANGING RIDE

Life changing experiences tend to be once in a lifetime but for Genna Noel, a physical education teacher, it's been every summer for the past six years. Noel spends her summer changing the lives of individuals with disabilities by teaching them how to ride a bike on their own.

Noel started working for the program iCan Shine her junior year of college. Noel was studying Adaptive Physical Education at the time and felt that the program sounded just right for her.

"You kind of are thrown into it. You have someone helping you, but it's more hands on since it's not something you can read in a book and understand. You have to really be there to see the experience," Noel said.

Noel spent the first year in the program training. Since then, it's just been a bike technician and volunteers who help her as she teaches eight kids at a time.

"Yes, I was nervous, I didn't really know what I was getting into. I had a few friends that I met because they got hired at the same time since we all went to Ball State. I look back at it now and it is one of the most life changing experiences I've ever had," Noel said.

Through all of the nerves, Noel has learned things that not only apply to her personal life, but also her life as a teacher.

"I work with a lot of kids with different levels of disabilities and needs. I've learned a lot of patience and time management. Some kids are visual learners, or some kids just need to be in a one-on-one conversation so being able to adapt my classroom for those kids [is something that I learned through my time at iCan Shine]," Noel said.

Noel's summers are at times stressful, but with the help of family and physical activity she has been able to cope and continue to touch the lives of kids.

"I was at a camp one time in Ohio and a little boy learned to ride. After he got off his bike at the end of the session he ran up to his dad and he said 'love you.' His dad was in shock because it was the first time he's ever heard his son say he loved him," Noel said.

Working for iCan Shine has also impacted Noel's life by giving her so much more to appreciate and has strengthened her ability as a physical education teacher.

"[I Can Shine] hasn't changed my path, it just made it all worthwhile. I appreciate my job, I appreciate people with disabilities and people with different needs. It has just made me appreciate a lot more than I did before. I tell people every day, find a camp that's close enough that you can give up a week to volunteer, because it will change your life," said Noel.



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