

Fall 2015

L.E.A.S.E. News

L.E.A.S.E Welcomes New Employees

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Matt Winchester will be serving 27 school districts and Circuit Breaker School for L.E.A.S.E. as the Assistant to the Director. This is Mr. Winchester's twenty-fifth year in education. He began his career as a special education teacher in 1990 and has taught students from grades K-12 in two area school districts. For the past seventeen years, Mr. Winchester has served in administrative positions including assistant principal, principal, and superintendent. He graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education in 1990, earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Illinois State University in 1996, and his Education Specialist Degree from Western Illinois University in 2008. Mr. Winchester and his wife Kristy have two children; Alyssa, who is 21, and Luke, who is 19.

Jayme Salazar will be serving Mendota Elementary, Streator Elementary, and Lostant Schools as their Cross Categorical Coordinator. Mrs. Salazar is an Oglesby Washington Junior High School and LaSalle-Peru Township High School alumni. She continued her undergraduate education at Illinois State University in Special Education, and went on to obtain her Master of Education Degree in Administration at the University of St. Francis. Mrs. Salazar has taught special education for eight years throughout LaSalle County. For the last four years of her career, she held the position as a life skills teacher in the

GOALS Program at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, where she also coached Special Olympics and sponsored Project UNIFY. Mrs. Salazar enjoys spending her free time with her husband Chris, their two young children, and their English Bulldog.

Nicole Butt will be serving LaSalle Elementary, Putnam County, and Streator High School as their Cross Categorical Coordinator. Before coming to L.E.A.S.E., Ms. Butt graduated from Crescent-Iroquois High School in Crescent City. She went on to attain her undergraduate degree in Special Education at Western Illinois University and obtained her Administrative License in Educational Leadership at Eastern Illinois University. For the last five and a half years, Ms. Butt has taught at a private residential facility serving male youth with severe emotional and behavioral problems. She recently moved to LaSalle County and in her free time enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

PBIS Update

PBIS Coaches Network Meetings will be held at LEASE this coming year from 9 - 11 a.m. Schools are welcome to join us on September 25th, February 3rd, and April 28th. Participating schools should contact their LEASE coordinators with questions and ideas to share with the group.

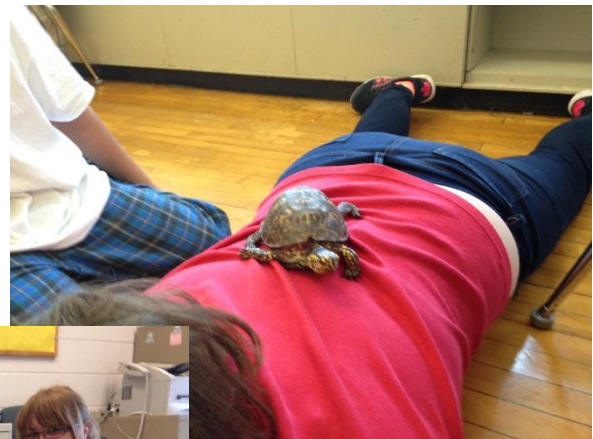
Power IEP is up and Running!

L.E.A.S.E. was excited to present the new IEP, ISP and 504 computer system this month. Districts are encouraged to begin using Power IEP as soon as they have participated in a training. L.E.A.S.E. coordinators have completed most of the trainings and will continue to support every district with this transition. NetIEP will be discontinued on December 31 of this year. L.E.A.S.E. will be provided a copy of all student data electronically from Netchemia which will then be shared with each district. As we go through this process, documents from the Document Library will be transferred over to Power IEP along with new documents that will help guide employees through the program. Also note, ISBE has made changes to many of the state forms. Power IEP is currently making changes to their forms to be compliant with ISBE's changes. Your patience is appreciated as this transition proceeds. Please provide feedback to your coordinator so we can continue to improve our Power IEP product.

Lois Anderson Lending Library

The L.E.A.S.E. Library has been updated to include an online check out system. Individuals can now access the library through the L.E.A.S.E. website <http://www.lease-sped.org/cgi/libsearch.cgi?dbNum=1&action=3>. The system is capable of searching for books by entering keywords, author's name, and title of the book or by a subject search. In order to check out material from the library, individuals will need to choose the box next to the title of the book and then click the tab request to borrow the item. Individuals will need to include their name and phone number and are encouraged to list their plan of action for picking up the materials in the comment section.

Fred the Therapy Turtle has had a speedy start to the new school year at CBS



INFINITEC COALITION NEWS

Infinitec Group Buy

April 15, 2015 - December 15, 2015

What is Group Buy? It is a great opportunity to receive amazing products at a discounted price, which the vendors are only offering to Infinitec Coalition Members. All LaSalle and Putnam County Districts are part of the Infinitec Coalition. The vendors are picked by our Group Buy Committee based on the feedback from Coalition Members and the success of previous Group Buys. Please follow the following instructions to ensure that you receive your product in a timely manner.

1. Click on Group Buy Forms.
2. Click on the icon to download forms.
3. Fill out Infinitec Group Buy order form with contact information.
4. Make Purchase Order out to the COMPANY who makes the product: Mayer-Johnson, Kurzweil, Intellitools, Advanced Keyboard Technologies, Inc., CSC Learning, or Attainment Company, Inc.

(DO NOT make your Purchase Orders out to UCP/Infinitec.)

5. Fax or mail forms & purchase orders to:

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Fax: 708.444.4204
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6. Please send all checks and make all checks payable to the company who makes the product: Mayer-Johnson, Kurweil, Intellitools, or Advanced Keyboard Technologies Inc.

(DO NOT make check out to UCP/Infinitec. Checks will be returned.)

Group Buy Vendors:

Enablement (includes Boardmaker Plus, Clicker 6, Tracker Pro, Smoothie Switches, BigMack Communicator and LittleMack Communicator)

N2Y: News-2-You, Unique Learning System Curriculum and Super Bundle

Lexia Reading Licenses

Teachtown Social Skills Curriculum for Pre-K - 2nd Grade

Teachtown Basics



C.B.S. Opens New Program



Tari Jansen, Paraprofessionals and her new group of K -2 students

Circuit Breaker School (CBS) has started a new program this school year, which serves students in kindergarten, first and second grade. The new program will serve students with emotional disabilities, other health impairments and developmental delays. The classroom currently consists of seven students. Tari Jansen has been hired as the lead teacher for the classroom, along with two paraprofessional, Liz Ibraimovska & Ellie Kennedy.

CBS will continue to serve students in grades 3-12 and provide a highly structured school setting with a comprehensive behavior management system. To make a referral to the CBS program or for more information, contact Susan Bruner at (815) 220-0740 or e-mail sbruner@lease-sped.org. Once the referral/student information is received, a determination will be made as to the appropriateness of the program.

Upcoming Events at the L.E.A.S.E. Office

Oct. 15, 2015 Psychologist Roundtable

10-15-2015 9:00 am

**Oct. 21, 2015 Social Communication Skills for
Students with Autism**

10-21-2015 9:00 am

October 28, 2015 PreSchool Conference

10-28-2015 12:00 am

