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OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of October 17th, 2022

COVID19 Testing

Round 1 - Tuesday, October 18th

Round 2 - Thursday, October 20th

Feedback Form

Have you taken advantage of the new (100% anonymous) [Feedback form](#)? This is a great way to let us know your thoughts to make AbSSLC an even better place to live & work!



Scan the Code!

Get the
FLU  **SHOT**
not the flu!

AbSSLC Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday (10/18) & Wednesday (10/19)

06:00-11:00 & 13:00-15:00

B646 – Nursing Building
(North of the LSCTH)

2022 Music Festival

The 45th Music Festival is now in the books and Abilene SSLC had amazing showing, bringing home 5 awards!

8 Individuals attended the **Super Sonic 70s** festival held in San Marcos last week. It was an amazing time for all as they performed numerous acts while getting to see friends, new and old!



Employee Christmas Fund

What is the “Employee Christmas Fund (AKA/Formerly: Turkey Fund)”? Donations specifically for the **Employee Christmas Fund** are collected starting now until the beginning of December. Funds are used to purchase gift cards to a local grocery store and will be given to staff (random drawing) to use to purchase “a turkey” and/or groceries for Christmas. The gift cards (\$20.00) are always a welcome gift to those who receive one.

How to you donate to the “Employee Christmas Fund”? Bring **CASH** to Community Relations (Building #501- the door closest to FCTD) any time between NOW and DECEMBER if you would like to contribute to this fund!

What will we do? When you give to the **Employee Christmas Fund** we will send a card to the person you want recognized letting them know that you have given to the **Employee Christmas Fund** in their honor. The money will be collected and kept until gift cards are purchased in December to give out to staff (through random drawing). Administrators will hand out the gift cards near Christmas.

The more money we receive for this the more gift cards we can purchase and bless staff with this year! Questions? Call Shae 3547!

Shout Outs!

A huge, **HUGE** shoutout to the staff that attended the 45th Annual Music Festival in San Marcos last week. This event started at 9am Tuesday when they left Abilene and continued through Friday at 430pm when everyone returned home. It's amazing effort to get everyone there (plus a van full of costumes & props) and spend a very hectic week with the many performances along with the day-to-day meals, getting settled into their rooms each night, etc.

Shout Out to **FCT/D** for making time for me to do the talk and tour with the new staff. Thank you to **Alberto** and **Cindy** for providing a driver to get us around.

Way to go **Abilene Tigers** at the Special Olympics tournament last weekend in College Station! Congrats AND Thank You to the **Recreation Crew** and all who were involved in helping make this happen for them! We are SO proud of YOU!

A special Shout Out to **Marnie Shaw** for always being willing to go above and beyond!

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to do a Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments
- Text their name and your comments to 325.370.4525

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!

Inaugural Tier III Leadership Class initiates a campus-wide improvement project

During recent staff surveys there were some areas that were identified as needing improvement. Communication in the organization was ranked as number three as needing improvement in your eyes. We want you to know that you were heard.

The Tier III Leadership class has taken this issue to heart. We are developing a process in the form of a group that represents everyone employed by AbSSLC. The first idea has been implemented in the form of a QR code that is attached to the AbSSLC website that links to a Feedback form. This process guarantees you a **100% anonymous** way to provide your thoughts & input. This will be one part of improving communication.

The second part will be establishing a committee to represent you and carry your communication to the levels needed. We will be asking for nominations of staff members from all departments soon. They will be your voice to bring problems, suggestions, and ideas to Administration. The goal of the group will be to identify better means of communication within the facility - we want your voices to be heard and to be able to hear from our leaders as well.

"We are stronger when we listen, and smarter when we share." Rania Al-Abdullah

Fall 2022 Leadership Development Tier III Class:



Pictured from L to R:

Sarah Chavarria, Stephanie Lebowitz, Torrey Williams, Ashley Alonzo, Kenny Dry, SSgt Chase Decker (Dyess AFB).