



## Clarion County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day



On May 8th Keystone SMILES hosted the 18th annual Clarion County Agriculture Safety Day at Clarion County Park. 343 second grade students in Clarion and Forest counties participated in this event. The day of the event was made possible with 50 AmeriCorps members, approximately 32 community volunteers and 17 staff members. The children rotated through 21 different learning modules.



**Hazard Board** - Children learn to recognize potential hazards. And how to prevent potential accidents on a farm.



**Northwest Beekeeper's Association** -teach the students how honey is made by bees and how to maintain a safe distance from the hives



**Traumatic Brain** -Students were able to see how fragile their brain is. They learned about helmet safety and the risks of not wearing a helmet.



**Farm To Plate** - Children learned how the food they eat begins with the farmer planting the seeds, harvesting, transportation to the stores, and the purchasing to bring it home to our plates.



**Sun Safety** -Students learned how harmful the sun rays can be to our skin and how to protect themselves. They made a keychain with UV beads that will change color in the sun as a reminder to wear sunscreen.



**Gardening** -Students learned what a plant needs to survive. They put a soybean seed in a bag with water beads to sprout and when it grows roots they will plant it in the container and dirt that they were given to take home.



**Moo To You. Students** - Clarion County Dairy Princesses taught the students about milk. Students were able to "milk a cow" and taste test different flavors of milk.



**Types of Grain** - Students learned and tasted a variety of grains, what can be made with them, and their uses. They learned that not only do we eat the grains, but the farmers also feed their livestock with the grain they grow



**Hearing** - Children learned the dangers of exposure to loud noises. They used an air gun to demonstrate the sound waves and how the sound waves affect our hearing and what they can use to protect their hearing.



Thank you to our AmeriCorps members who walked around the park all day dressed up as a chicken, cow and pig. The children enjoyed all of the fun farm jokes!





# Remake Learning Events in Clarion and Venango Counties

## Puppet Show, Venango County

May 3rd staff, AmeriCorps members and Youth Philanthropy students came together to put on a puppet show for the children in a community in Oil City.

They created a stage, made puppets and wrote a script. The puppet show was titled "Dragon of Kindness: The Battle Against Greed!"

Approximately 30 neighboring children were in attendance. Light refreshments were also provided. It was a day of fun for all.



## STEM Family Night- Clarion County

May 13th staff and AmeriCorps members hosted a STEM family night in Knox. Children and families in the community were invited to come and participate in fun STEM learning activities. Some of the activities included robotics and technology, and hands-on activities. Families also participated in a family STEM challenge to see which family could create the longest paper chain using a small amount of paper. The children were treated to popcorn and cotton candy! 58 children and their families attended this event.

Thank you to all of our AmeriCorps Members and their AmeriCorps Spirit. Not only do you "get things done" but you also have fun and enjoy what you are doing. You made the event fun for all of the children and their families!



## Knox & Sharpsville Pre K Counts/Private PreK

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. We want to congratulate our Preschoolers who are graduating and moving up to Kindergarten in our Knox and Sharpsville PreK centers. Knox will be graduating 21 students and 6 students from Sharpsville Gardens Children's Center.



## Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps Highlights

### SMILES AmeriCorps Youth Corps, Jefferson/Clarion Counties

We would like to thank our high school students serving in the Punxsutawney School District who exited May 8th. Additionally, Youth members served in the AC Valley School District and exited on May 15th. Thank you for your dedication and your service. We wish you well in all your future plans as a graduate of the Keystone SMILES AmeriCorps program, Class XXXI.







## Jeffrey Schneider , Erie County

Jeffrey is finishing his fourth term as an AmeriCorps member on May 15th. Not only has he tutored students at Girard School District, he has also been involved with assisting the Second Harvest Food Pantry located at the middle school.

"I am ever so mindful of those needy families, the services we provide, and the hope we hand out. We are making a difference everyday, on a somewhat small scale perhaps, but that in itself is a 'Great Story' indeed!"

Jeffrey has earned 2 full time education awards during his four terms. Thank you for your commitment and your service!



## Brienna Canter, Venango County

Brienna is also an AmeriCorps member who will be completing her fourth and final term. Brienna has served with the Weed & Seed program in Oil City throughout her terms.

"I have always had an unwavering passion to serve others, especially children. From a young age, I've always believed in the power of kindness, consistency, and compassion. I believe that one caring adult can change the course of a child's life. That belief is what led me to AmeriCorps, and ultimately to the Keystone SMILES Weed & Seed program, where I proudly served four terms of service."

Brienna has also earned 2 full time education awards as an AmeriCorps members

Thank you for your dedication to your program and for your service!



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