

**HVED Teambuilding and Recognition:****Physical Therapists (PTs) recognize Occupational Therapists (OTs) & Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs)**

Pictured above: OT Emily Dohrn; OT Leslie Rolph; COTA Makenna Gabel. At right, L to R: OT Sarah Walch; OT Devon Boots; COTA Connie Sweiter; PT Danielle Nesvik; and PT Stacie Ruskell. Go, Team, Go!

PTs are doing their part to recognize their professional colleagues at HVED. Stacie Ruskell shared, "I just wanted to pass along that April is always National OT month. The PTs celebrated our OTs and all they do for students and families with a little treat. We forgot to take a picture before some people had to leave. So, Devon Boots and Connie Sweiter were not in the picture." We have addressed that in this Highlight. And thank Stacie and Danielle for their professional courtesy and kindness shown to their HVED OT colleagues.

**SAIL provides Bluegrass, Bikes, and Beautification!**

The month of May offers some of the best learning opportunities for students that can occur outside of the classroom. At SAIL those learning experiences have been varied. At left, we see a daring move by the bass player in the Baker Family Bluegrass Band that came to SAIL via the SE MN Bluegrass Association. At center, the bikes are back at SAIL! This is an opportunity that is free and provides a unit on bike safety while offering the opportunity to take the lessons to the road. At right, students participate in the annual beautification of the grounds. Students pick up garden tools and dig in by filling the flower boxes to add color to the grounds.

**HVED's Continuing Education Committee (CEU) Chalks Up (figuratively—not literally) Another Productive Year**

The HVED CEU Committee wrapped up another productive year on May 16. HVED licensed staff who are submitting clock hours for PELSB relicensure are able to submit clock hours electronically by following the information and process on the HVED Website at [www.hved6013.org](http://www.hved6013.org) under **Quick Links** and **CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEU)**. Two seats are open for two-year terms. The committee meets virtually once in the fall and three times in the spring—January, March and May. The 2023 Members are: Top row L to R: Pandy King (Chair), Deb Marcotte, Sandy Gorham. Bottom row L to R: Dorothy Gibson, Tara Sandvik, and Crystal Schroeder. Phil Rosendale, Board Representative, was not present for the photo.





**Minnesota Administrators of Special Education (MASE)**

HVED Directors of Special Education and Special Education Coordinators broke away from their regular schedules to participate in the MASE Best Practices Conference on May 10-12. The conference began on May 10 with a dinner and program followed by sessions throughout the day on Thursday and through noon on Friday. The sessions varied widely and offered something for everyone. After the day of sessions on Thursday, a very popular annual event for conference attendees was the Karaoke competition scheduled at 8 PM. At right are: Angie Augedahl, Amy York, Clover Schmitt, Dawn Kullot, Sam Clark and Karen Polyard singing one of their favorites!

**SPECTRUM joins Winona Area Track and Field Competition on May 19**

Sam Clark, HVED Special Education Coordinator, shared her observations of the day, "I just wanted to take a minute to drop in a note about how impressed I was with the kids and staff from SPECTRUM today. They represented HVED and SPECTRUM so well. We truly have some amazing staff doing some great things for these kids...Today I witnessed caring & calm staff, excited and proud parents(who were continually thanking the staff), and kids who exceeded the expectations and loved being there (some it was their first time riding a big bus or going on any sort of field trip)." Go, Team, Go!

Pictured at left: Austin is encouraged by Para Danielle. At right, Teacher Andrea (who planned the event) encourages Sam. Bottom left SPECTRUM Students and Staff in the Parade of Athletes at the Paul Giel Field. Bottom right, Cecelia assisted by BVI Teacher Sandy.

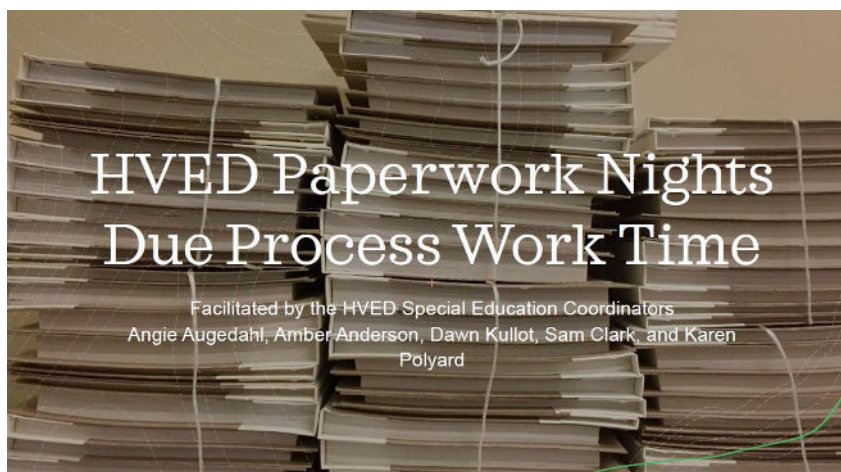




**HVED Coordinators Provide Paperwork Nights to Support Special Education Professionals**

One highlight that has grown increasingly popular as the year has gone on has been the paperwork nights facilitated by the HVED Special Education Coordinators. As the final three-hour session of the year wrapped up just last night, Karen Polyard, Special Education Coordinator, serving SAIL, W-K, MNVA (Gr 9-12), and PEM pulled the stats together in the presentation you see below.

**Thank you to the Special Education Coordinators for their professional dedication and service to special education staff within our member districts.**

**Key Details:**

- Sessions were scheduled after work hours throughout the 2022-2023 school year
- Sessions were scheduled for up to three hours per evening
- Teachers were offered up to 20 hours of paid time to complete paperwork with the assistance and under the guidance of HVED Special Education Coordinators
- Rate of pay up to \$50 per hour
- HVED reimburses districts for teacher time attending sessions

**Rewarding Results:**

- Staff participation increased as the year progressed
- Staff were able to connect with one another to share ideas and gain insights into best practices
- Staff requested this opportunity be provided again in 2023-2024
- Collaboration and professional growth were gained from this learning opportunity
- HVED continues to support **Exceptional Teams Empowering Exceptional Students**

Case Managers By District							
Early Intervention	HVED Staff	Caledonia	Chatfield	Dover Eyota	Houston	Lanesboro	Lewiston Altura
2	3	10	8	4	11	1	5
Mabel Canton	Plainview Elgin Millville	Rushford Peterson	SAIL	St. Charles	SPECTRUM	Spring Grove	Wabasha Kellogg
1	8	7	6	8	1	2	6