

Thanks so much for your interest in my new school- The Learning Center. TLC is an alternative education school as part of FCPS. We are located on Price Road (off Georgetown Rd in the former Booker T. Elementary Intermediate building). Some info about our school:

- It was founded in 2009
- It is an original design- nothing else really like it
- Students must apply and be accepted (no one is court ordered)
- Students are accepted because they do not "function" well in traditional school setting- usually because they are at risk for dropping out (truancy, home life, special educational needs)
- TLC has a smaller teacher to student ration (approximately 1:12), 160 students in total population
- The first priority is RELATIONSHIPS with our students, then "life" preparation (college/career)
- Students are provided more Hands On learning opportunities
- Students take traditional classes (English, Math, Science, etc...but it can be taught in non-traditional ways) Example: Senior english students are required to write a paper, but first spend a school day volunteering somewhere in the community, then write about their experience...Students work in a bee hive at school and then market and sell the honey...) I am currently operating a snack cart for the school with one of my Life Skills classes. We researched nutrition labels, compared prices, identified needs of students, calculated unit prices, are taking inventory, etc...
- Typical school day schedule is:
 - School starts at 9:00, ends at 4:05
 - Mentor (homerom)- entire focus is on relationship building
 - 1st-5th periods- 5-50 minute classes for various instruction
 - 6th period (Studio Time)- 1 1/2 hours for hands on learning, many different areas- photography, 3D printing, Sustainability, Bee Keeping, Music Production, etc. (I am currently co-teaching sustainability- we sew out of recycled items, garden, etc)
 - Every Wednesday we have a different schedule- we dismiss at 1:30 every other Wednesday. For this reason we also teach exploratory classes. These classes are geared towards student interests- very broad selection- I am teaching an FCCLA (club I sponsor) and quilting....there is also kick boxing, intramural, Korean cooking, community crafts...and more I can't remember right now.

As I told you, every child has a unique situation. I have heard more sad stories than ever before in my teaching career. I believe God has placed me at TLC to show His love to others. I am amazed at how different life seems to be for my students- and we all live in

Lexington. My principal is all about having community partnerships/ mentors for our students...and they need alot of love. It is my prayer that I can connect my kids with people who love Jesus so His light shines even brighter. They need HOPE found only in HIM.

So opportunities for NCC to minister:

- Pray for us- staff and students
- come visit 😊 anytime- sit in my class, play kickball with us, mentor a kid
- share your skill- I need help with Sewing 😊ANYTHING is a skill for most of our kids.
- Donate food (we have hungry kids 😞)- every Friday is called Family Friday in our Mentor groups. Most staff bring in breakfast for their group (each group is 12 kids or less)
- Donate gift cards- we use lunch out as a reward- one of my students asked for Chickfila over every restaurant in Lex.
- Donate items- clothing, shoes, fabric, crafting materials, etc... (I took girls to GoodWill to find dresses to upcycle- they were sad the dresses were so expensive- dresses were \$5.)
- Be a speaker, talk about your profession- we are beginning to really push career readiness skills, they need to know their is another option for their life- some truly do not know what a "career" is and that it is achievable
- Field trip- do you have a lake we can fish in? could we tour your company? Most of the students have not been outside of Lexington- some not out of the Georgetown road area- only where a city bus can take them.
- IMMEDIATE need: I volunteered my small group to cater our prom. TLC prom is Thursday, April 27th at the Signature Club (Thursday night so we could get a deal on the facility, first time prom will be off campus) We need to provide food for approximately 50 students- appetizers and desserts. I plan to also try to decorate the food tables. Theme is "Victorian Tea Party" (with less pink 😊) Monetary or food donations will be very helpful. My principal has already told the faculty that my church was helping with the event! Showing the love!

I am sure there is much more I could share/ask, but my brain is done right now. I would love to talk to anyone/ group about TLC and this ministry. If there are specific questions, people can email me or text.

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Thanks so much for your interest and help.

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