

## Speech - Language Pathology at NESC

Ms. Erika Steele, NESC Speech-Language Pathologist, has been working with NESC through the Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative for the last four years. She has become a familiar face around our buildings and the students are always eager to see her.

***Pictured above: Speech Therapist, Ms. Erika Steele, meets with a Tbird Academy student for a virtual session to practice letter sounds together.***

Steele works with NESC students with Individual Education Plans (IEP) or those participating in Intervention Programs with their speech, language, stuttering, and cognition.

In addition to working in groups and one-on-one with students, Steele also completes preschool and kindergarten speech and language screenings annually and conducts individual screenings upon request. Steele also assists the school nurses in completing student hearing screenings annually. In school hearing screenings will begin soon for grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. Also, those who have concerns can request a screening by reaching out directly to Ms. Steele.

“I travel between the three buildings and see students from preschool through 12th grade regularly,” Steele said.

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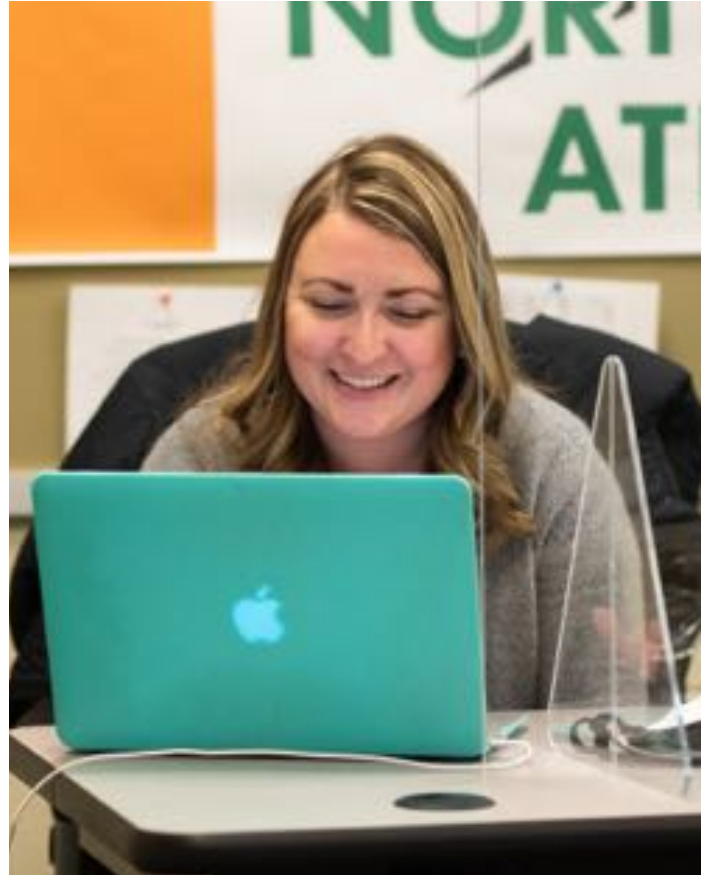


## Speech

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Steele believes, having a consistent therapist throughout the corporation helps the students feel more comfortable trying new things or asking for help. Building these relationships over time with her students and their parents helps them to feel comfortable reaching out with questions or concerns. Collaboration with parents is priceless for student progress.

In addition to meeting with students in school, Ms. Steele's services are also offered to our T-Bird Academy students virtually. Steele created a virtual classroom that contains links for students and parents to access many resources. From the virtual classroom, Ms. Steele's students can also access virtual meetings, which are a great way for students to continue working on developing skills. Individual sessions can be scheduled by emailing Ms. Steele directly at [esteele@gssec.k12.in.us](mailto:esteele@gssec.k12.in.us).



*7th/8th grade North Central students work to etch and paint their plates created from plaster during art class. The students were very focused on their works of art.*



*Pictured above: NEEE Students Council Meeting.*

## **NEEE Student Council Not Stopped by Pandemic**

Northeast East Elementary Student Council, led by Ms. Tina Ficklin, got creative this year with their annual Christmas Drive. In the past, the student council has held an event called "Pennies for Presents." Students brought in their change as donations to the student council, which was used to provide and deliver Christmas gifts to community members.

Due to the pandemic's current conditions, the student council wouldn't continue that project, so they decided that while they would put the "Pennies for Presents" fundraiser on hold, they knew they didn't want to give up their Christmas community service project. Hence, they started a new fundraiser, "Christmas for Community."

The student council decided on hosting two hat days and an ugly sweater day at school. Students who wanted to participate would bring a \$1 donation in which would "allow" them the opportunity to wear a hat on that day or the ugly sweater on that day. The student council also enacted a small competition for the best ugly sweaters and gave away a few small prizes to the winners. Additional monetary donations were accepted.

The donations were used to purchase Christmas gifts for two adult community members and to help fill stockings at a local nursing home. Great job to the student council for leading the way for this school wide community service project!

### NESC Upcoming Dates

**Friday, February 12th**

*No School (Make up day #1, if needed)*

**Monday, February 15th**

*President's Day - No School (Make up day #2, if needed)*

**Friday, March 5th**

*End of 3rd Grading Period*

**Friday, March 19th**

*No School (Make up day #3, if needed)*

**Monday, March 22nd - Friday March 26th**

*No School - Spring Break*



**Pictured above: Fun in Mrs Horn's science class at NENE! 4th graders learned how Christmas light circuits work.**



**MAKE  
CHANGE  
HAPPEN.**

### NENE Collects Change

Each year Northeast North Elementary School hosts a change collection competition to be donated to the Salvation Army's Sullivan County Chapter.

This year NENE raised a combined total of \$244.56! Mrs. Dunford's class won the competition bringing in a total of \$146.48! The Salvation Army will reward Mrs. Dunford's class with a celebration for raising the most funds in the school.

The money raised will stay right here in Sullivan County to help our struggling neighbors/families with rent, groceries, and utility bills.

Great job Thunderbirds, we are proud of your giving hearts!

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#### HOURS:

Administration Office....M-F 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

North Central .....M-F 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

North Elementary.....M-F 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

East Elementary.....M-F 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

