

Overwhelming Week but Visioning Future Plans Weekly Report 4/1/19 to 4/7/19

Coming into the week, it was evident that the schedule would be chaotic and busy nonstop. On Monday and Tuesday I would be traveling to all the schools to pick up the donated glasses from my Eyeglasses Drive. On Tuesday night I would count all the glasses collected, followed by missing school completely on Wednesday and Thursday due to Reedy Tennis District tournaments. Friday would also include missing classes in order to go out of town for a wedding and then come straight to Reedy High School Prom, on Saturday. Needless to say the workload was insane, the planning was very detailed, and communicating with teachers, principals, and companies for my Final Product was absolutely vital to making the week work and organized.

To start off, Monday and Tuesday included driving to all the elementary schools that participated in the drive, to collect the eyeglasses that the kids, staff, and families brought in. I am extremely proud of all the elementary schools because there was 100% participation and the total amount collected was beyond my initial goal for the drive. At one of the schools, I was invited to join in on the school's morning video cam announcements, that was projected to all the classrooms on campus. When I was introduced during the video, the kids went crazy and were so excited to meet me and put a face to the eyeglasses drive they had been doing over the past month. It was nice to know that the work that I had instilled in the campus was making kids excited and willing to give back. Their reactions truly meant a lot and I was honored to be on their morning announcements. Lastly, one aspect that surprised me the most from my project was that many companies and their clients came together to donate glasses. This is shocking because majority of these glasses were brand new and were wrapped nicely in packaging and boxes. The fact that companies heard about my cause and were willing to donate, is far more than what I thought this drive could be in the end. After all, this drive was only an idea not to long ago.

Throughout the rest of the week, I counted and it totaled to be around 6,700 eyeglasses. During this process I also made sure to write 'thank you' notes for all the schools and companies that contributed to my project. With the spare time I had throughout the rest of the week, I confirmed the drop off date with Mr. Holsinger, to deliver all the glasses to him. I also communicated with Mrs. Walker and solidified a publish date for my article, along with a day to meet to do a quick check point on my article on how things are progressing.

With the drive officially at a close, I am looking forward to going to the packaging site to get my hands dirty and help with the entire process. Next week entails brainstorming

and beginning the article, having a Mentor Visit/Observation, and meeting with Mr. Holsinger to get the eyeglasses off of my hands. Additionally, this week involves creating a Final Presentation Night invitation, and selecting a classroom where I would like to give my speech on Final Presentation Night. This week will be filled with activities, but it will be manageable as long as a plan is set in place and followed.