



Menta Academy Oak Park

March 2019

Academic Spotlight

Customer Service Skills

Students in our Transition Program have focused on the skills necessary to obtain a job. Students explored topics including: filling out applications, creating resumes, and filling out government forms. They also reviewed hard and soft employability skills and determined their own strengths and weaknesses. After learning about verbal and non-verbal communication, students had the opportunity to role play workplace scenarios in order to help them generalize conflict resolution skills. Students also considered valid reasons for being late, when to call in sick, and how to deal with unhappy customers. Throughout the unit, students had the opportunity to explore stores in the local community and evaluate the customer service they received.



Cook County Sheriffs Visit



Students were able to bring the community into the classroom by interviewing two Cook County Sheriffs. When the Officers arrived, students were prepared and eager to listen. The Officers shared their experiences and emphasized the perseverance and hard work required to be successful in any career. The day was enlightening for students and staff alike, and was a great example of the collaboration required to build community

Upcoming Events

School Events:

March 14th: Science Fair

March 15th: End of 3rd Quarter

NO SCHOOL:

Spring Break: March 25th-29th

Mr. Mike



Staff Spotlight

Mr. Mike has been a Job Coach at Menta for 3 years.

Favorite Food(s):

Pizza, pasta, and hamburgers

Favorite Hobbies:

Working out, playing softball and listening to music

Favorite thing about

Menta: The staff camaraderie