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## Anna Mae Burdi Center Wins \$50,000 Sweepstakes

**CHESTERFIELD, Mich.** – The Anna Mae Burdi Early Childhood Center has been named the recipient of School Specialty's \$50,000 School Makeover Sweepstakes, with the grand reveal of the renovated Before-and-After Care classroom taking place on Monday, January 6 at 10:00 am when the district returns from winter break.

After entering the School Specialty Sweepstakes this past summer, the Anna Mae Burdi Center staff received the exciting news in late July that they had been randomly selected as the grand prize winner, providing the preschool with a \$50,000 makeover for a classroom or educational space of their choosing. As part of their prize, School Specialty is designing the new space and will be putting the classroom together once school is out for the holidays.

The Burdi Center staff, including Director Annemarie Miller, have been working closely with School Specialty on the redesign of the classroom to reflect the school's themes and message for students. The school will receive the \$50,000 prize in its entirety, with a majority of the funds going into the renovation of the Before-and-After Care classroom and the remaining amount being dedicated to upgrades available to all students, such as a sensory wall in the front lobby.

The Anna Mae Burdi Center is a space for some of the youngest learners in L'Anse Creuse to attend preschool, build foundational educational and social skills, and grow as a person and student. The Before-and-After Care classroom is an extension of the regular preschool class with developmentally appropriate learning activities for children who need to attend before or after their preschool class.

The Anna Mae Burdi Center staff are thrilled to have been chosen as the grand prize winner of these sweepstakes, and look forward to this new space for students and staff to thrive. The ribbon cutting ceremony on January 6 will be the culmination of hard work by both the Burdi Center staff and School Specialty, and offer an exciting experience for the district's young students.

For more information, please contact Annemarie Miller at millean@lc-ps.org.

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