

2012 National Special Needs Rodeo
Student Management Event
Student Profiles

Chucky: An 11 year old boy who has a learning disability which involves moderate to severe comprehension deficits. He is the target of teasing because of his disability, which triggers physically aggressive behaviors. His father is a working single parent and has a history of becoming verbally abusive causing Chucky to be sensitive to name calling and insults to his intelligence. Chucky is calmed by playing video games on his DS.

Aliza: A 13 year old girl with Downs Syndrome who demonstrates inappropriate affection behaviors to the students, driver and attendant. When her affections are rejected, she becomes violent toward others, hitting, spitting, and pulling hair. She has been known to occasionally make threats to kill herself and others. Aliza's family is homeless and living in a shelter which is the last stop in the mornings and is 43 miles off route.

Ronny: A 14 year old boy who is riding the bus due to a broken foot that is in a cast. He is using crutches for mobility. He normally rides to school with friends from his "elite" neighborhood, but must ride the bus because of the cast. He is extremely upset and openly displays an attitude about riding the bus for so long and with children who have a disability. Ronny's favorite hobby is listening to music on his iPod.

Maybeth: A 10 year old girl with Marfan Syndrome. She has developed the characteristics of a bully and is obsessed with electronic "gadgets." She aggressively bullies other students to obtain their "gadgets." She has difficulty boarding the bus because of her feet, and wears glasses with very thick lenses. Maybeth is also hearing impaired, a condition unrelated to her disease, but has not yet been fitted for a hearing aid.