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Kriss' Korner!



Good news everybody! Energizing Education is expanding yet again. I'm happy to announce that as of this August, we have expanded to two new Jackson Public Schools, Bennett Elementary and Northeast Elementary. We are very excited to have them on our team!

As you well know, our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. As Energizing Education expands to its sixth school in Jackson County, we will continue to recruit new volunteers. If you want to join our team and help brighten a child's future, I ask that you consider being a mentor with Energizing Education. I can assure you, you won't regret it!



Energizing Education

Arnold Elementary School

And now a word from our staff!

This month, Energizing Education is trying something new. We wanted to get a view of mentoring through the eyes of the observer, so we asked Susan Knapp, our very own Site Coordinator at Arnold Elementary, to answer a few questions about what it's like to watch mentors interact with students over the course of a year. Read her answers below!



In one word, how would you describe last year?

Eclectic.

What are you looking forward to most about this upcoming year?

I'm looking forward to matching new students with new mentors.

What is it like to observe the program year-round?

I was and continue to be impressed by

the progress students made and the positive relationships they formed.

What did you learn about mentoring?

I've learned that the positive dynamics of mentoring make a huge impact on our students at Arnold Elementary.

What does mentoring mean to you?

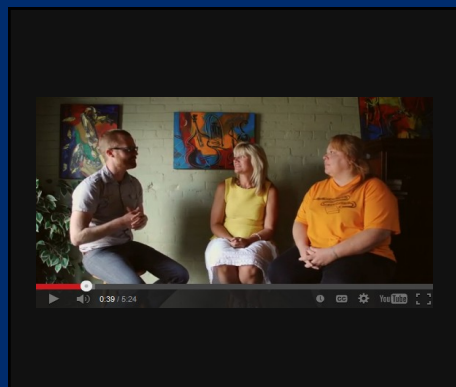
Mentoring to me means encouraging and inspiring the joy and power of reading.

What is your advice on how mentors can better connect with their students?

I think mentors can connect with their students by showing them the excitement that can be had while reading.

What is the most rewarding part of being a mentor?

It's fulfilling to inspire students in the joys of reading and Energizing Education is a solid program. The data indicates the success the program has had and students radiate that success.



Last week Kriss Giannetti and Charlie Miller sat down for an interview with the Jackson Young Professionals group to talk about why mentoring is a fantastic option for community service. Whether you're a young adult or retired, being a mentor is one of the most meaningful and most rewarding ways to get involved, serve your own community, and impact a child's life. Click the video to the left to watch the full-length interview with Energizing Education and Dave Goodrich!



September Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
September 4	9:00—11:00 am	EE Tutor	JCISD Kratz Education Center, Room 207
September 11	11:00 a.m.—1:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
September 19	2:00—4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
September 22	8:00—10:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
September 30	3:00—5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

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To Donate:

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Welcome Eboné Worthey!

Energizing Education would like to introduce its newest staff member, Eboné Worthey, to our team! Ebone just began service as an AmeriCorps VISTA with United Way of Jackson County and will be working with Energizing Education. As a *Volunteer In Service To America* (VISTA), her mission is to combat poverty and strengthen communities.



Eboné grew up in Jackson and graduated from Eastern University. After college, she did a year of service with AmeriCorps and the program City Year in Providence, Rhode Island. Thereafter, Eboné did another year of City Year in New Hampshire with AmeriCorps VISTA. During her terms with City Year, Eboné mentored middle school students and helped organize and carry out service projects and special events.

Eboné is passionate about education and working with children. She has spent the past two years doing so and she is thrilled to be able to continue working with education in her hometown of Jackson. Eboné believes Energizing Education will be the perfect fit, and Energizing Education is happy to have her on our team!

Quote of the Month

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.”

~ George R.R. Martin



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School is just around the corner and Jackson District Library has plenty of Accelerated Reader books for you to check out. The Carnegie Library has labeled the Accelerated Reader books for 1st grade through 7th grade readers. Several of the other Jackson District Library branches also label their Accelerated Reader books. This is a great way to see if a book you are interested in is at your reading level. Stop by the Carnegie Library or one of our branches and check out our Accelerated Reader titles. That way you will be all set when school starts back up.

A Word from Asa!



“According to Richard Allington, a respected expert on reading development, it’s “miles on the page” that matters most. Enter Energizing Education’s Reading Mentors! Reading Mentors provide opportunities twice a week for students to add to their “miles.” Mentors are trained to work with students on reading, writing, and word study. They learn to become the friendly “guide on the side”, as students practice their literacy skills in a supportive, positive, and comfortable environment. As students improve their reading skills, they reap the added bonus of an additional significant adult who cares about them, not just a reader, but as a worthy child. It’s a richly rewarding experience for both the student and the mentor!”

