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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

## Frost 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 Beth Bildner, our very own Site Coordinator at Frost 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?**

Amazing! Last year was just amazing.

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

I'm looking forward to continued success with the students.

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

It has been wonderful. The most surprising part I observed about the pro-

gram was the community support. Even the Rose Queen got involved!

**What did you learn about mentoring?**

Everyone relates to their student in a different way, but each individual style has proven successful.

**What does mentoring mean to you?**

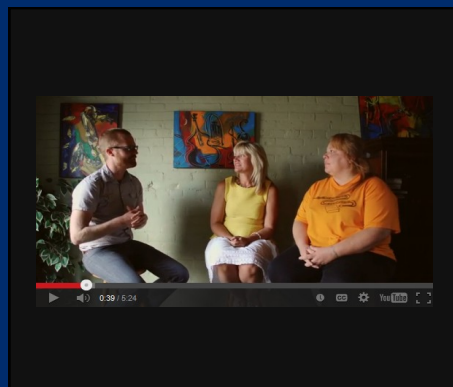
To me, mentoring means caring about others in the community. Everybody can make a difference.

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

Mentors each connect differently, but the bond that is formed between adult and child by meeting just twice a week for 30 minutes is so strong.

**What is the most rewarding part of being a mentor?**

If you want to give a child a gift they will keep forever, give them your time twice a week. A caring adult makes such a difference.



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 great 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 |

Contact Charlie at [energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com](mailto:energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com) to sign up

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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 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 7<sup>th</sup> 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!"

