



Energizing Education

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Parnall Elementary School

Family night a success!

What is Energizing Education?!

Thanks to a generous grant by Consumers Energy, Energizing Education was launched as a community initiative to improve literacy skills of children in Jackson County through a three-pronged approach: in-school mentoring, after school programs, and family involvement. Energizing Education's mission is to equip these children with the skills they need to succeed both in school and beyond the classroom.

Energizing Education hosted its very first family night earlier this month on Tuesday, November 5th at Parnall



were invited to play fun games, parents were given valuable tips about reading and early childhood literacy. To emphasize reading outside of school, Energizing Education provided parents and children with one free book and one free kids game for them to take home.

Families also had the opportunity to have their portraits taken by a professional photographer. With over three hundred people in attendance, this month's family night was a hit! Be sure not to miss next month's family night as we hear that Santa is coming!



Elementary. Dozens of families came out to hear about the EE initiative and what it's doing in Jackson County schools. While children

This Christmas, each student will receive a book from the EE staff and mentors!



Energizing Education would like to welcome new staff member **Ben Bundy** to their team. Ben just began work as an AmeriCorps VISTA with United Way of Jackson. As a *Volunteer In Service To America* (VISTA), his mission is to help combat poverty and strengthen communities. Ben recently graduated from Spring Arbor University in May with a double major in International Studies and Spanish.

Ben spent several years working in the world of charter schools and is excited to be working in education once again. He is passionate about Energizing Education's vision and purpose here in Jackson County and he believes reading is crucial to academic and professional development. Some of Ben's hobbies are reading, writing, outdoor activities, travelling, and learning new languages.



December Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
December 5	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
December 12	4:00-5:30pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
December 17	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

Energizing Education would also like to welcome!



Lois Dunning is the Education Parent Involvement Coordinator for Energizing Education. She has a degree in psychology from Olivet Nazarene University. She lives in Jackson with her husband, Steven, and their two boys. In her spare time she enjoys being involved in her children's activities, reading, and baking. She is excited to be a part of Energizing Education.

Quote of the Month

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

- Jacqueline Kennedy



Energizing Education would like to wish you and your family a very

Happy Thanksgiving!



Looking for ways to incorporate reading into this Thanksgiving season? One way families can do this is by cooking dinner together. Have your child read the recipe directions out of the cookbook. This way your child can continue to read through the holiday season. Cooking as a family is a great way to spend time together as a family too!



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Holiday New Book Sale Thurs - Sat, Dec 5 - 7, open hours. New books, collections & gift sets for all ages. Gift wrapping available. Sponsored by Cottage Book Store.

Holiday Party with Santa Wednesday, Dec 18, 6 - 7 pm Songs, stories, games and a craft.
Kids' Holiday Movie Marathon Monday, Dec 23 11 am: Polar Express 1 pm: Home Alone 3 pm: The Santa Claus
Drop-in Kids Craft Day Thursday and Friday Dec 26 & 27, 11 am-4:30 pm

Find out more!

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