



Energizing Education

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Arnold Elementary School



Helping one another

Fun Ideas for Winter Vacation!

Make time to play. Plan for a play session once a day. Board games and art sets make for timeless Christmas memories!

Go outside! Make the most of the weather by making a snowman or playing in the snow!

Plan for daily quiet time. Go to the library and check out a book to read together over break.

Get artistic! Design your own holiday decorations. Try making paper angels or popcorn-on-a-string.

Make a resolution. Think about and write out a plan together of one thing to do more often this upcoming year.

'Tis the season to be jolly, but as we all know, the holidays are about more than just Christmas caroling and baking cookies. Christmas time is about family, friends, and spending time together. For many though, the holidays are also the season of giving. This Christmas many people have found a reason to show the generosity that comes with the holiday spirit.



Meet Oscar Curtis. Oscar is the son of Alicia Curtis, one of the elementary teachers at Arnold Elementary School. At 2 weeks of age he was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia,

which is a rare liver disorder that only affects approximately 200 children a year. The only definitive treatment is a liver transplant, which the doctors believe will be sometime after the New Year. Additionally, Oscar also has two ventral septal defects (VSD) in his heart, which required open heart surgery last December.

Although the family has insurance, the out of pocket costs the experts predict this family will incur are approximately \$90,000. The high costs are due to numerous surgeries, extended hospital

stays, travel and lodging accommodations, copays, deductibles, and Oscar's needs for special equipment. The Curtis family are also preparing their household for a post transplant child.



Here Oscar is pictured with his liver doctor. The two have become great

If you would like to help the Curtis family by donating to Oscar, you can go to any American I Credit union branch and tell them Oscar's name, or under the website tab on this Facebook page we have his COTA (childrens Organ Transplant Association) donation page set up.

★ THIS MONTH'S MENTOR SPOTLIGHT ★



Name: Paul Fiero

Business: Royal Adhesives & Sealants

Why did you volunteer? I volunteered because I enjoy reading and this felt like an easy opportunity for me to give back to the community I like and work in.

How has your experience been so far? So far it has been fun and interesting. It has been a pleasure to see the growth in ability and confidence of the students as the time has gone by.

What was your favorite book growing up? My favorite book growing up was *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis, which is part of The Chronicles of Narnia series.

What is your favorite book now? Currently my favorite book is *Wizard's First Rule* by Terry Goodkind and is the first in the Sword of Truth Series.



January Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
January 7	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 15	4:00-5:30pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 23	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 30	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

Check out Arnold's Christmas family night!

Arnold Elementary School had their monthly family night last Tuesday, December 17 and the theme was none other than Christmas! Children had the book *The Night Before Christmas* read to them, and there was a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Toy House. They even got a chance to meet Santa Claus!

Food and fun were both provided at Arnold's very special Christmas family night. Families were given books and games to take home and play during break. If you missed out on the fun, make sure to attend our next event on January 29TH. The theme will be Luau!



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If you would like to donate:

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Quote of the Month

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".



Nelson Mandela

1918 - 2013



Jackson District Library and Accelerated Reader! The Carnegie Library is pleased to announce that all of our Children's Collection is labeled with Accelerated Reader Reading Levels and Point Values. Come in and check out some fiction or non-fiction books to read for the Accelerated Reader tests. We have labeled books from 1st to 7th grade reading levels and have something for everyone. We hope to see you at the library soon to check out some books!

