

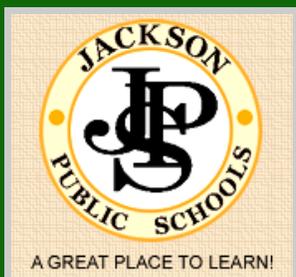


Energizing Education

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Frost Elementary School



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.

A Holiday Success Story!

As that timeless winter classic goes, it's the most wonderful time of year! And this season Energizing Education and multiple Jackson County schools have a reason to sing.

This fall, Energizing Education successfully expanded its program from the pilot at Frost to Arnold Elementary in Michigan Center and Parnall Elementary in Northwest School District. The month of November saw EE's implementation and first family night take place at Parnall, while EE's takeoff at Arnold began in early September.

The goal, however, is to continue this expansion, according to Kriss Gian-

netti, the Program Director for Energizing Education. As of December, Giannetti met with Brad Hamilton, Superintendent of Grass Lake Schools and Elementary School Principal Michelle Clark. She is pleased to announce that Grass Lake's George Long Elementary will adapt the EE program early in 2014. With the upcoming addition of George Long Elementary, Energizing Education will be active in four schools throughout Jackson County.

Energizing Education has won the praise of its parents, families, and volunteer participants as well. Beth Bildner, a former teacher, is the Site Coordinator of the Energizing Education team and coach to the Reading Corps program

at Frost Elementary School. She is happy to tell of her involvement with Energizing Education.



"I retired several years ago from teaching middle school at Vandercook Lake. I was asked this year to be involved with the Energizing Education Program at Frost School. I believe EE is a great benefit to the children it serves. I enjoy the program and the mentors so much I am now working everyday in the program. I even surprised myself coming out of retirement!"

★ THIS MONTH'S MENTOR SPOTLIGHT ★



Name: Kelly Bury

Business: Jackson High School

Why did you volunteer? I wanted to make a difference.

How has your experience been so far? This has been a great experience.

What was your favorite book growing up? The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings

What is your favorite book now? Jd'aquin and I read books that are interesting and keep him focused. We read about Mr. Fig last week!



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

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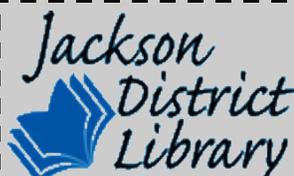
Check out Frost's Christmas family night!

Frost Elementary had their monthly family night last Wednesday on December 18 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 next month's family night on January 22. Our next event is going to be Luau-themed!!



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!

Quote of the Month

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



Nelson Mandela

1918 - 2013

