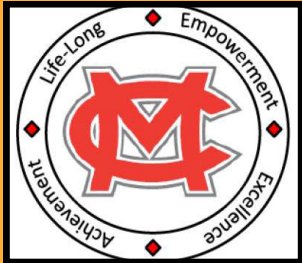




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f DID YOU KNOW?!

Energizing Education is on Facebook! Social media is a great tool for getting the word out, and this month Energizing Education is trying to do just that.

Are you on Facebook? One way you can help Energizing Education spread the word and increase awareness is by hitting the LIKE button on our Facebook page! Check out our page at the link provided below!

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Energizing Education

Arnold Elementary School

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY!



Arnold Elementary was host to a very special ceremony this month. Wednesday, January 22nd, Nathan, a student at Arnold Elementary, graduated the Energizing Education program!

Nathan is a first grader at Arnold Elementary and a joy to his teachers and fellow students. Nathan has been enrolled in the program since its inception at Arnold in September. This month, however, Nathan impressed his peers when data showed that his reading scores have risen to grade level. Nathan's mentors, Donna Jeffrey and Mary Brueggeman, were ecstatic about their student's suc-

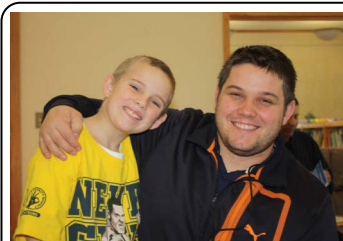


cess and stated that they couldn't be happier to have seen Nathan demonstrate such progress.

The graduation process is the goal of Energizing Education's curriculum. When students' reading scores improve to grade level, they are graduated from the program. Nathan's graduation is a testament to Energizing Education's efficacy and the power of mentors to change lives!



January Mentor Spotlight



Name: Justin Bates

Business: Royal Adhesives & Sealants

Why did you volunteer? I wanted a chance to work with kids. I wanted to give back to the community. Energizing Education fit both! It's a wonderful program.

How has your experience been so far? I started meeting with my student in October and it's been GREAT!! It's been a delight spending time with Derek. It is just awesome watching him improve every week. Tuesday and Thursday mornings are some of my favorites. They're highlights to my week.

What was your favorite book growing up? The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

What is your favorite book now? Game of Thrones by George R.R. Martin



February Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
February 4	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
February 11	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
February 17	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Jackson County Intermediate School District
February 25	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FEBRUARY FAMILY NIGHT

Note: Due to severe weather conditions the January Arnold Family Night was cancelled. Be sure to attend the next Family Night on Wednesday, February 26th, 5:30pm –7:00pm.. It is sure to be a fun chocolate filled night!

Quote of the Month

“Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”



Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929—1968

Meet Susan Knapp!

The Literacy Lounge at Arnold Elementary is a vital part of the school, and numerous students have the pleasure of coming in twice a week to read with their mentors. Until recently, computer teacher Alicia Curtis managed the room and served as Site Coordinator for Arnold's Energizing Education program. However, as her son is in the hospital she has had to take time off to attend to him.

Meanwhile, Susan Knapp will be filling in for Alicia and serving as Interim Site Coordinator. Sue is also the temporary computer teacher at Arnold Elementary, she is passionate about Energizing Education and believes reading is key to learning. “In this technological age of teacher-guided but independent learners, Energizing Education's combined effort is so solid and eclectic. This is at the foundation of that concept, and I'm excited to be a part of it.”



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Also, be sure to check with your local branch for what they have planned for “March is Reading Month”. This is a month-long celebration of books and reading. We'll have activities based on many favorite children's books including “The Cat in the Hat”, “Pete the Cat”, and “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie”. There will be games, activities and even some prizes so head to your local branch during the month of March to celebrate books and reading.

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