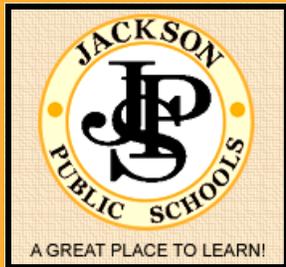




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# Energizing Education

## Frost Elementary School

### A Luau in January!

It may be cold outside, but that doesn't mean we can't use our imaginations to keep us warm! This January 22nd, that is just what Energizing Education did with its appropriately-themed family night.

But what kind of theme is fitting for this cold Michigan weather? Why, a Luau of course! Children were invited to partake in tropically-themed festivities such as Hula Dancing and "Doing the Limbo". The snow on the ground outside was one of the last things on



warm fun and excitement, our Luau-themed family night was a success!



Energizing Education's family nights aren't just about fun though. They're also excellent opportunities for parents to attain valuable resources and advice from our Family Involvement Coordinator,

Jenny O'Brien. This month, Jenny taught parents about reading to their children



and tips on improving their reading comprehension.

Energizing Education's family nights are amazing opportunities for parents to gain an upper hand on their child's education. Don't miss out! Be sure to attend our next family night—Wednesday, Feb 19th!!

### 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!

[www.facebook.com/energizingeducationjackson](http://www.facebook.com/energizingeducationjackson)



### January Mentor Spotlight



**Name:** Ben Bundy

**Business:** United Way of Jackson County

**Why did you volunteer?** I'm a part of the Energizing Education team and I get to be a mentor twice a week at Frost Elementary. It's a great way to make an impact in the community.

**How has your experience been so far?** So far my experience has been great. I admire the program and I have really enjoyed mentoring Cohen these past several weeks.

**What was your favorite book growing up?** My favorite books as a child were the Chronicles of Narnia series. Other than that, my favorites are *Holes* and *Where the Wild Fern Grows*.

**What is your favorite book now?** I spend a lot of my time reading and I read a lot of different books at the same time, but my favorite book right now is *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green.



# 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](mailto:energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com) to sign up

## Check out our mentors!

Theresa Walters (below), Ben Westin (top right), and Kelly Bury (bottom right) are some of the volunteers who come in twice a week to mentor at Frost Elementary. This month, their students learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy in America.



Find out more!  
<http://energizingeducationjackson.org>

or  
**Energizing Education** on Facebook

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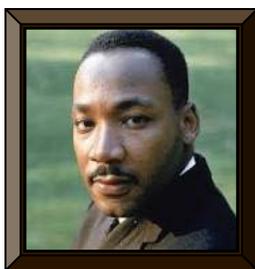
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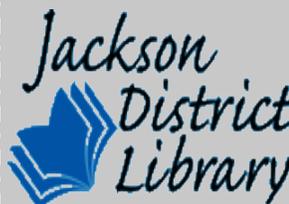
## Quote of the Month

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



**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

1929—1968



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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.

