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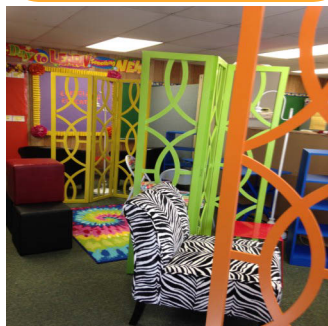
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**f DID YOU KNOW?!**

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!

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



# Energizing Education

## Parnall Elementary School

### A Thank You to Mentors!

The Energizing Education program has been going strong at Parnall Elementary and both mentors and students are loving it! Since Energizing Education arrived at Parnall in Fall 2013, the EE staff has been working hard to train mentors. Each week the number of mentors is growing and there's no denying the positive energy that EE and the new mentors have brought to Parnall Elementary!



Jill and Marla are mentors at Parnall. Jill and her student Felicity (pictured left) always enjoy their time reading. Felicity especially likes reading *The Hungry Lion* because it has spiders on it. Meanwhile, Marla and Avery (pictured right) have fun practicing cut-up sentences.



This month in particular was a very special month for mentors. January 16th was National Thank Your Mentor Day! Energizing Education would like to express its gratitude to all the volunteers who help make our program possible. Thank you!



### January Mentor Spotlight



**Name:** Mary Gray

**Business:** Retired from Northwest Schools

**Why did you volunteer?** I knew that there was a need to continue reading for children who didn't fit into a reading group anymore. Constant reading is important for fluency.

**How has your experience been so far?** Very positive. A half hour goes by very fast. I wish I could get to more in a session but I try to focus on reading, a little writing, and a little word work.

**What was your favorite book growing up?** All of the Nancy Drew mysteries.

**What is your favorite book now?** Light hearted comedies like the Stephanie Plum novels by Janet Evonovich. Also biographies, I'm currently trying to read "the classics". I'm reading *Moby Dick* right now.



# 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

Energizing Education & Northwest schools would like to say thank you to Mr. Bruce Inosencio. Mr Inocensio is the owner and operator of the Crossroads Convenience store in Rives Junction. He is also a longtime supporter of NW and a Mountie himself! Energizing Education was the beneficiary of the "Penny Per Gallon" donation throughout the month of December. Through this fundraiser \$1000 was donated to Energizing Education at Parnall Elementary.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FEBRUARY FAMILY NIGHT

Note: Due to severe weather conditions the January Parnall Family Night was cancelled. Be sure to attend the next Family Night on Thursday, February 6th, 5:30pm –7:00pm..

It is sure to be a fun chocolate filled night!

### Find out more!

<http://energizingeducationjackson.org>

or

Energizing Education on Facebook

### For volunteer information:

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## Quote of the Month

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



*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

1929—1968



Discover · Learn · Succeed

is a library card and you are all set to go. Stop in at any branch to learn how or go to our website to sign up for Hoopla today.

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.

