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We moustache you a question...



Will you come join us for a night of zany fun? Energizing Education will be holding an especially silly family night on Wednesday, April 9th. The event will begin at 5:30 pm at George Long Elementary.

A raffle will be held and one family will win a \$50 Meijer Gift Card! There will also be plenty of fun and excitement including dinner games, jokes, riddles, and puns. There will even be moustaches for everyone!

Fliers will be sent out to students with an RSVP attached. Please return the RSVP to the school office by April 7th.



# Energizing Education

## George Long Elementary School

### A Night of Wonders!



Parents laughed, children screamed, and one yellow-clad actress on stage searched frantically for her mother. Such was the occasion on Wednesday, March 6 as Energizing Education welcomed over eight hundred family members through the doors of the Michigan Theatre. Kids and parents poured into the halls, grabbing popcorn

and juice, finding their seats as four actors warmed their voices behind the curtain to prepare themselves for the show.

In addition to the crowds of family members and students, Energizing Education's very special family night was well attended by many community members, including JTV talk show host Bart Hawley, United Way CEO Ken Toll, Radio personality Marc Daly, Citizen Patriot Education Reporter LeAnn Smith, and many very special EE mentors. The event commenced with a presentation of dozens of photos from throughout the school



year which displayed many of Energizing Education's mentors alongside their students. A raffle was held as well and several lucky families received a Kindle Reader as a prize and then it was time for the show! The ArtsPower National Touring Theater provided the main attraction by performing a live musical adaptation of the play "Are You My Mother?", based on the children's book by P.D. Eastman.

The night was organized as a night to show gratitude to mentors and thank them for the impacts they have made. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the successes Energizing Education has had in recent months, with eleven students thus far having brought their reading to grade level and completed the program this year. Energizing Education is always looking for new volunteers who are interested in making a difference in a child's life. If you would like to become a mentor, please see the back page for more details. We would love to have you on our team!



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**Why did you volunteer?** Working with young children is always challenging, entertaining, and satisfying. Hopefully, I can make a positive difference in at least one child's journey through literacy.

**How has your experience been so far?** The program is well-organized for mentors. After each session, I leave with a feeling of satisfaction.

**What was your favorite book growing up?** The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew

**What is your favorite book now?** I love to read so I have many favorite books, but one outstanding book is called A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry.



# April Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
April 7	3:00—5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
April 15	2:00—4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
April 21	4:00—6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
April 29	2:00—4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at [energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com](mailto:energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com) to sign up

## GEORGE LONG'S MENTORS



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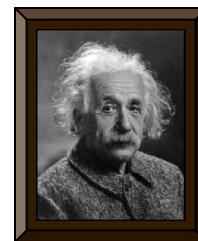
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## Quote of the Month



*“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”*

Jackson District Library

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Need something to do for Spring Break? Check out what the Jackson District Library has going on. At the Carnegie Library, we'll have a craft afternoon on Wednesday April 2nd from 2-3:30 pm in the McIntyre Room. On Thursday and Friday, we'll be showing movies in the auditorium at 2pm. Join us for "Monsters University" on Thursday and "Frozen" on Friday. Free popcorn will be served with the movies. Call the Youth Services Department at 788-4087 ext 1331 for more information. And be sure to check out our website at [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com) for more fun programs at the rest of our branches including Star Wars events at the Henrietta Branch and movies at the Napoleon Branch featuring monsters, snowmen, minions, and meatballs.

