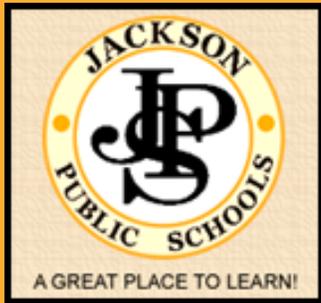




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Leadership Day is coming up!

Frost Elementary School will be holding a special "Leadership Day" on May 8th. The event is intended to teach parents and community members about *The Leader in Me* process. Frost Elementary School will open its doors to the community for one half-day to let it see the amazing transformation that takes place within the building. Visitors will be given a building tour and get to hear about how the 7 Habits are impacting student achievement. Students will put on a special program to highlight the school's academic goals.

The event is open to the public and goes from 9-12 pm. Visitors need to register in order to attend. Registration forms can be obtained by calling the front desk at Frost Elementary School at (517) 841-2600.

Energizing Education

Frost Elementary School

Mentors make magic!

Jackson County schools will be wrapping up the school year soon, which means Energizing Education will be put on pause for the summer. The past several months have meant a lot of success for Energizing Education. The 2013-2014 saw Energizing Education expand to four total schools, with over twenty graduations from the program and the acquirement of over one hundred mentors.

By now, it's no secret that mentors are the key to our program's success. Energizing Education isn't the first to implement the idea however. In fact, the volunteer mentor-model has long been in use by another successful organization in Jackson County, Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a non-profit organization which partners mentors, termed "Bigs", with children ("Littles") to form lasting friendships. Their mission is to help children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with a measurable impact.

Executive Director Bruce Van Eyck takes pride in the work the organization does and is glad to see the impact Energizing Education has had utilizing similar relationships. "Big Brothers Big Sisters is about bringing magical moments to children in need. It's that magic that makes all the difference.", Van Eyck stated.

Energizing Education pursues the same magical moments with its mentor-student pairs, and our mentors have been ecstatic about their experiences with the program.



I think education is very important to a community and to be able to help kids reach their full potential is something that appeals to me.

- Ben Westin

It has been a great pleasure to read with my student twice a week. We've only been working for one or two months, but already I can see her making great strides.

- Sylvia Pow



Name: Teresa Walters

Business: Retired

Why did you volunteer? After working full-time since college, I wanted to find an activity to fill up my spare time and one that I could "make a difference" and help someone. I first heard of the Energizing Education program through the Women's Leadership Council. I started volunteering at Frost School in February 2013. The children I work with are always glad to see me and they work hard as we practice reading together.

How has your experience been so far? I worked with a 2nd grader and kindergartner last year. This year, I have worked with four different students, one 2nd grader and 3 1st graders. I have also had the honor of working with Hason Wilson, the first graduate of the Energizing Education program at Frost School. It's wonderful to see how excited Hason is about reading.

What was your favorite book growing up? The Laura Ingalls Wilder books, "Little House on the Prairie" series.

What is your favorite book now? Since retiring, I now have a lot of time to read. I read all types of fiction books, but usually concentrate of mysteries.



May Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
May 5	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
May 13	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
May 19	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
May 27	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

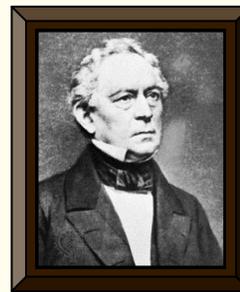
We moustache you another question! Did you have fun at our moustache-themed family night?!

Have a look at the photos below in case you missed it!!



Quote of the Month

“Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.”



Edward Everett
1794 - 1865

Don't forget about the Mentor Luncheon!

Energizing Education's is holding a special luncheon to thank its wonderful mentors. The event is on Wednesday, May 14th at Frost Elementary School and goes from 11 am until 12:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Find out more!

<http://energizingeducationjackson.org>

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