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**MCCU awards  
Energizing Education  
\$1500 grant!!!**



Energizing Education is excited to announce that our program was awarded a grant for \$1500 by the Michigan Community Credit Union and their Forward Thinking Partnership Program! This grant will help Energizing Education continue hosting our monthly family nights events this upcoming school year. Thank you Michigan Community Credit Union for investing in our children and the future of Jackson County!!!



# Energizing Education

## Parnall Elementary School

### A year of success!

If you have kept up with our newsletter, then you already know Energizing Education has had an amazing year! From Cinderella stories of student graduations to heartwarming tales about friendships formed between mentor and student, Energizing Education has had plenty to celebrate this year.

Well, it may be summer but it's not too late to celebrate again! At Parnall Elementary, a total of seventeen students brought their reading from below-average to either grade-level or above. Energizing Education saw positive results from students in each grade K-2, but saw the best results Parnall first-graders. A

whopping 100% of first-graders in Energizing Education at Parnall Elementary hit the target grade-level or above this year! Coming into the school year, these students were at risk of falling behind, but those children are now reading alongside their peers and on track for success.

Energizing Education's success depends widely on the collaboration it is based upon. This support is what makes our program possible. We want to thank the support staff, teachers, and principal at Parnall Elementary who opened their school doors and welcomed our program inside. Our teachers' commitment to Energizing Education was immeasurable as they worked alongside site coordinators to help students attend reading sessions.

We are also grateful for the support from the Jackson Community. Energizing Education appreciates the many businesses and volunteers who have given tirelessly to the program. The value of seeing children advance and learn has been a rewarding experience for everyone involved and we look forward to another year of continued success!

If you want to be a part of this rewarding experience and become a mentor, please contact us. Our recruitment coordinator Charlie Miller can be reached at [energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com](mailto:energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com). She is ready to get you started mentoring and help you find a friend for life!



# August Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
August 18	9:00—11:00 a.m.	EE Tutor	United Way of Jackson County
August 25	2:00—4:00 p.m.	EE Tutor	United Way of Jackson County
August 28	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Tutor	United Way of Jackson County

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

## Quote of the Month

"If a book is well written, I always find it too short."



Jane Austen

December 16, 1775—  
July 18, 1817

## AVOIDING THE SUMMER SLIDE!

### *Understanding the importance of summer reading*

Summer is usually a joyous time for young children. School is out of session, students can sleep in, and reading is often the last thing on their minds. While this may mean more fun for your child, there is a downside to summer vacation which many parents are aware of.

It is called the "summer slide", and it refers to the effects that sitting idle for three months has on most young students. Vacation trips and summer excitement can lead to reading being put on the back burner, which inhibits the progress students make during the school year. Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward.

Ways parents can counteract this trend is by making sure their child has access to books and by making it a habit to read to or with them daily. Follow the link below to read more!

### [Keeping Kids off the Summer Slide](#)

### Find out more!

<http://energizingeducationjackson.org>

or

Energizing Education on Facebook

### For volunteer information:

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### To Donate:

Contact Kriss Giannetti at

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## Hey Jackson County!

Energizing Education is already preparing for the upcoming school year! As we get ready to start again, we are asking for supplies to be donated for our family nights. Some of the supplies Energizing Education is looking for are **books, colored pencils, markers, and construction paper.** We appreciate each and every donation Energizing Education receives. If you are able to donate any of the items listed above and would like to support the program, please contact Kriss Gannetti at [kgiannet@jpsmail.org](mailto:kgiannet@jpsmail.org). Thank you!



Project Robot: Is there a Robot in Your Future? The Jackson District Library is looking for creative kids and teens in August for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Karen Veramay District-Wide LEGO contest. After you create your robot, drop it off at any of our 13 branches to enter the contests. This contest is for kids and teens up to age 18. The contest runs the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> with parties and prizes at the end of the week. The grand prize for each age category is a gift certificate to the Toy House with a LEGO mini kit as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize. For more information, please contact your local branch or check out our website at [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com). We can't wait to see what kind of robot you create and be sure to give him a name!

