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Kriss' Korner!

We are extremely grateful to have the recent support from Dawn Foods and Consumer's Energy. Consumer's Energy provided us with a Consumer's Energy Foundation Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) grant. Many of our mentors at Parnall take time out of their day and come from Consumer's. This grant will be used in the upcoming school year.

Also Dawn Foods has generously agreed to support us in the upcoming school year. Their support will greatly enhance our program and help us serve so many more people. Energizing Education is a grant and donor funded program so we thrive on support from organizations around the community. We are always willing to give presentations about who we are and what we do if any company is interested. Please contact Kriss Giannetti at 517-937-2768 for more information about the many ways you can support Energizing Education.

Energizing Education

Bennett Elementary School

A Closer Look at Achievement

We're midway through the summer and still beaming about the growth and success this year has brought. If you've followed us on social media, kept up with local news headlines, or read our newsletters, then it's no surprise to you how great of a year it has been for Energizing Education.

Those who have supported us through funding, volunteering, and everyone who was in the schools helping see the program through is to thank for all of Energizing Education's success. We're grateful for the support Bennett has received with being in its first year. Due to the support of our teachers and site coordinators identifying students who could benefit the most from reading one on one with mentors, 3 out of 15

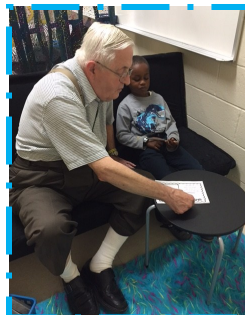
students at Bennett achieved grade level scores or higher. Six students were able to improve by 8 or more reading levels. Six more students improved by 2 or more levels. With students starting the program later than most schools, a great deal of what we were happy to see was bonds formed between students and mentors and the integration and acceptance of the program in the school by staff and families. These students made such a transformation in their reading skills and mentors truly helped unlock their potential and confidence to keep making strides to becoming excellent readers. These students as well as students from other schools improved an average of 6.82 reading levels. Talk about

impressive! Students in the program at Bennett accumulated just over 143 hours of reading in nearly 600 sessions! The hard work and achievements are truly something to be noticed.

If you want to be a part of Energizing Education and experience just how great it can be when students find a joy in reading please don't hesitate to sign up! Watching students gain confidence in their reading abilities alongside mentors who have become exciting people in their lives has been nothing short of inspiring. Mentor trainings are always available to help start your experience. Check the back page for more information on how to sign up!



Shining Stars at Bennett Elementary Literacy Lounge



August Mentor Training Calendar

| Date | Time | Type | Location |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|---|
| August 10 | 9:30-11:30 am | EE Mentor | Energizing Education Office, 211 Ganson St. |
| August 21 | 9:00-11:00 am | EE Mentor | Energizing Education Office, 211 Ganson St. |
| August 24 | 1:00-3:00 pm | EE Mentor | Energizing Education Office, 211 Ganson St. |

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

Mentors said this about their experience...

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have."

-Lloyd Alexander

"All was great."

"I was excited for the opportunity to help kids develop a love of reading...It's just great to see her so excited about her accomplishments."

"I love watching the child improve and get more confident with their reading."

"Experiencing and observing my student's growth is the most satisfying aspect of mentoring."


"Reading is so important in the development of our education and I am honored to assist with the EE Program."

"I enjoy sharing in his excitement when he learns a new word or remembers one from the previous week."



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Superhero? Supervillain? Who do you identify with? Who would you like to help? Create a gadget or device out of LEGOs to help either your favorite superhero or supervillain. Or create one for a villain or hero you have created. Bring your finished masterpiece to your local branch for our 3rd Annual Karen Veramay District-Wide LEGO Contest during the week of August 10th. The contest is for kids and teens up to age 18 and we have prizes to give away for the winners. There are two categories – 0-9 year olds and 10-18 year olds. Create your LEGO Super Gadget and bring it in to win! For more information, please contact your local branch or check out our website, www.myjdl.com. Hope to see your cool gadgets!

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