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Kriss' Korner!

Energizing Education is necessary in Jackson County because we need to improve student's reading scores and help set them up for a lifetime of success. Only 58.1% of Jackson County 3rd grades are reading at or above grade level. Ten percent aren't proficient at all while another 32% are partially proficient. When this isn't dealt with at a young age, it makes learning and getting an education even more difficult. At Jackson College, 40% of students are reading at a remedial level. As a result of these numbers, Energizing Education is essential in Jackson County. By committing 30 minutes twice a week, you can significantly change the trajectory of a child's life. When students hear what a good reader sounds like, have individualized support, and are provided with the right tools to learn, the results are significant. EE is grant and donor funded and in order to transform reading scores, we need the funding. Any amount is helpful and we are grateful for all that we receive. If you are interested in making a change for Jackson County please contact me at kgiannetti@uwjackson.org for more information.

Energizing Education

Frost Elementary School

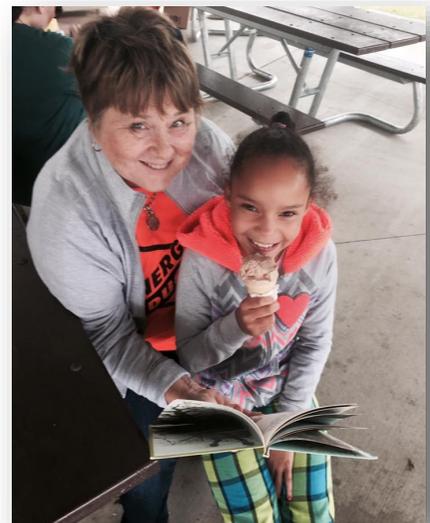
Energizing Education Starts the Year Off at Frost

The hallways are shiny, teachers and staff have returned and we're all ready to get back into the grind of the school routine. After having a long summer off, while it may be a slow start getting used to the school day again, Energizing Education is ready and we were excited to return to Frost's familiar hallways. The Literacy Lounge is filled with books and supplies to create the best reading experience for both mentors and students. Although mentors won't officially return until early October, we're busy recruiting, training, and getting them ready to read with students. Just as exciting as it was three years ago when Energizing Education launched its first program in Frost, same is true for our 3rd grade pilot program this year. Several students will have already had EE when they were K-2 so we're excited to keep familiar faces as well as welcome new ones.

For the first time this year, Energizing Education will have two schools invited to our monthly family nights. Frost and Cascades are considered one campus, and since Energizing Education is in both buildings, we will have combined nights. This will help young students become familiar with Frost, as that will be their next step. Next month will be Superhero themed

and will encourage students to become Super Readers. We hope you're as excited as we are to watch this year as families get involved in literacy together and students take their reading to new levels as they get ready for the 4th grade. Connect with us on Facebook and our website to see more of what Energizing Education looks like in our schools and see all the action inside our Literacy Lounge!

Great job Maleeya, 3rd grade student at Frost, in the pilot EE program this year for standing up in front of the crowd and reading at the Campaign Kick-Off event for United Way!



October Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
October 2	2:30-4:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room A/B
October 9	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room A/B
October 15	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 22	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
October 30	2:00-4:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room A/B

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up

Do you know what's so special about the month of September? It's National Literacy Month! Our Literacy Specialist, Asa Fleming does so much for us by partnering with all of our schools and making sure Site Coordinators are prepared to make lessons for students and that our students are tested. Read an excerpt from her story and click [here](#) to read the full blog.

Asa Fleming talks National Literacy Month



I play the ukulele. The more I play the better I get and this is true of any activity and it is especially true of reading. Noted reading expert, Richard Allington, refers to this as "miles on the page."

There are many years of research and many studies that confirm the relationship between volume of reading and reading achievement. The more kids read, the better their comprehension.

The more kids read, the more powerful their vocabularies. In Energizing Education we are adding close to an hour a week for kids to add to their "miles on the page." Over the course of the school year this adds up to an extra 34 hours of reading in addition to what students do in their classrooms and at home. In the EE Literacy Lounge, the books that students read are carefully chosen by the site coordinator to ensure that no child who comes to read with our Mentors will struggle. The point of reading is to make meaning out of the words on the page and without the opportunity to talk about their reading, many children miss the link between reading and thinking, and simply become word readers. This is one of the most vital roles, among many, that our mentors play in the lives of our students. They are the caring adult who has the time to listen to what are students are thinking about the books that they read. Energizing Education provides opportunities to read, provides books that students can read successfully, and provides those caring adults who are there to listen.

Join us at Frost Elementary for our first Casacdes/Frost family night of the year on October 14th from 5:30-7:00 pm!



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School is just around the corner and Jackson District Library has plenty of Accelerated Reader books for you to check out. The Carnegie Library has labeled the Accelerated Reader books for elementary and middle school readers. Books are color coded and labeled from 0.1 to 8.9. Several of the other Jackson

District Library branches also label their Accelerated Reader books. This is a great way to see if a book you are interested in is at your reading level. Stop by the Carnegie Library or one of our branches and check out our Accelerated Reader titles. That way you will be all set when school starts back up.

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