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Lois' Corner!

Energizing Education is a grant and donor funded program which means we rely on the support from the community to continue our work each year. Through donations, volunteers, and the people who are ambassadors each day by talking with those they meet about the work we do, we are all coming together to build a stronger Jackson County. Since Energizing Education began in 2012, several organizations have funded us so that we can continue to grow our program and change the trajectory of our students from struggling, below average readers to confident students who are reading at or above grade level by the end of 3rd grade. We are still seeking support and would like to thank AOS, Dawn Foods, and Alro Steel for their recent financial contributions. We are eternally grateful for them and other local organizations that see the need of having a literacy support program like ours in Jackson County. If you would like to help us in promoting literacy this school year by being a mentor, being a sponsor or donating to EE, please contact me at ldunning@uwjackson.org.

Energizing Education

Arnold Elementary School

EE Starts the Year at Arnold

Energizing Education is off to a good start this school year. This month we began training new mentors and getting them ready to start reading each week with students at our seven schools. Everyone is eager to start and we can't blame them. Mentors started reading with Arnold students this month and we are already starting to see the excitement students have from having someone come in and dedicate their time to just them. Since we're still in the early stages of mentoring this school year, this was a great opportunity to talk with our Site Coordinator Susan and ask her some questions.



Q: What is your favorite thing about being in the Literacy Lounge every day?

A: I enjoy the enthusiasm I see daily with the mentors and the students preparing to read.

Q: What are you looking forward to this school year?

A: Every school year I look forward to seeing this (the enthusiasm) in the EE lounge.

Q: In one word, how would you describe EE to someone who has never heard or seen what we do?

A: One word for EE is complimentary.

Q: What has been your favorite moment since you've been working with EE?

A: My favorite moments are always seeing that student/mentor bond and the love of reading shared by both! I always enjoy when a student reads to me. I like how they put their own personal mood and excitement into the story through their individual inflection and expressions.

Q: What is something you enjoy reading?

A: I enjoy reading books, news articles, Mlive and all sorts of social media.



We are lucky to have someone as diligent as Susan. We're excited to work with her and we look forward to the fun and creative atmosphere she brings to her room at Arnold each year.

Check the back page to see how you can start reading with one of Arnold's students each week!



October Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
October 4	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 11	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 20	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
October 27	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	Energizing Education Office, 211 Ganson St.

Contact Charlie at energizingeducation@uwjackson.org to sign up



Literacy Tip of the Month

Promote Writing

Literacy involves reading and writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is great, but it's also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers, and paper. Writing a note or a short letter to your child and having them write you one back is a great way to promote not only reading, but writing too.

Mark your calendars!

Our first Family Night of the year is on October 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm! We hope to see you there for the fun!

One way you can stay informed and help Energizing Education increase awareness of what we're doing is by following us on social media. You can check us out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!



Just in time for Fall, the Jackson District Library has several Autumn related crafts. All month there will be an Owl pinecone and leaf painting craft traveling to each branch. On October 8th at the Carnegie branch there will be a family pumpkin carving night.

Pumpkins are provided but registration is required. All Lego brick builders are welcome join the Lego club at Carnegie for an afternoon of building on October 15th. Call the library at 788-4087 ext. 1331 or check out our website, www.myjdl.com, for more information.

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