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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

Bennett Elementary School

EE Starts the Year at Bennett

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 because each week is exciting once you get into the Literacy Lounge and you start getting to know your student. Since we're not quite ready to go in the Literacy Lounge, this was a great opportunity to talk with our Site Coordinator Mary Ellen and ask her some questions.



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

A: My favorite thing in the Literacy Lounge is watching and listening as the mentors and students interact about a reading selection.

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

A: This school year, I am looking forward

to helping as many students as we can develop a love of reading and learning. I, also, hope that the experience in the Literacy Lounge encourages more self confidence in the EE students.

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

A: Exciting.

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

A: Seeing a student get excited about working with their mentor - a bit smile!

Q: What is something you enjoy reading?

A: During the summer, I like to read books. The last book I read was *The Girl on the Train*. I am currently reading *Bad Money*. I read the USA newspaper every day and the Jackson Citizen Patriot 3 days a week.

We're excited to work with Mary Ellen this school year. Her dedication to EE's students and mentors at Bennett is always great to be around. We appreciate her hard work!

Check the back page to see how you can start reading with one of Bennett'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 11th 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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