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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

Northwest Early Elementary School

EE Starts the Year at Northwest Early Elementary

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 Coordinators Deanna and Amy and ask them some questions.

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

Deanna: I love seeing the relationships between the mentors and the students. The students look forward to working with their mentor. And I know that mentors also enjoy working with their student. Our mentors participate in family nights and even go to their student's spelling bees and baseball games. It's great!

Amy: The mentors and students and the bond that they form.

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

Deanna: I'm looking forward to seeing our returning mentors and meeting the new mentors. I'm hoping that we can service even more students this year!

Amy: I love seeing the returning mentors, they have become friends with staff and students.

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

Deanna: Need/Needed, I can't tell you how many mentors have expressed that they had trouble reading when they were a child or their children had trouble. They needed a program like this in their school. They needed to feel encouraged instead of defeated. We need more programs like this in our schools and we need more community members coming in and helping these kids.

Amy: Relationships

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

Deanna: A parent came to me last year with a card asking if I could give it to the mentor. She couldn't believe how much her son improved in his reading and confidence and she wanted to say thank you. I loved calling the mentor and letting him know that a card was waiting for him. He felt like he really had made a difference to this family.

Amy: At a Family Fun Night when a student saw their mentor there.

Q: What is something you enjoy reading?

Deanna: I enjoy reading murder mysteries and also DIY magazines.

Amy: Love reading and read everything.



We are excited to work with Deanna and Amy this year and we are lucky to have not only one, but two great

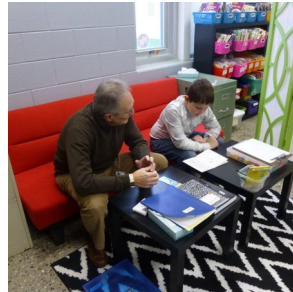
Site Coordinators! Thank you both for bringing the fun and creative learning that you do to the Northwest Literacy Lounge.



October Mentor Training Calendar

| Date | Time | Type | Location |
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| 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



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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 13th from 5:30-7:00 pm! We hope to see you there for the fun!



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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