

September 29, 2017



### Lois' Corner!

The year has started and we're excited to get rolling with mentoring and family nights. We are always looking to recruit more mentors as there is never a shortage of students who could benefit from extra reading support from a caring adult. If businesses and their employees want to get involved, we are more than happy to bring the mentor training to you. Otherwise, we have mentor trainings scheduled and on the [calendar](#) on our website that take place at United Way. Just one hour a week is all it takes to make an impact and help give students the extra push they need to be confident readers. Visit our website for more information on how to sign up.

# Energizing Education

## Cascades Elementary School

### Preparing for a New School Year at Cascades

October is just around the corner and it's packed with excitement for Cascades students and families. We're just a week away from welcoming mentors and students back into the Literacy Lounge and our first family night of the year.



It's important to start every school year out strong and with achievable goals in mind. Energizing Education provides parents with tips and resources at all of our family nights during the school year. Until our first one, one great way parents can help with

setting students up for success is by making sure children read at least 20 minutes a day. We mention this all the time throughout the year, but it's important to remember that reading 20 minutes a day can add up to 3,600 minutes in a school day and over 1,800,000 words! By the end of 6th grade your child will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, which is pretty impressive and having a bigger vocabulary is extremely beneficial to succeeding both in and outside of school.

Follow Energizing Education on Facebook and remember to check our website for more resources on that can help towards building a strong literacy environment at home.

Thank you Consumer's Energy for the VIP Grant!



# October Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
October 4	3:00-4:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
October 9	3:00-4:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
October 17	1:00-2:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 23	10:00-11:30 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C

*Contact Charlie at [energizingeducation@uwjackson.org](mailto:energizingeducation@uwjackson.org) to sign up*

## Literacy Tip of the Month



### Limit screen time

Put a limit on how much time your child spends watching TV, playing video games, and playing on tablets so there is more time for reading books, spending time outdoors being active, or playing games as a family.

Mark your calendars...  
our first family night this year  
is coming up!

Scooby Doo Mystery Night is  
October 4th  
5:30-7:00 pm at Frost  
Elementary!



## Follow Energizing Education



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