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### Lois' Corner!

Summer is fast approaching and while that means we are done with mentoring and family nights for the school year, we will still be in planning mode for the summer. Mentoring begins when the school year starts back up in the fall, so we will be recruiting all summer long. This year nearly 200 mentors took the time to read with students twice a week to help them become better readers. If you or someone you know may be interested in being a mentor, contact us for more information. We are in 6 schools and offer many times throughout the week to fit your schedule. We provide a training before you start and after that it's easy and fun getting to know your student and seeing them make progress from week to week. Thanks to all of our current mentors this year, we hope to see you in the fall!

# Energizing Education

## Northwest Early Elementary School

### Energizing Education Celebrates Mentors and Students This Year

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over and that summer break is just a few weeks away. May is always set aside as the month in the year that we want our mentors to know how much their time and dedication to their students is appreciated. Students and mentors gathered together for a delicious breakfast and spent time eating, talking, and taking fun pictures. Certificates of thanks and completion of the program were given to both students and mentors to proudly hold up in their photo opportunities.



Students have benefitted tremendously from the one-on-one time with their mentors each week. They have worked so hard to improve their reading, writing, and comprehension skills and their teachers, mentors, and families have

noticed improvements. The number of books read and words mastered is something we hope our students are very proud of themselves too.



Although it's bittersweet saying goodbye to mentors and students this month, we know that with those goodbyes come many hugs, many friends, and of

course many accomplishments that will launch our students in successful young readers next school year and beyond. Thanks to Northwest staff, students, and families for another great year!

### MENTOR SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Julie Vancelbergh  
**Business:** Homemaker, swim instructor, Y volunteer  
 How long have you been a volunteer with Energizing Education? I just finished my fourth year.  
**What genre do you enjoy reading the most?** Suspense. Holocaust documentaries.  
**If you could be any fictional character for a day, who would you be and why?** Laura Ingalls Wilder. I've always felt I was meant to live in her time and/or be a Native American. I've always been very interested in nature.  
**What is a book you've read that you could read over and over again?** I love Stephen King. The Green Mile had me in tears at the end. Anne Frank.  
**What is your favorite book that has been turned into a movie, or what book would you like to see on the big screen?** The Green Mile, Shawshank Redemption, Little House on the Prairie, Diary of Anne Frank.



# THANK YOU MENTORS FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



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## Literacy Tip of the Month

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**Introduce a Kids Book Club**  
Once your kids discover what books are their favorite it's easy for them to keep wanting to read the next one, especially ones that are in a series. If your kids are reading them, there's a good chance their friends are too. Find time for your child and their friends to have a kids book club. Make it fun with snacks, watch the movie (if the book was adapted to the screen), etc. This is a great idea for slow months in your schedule or rainy spring and summer days.



“Libraries Rock!”- Summer Reading is just around the corner and Jackson District Library is planning on lots of fun at all 13 of our branches. Summer Reading on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stop by any branch to sign up or join us on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Cascade Falls Park by the fisheries area for our Trail Adventure and sign up there. In addition, if you sign up for the summer reading program you will receive a free book! We will have magic, mystery, animal shows, and much more at all of our branches this summer. Stop by any of our locations to grab a summer reading guide to plan a great summer of programs and reading. You can also check out [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com) for more information or call 517-788-4087 (ext. 1331).

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