



# ACADEMY NEWS

WAY MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER



## WAY MICHIGAN'S INSPIRATION

*“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”*

*- Jane D. Hull*

*“Communication – the human connection – is the key to personal and career success.”*

*Paul J. Meyer*

## Words from the Director

By James Middleditch

Welcome Back Parents and Students!!

I am excited to work with you to prepare for the 2019-20 school year. We will be having a lot of exciting changes taking place to better serve you. We will be sending out a newsletter every month to let you know what is going on at WAY Michigan. Additionally, we will be sending out monthly progress reports and working towards student-led conferences. Our parent liaison, Kimberly Iorillo, will be providing you with very important information during our parent meetings every month. If you are interested in being a part of our school improvement team or the school improvement process, please let us know. We will begin with our first meeting in September. We will be enrolling students into WAY Michigan until September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any friends or family interested please have them reach out to us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).



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## **Parent Involvement During the 2019/2020 School Year - Kimberly Lorillo**

Welcome back, parents! We are so excited for all of the new changes we are making in order to make this is the best year at WAY Michigan! As the quote says above, we teachers and staff can only do so much to educate and help your researchers. We need your help too!

Please remember that you have access to the HERO website via the Parent Portal. If you have never received a username and password, please contact any member of the staff and we can get that set up for you. You will have access to all of your researcher's work, grades, and progress. Please feel free to log in and check on your researcher's progress. We teachers and mentors can only do so much from this side of the screen, so we really need your help on the other side of the screen with motivating your researchers and helping keep them accountable for their time and work.

Also, we have planned all of the general monthly parent meetings for the year and will be planning several other parent meetings that cover other topics as well. Be looking out for emails and texts from your researcher's mentor for those dates and times. Also, please don't be afraid to reach out to your researcher's mentor or team leader if you have any questions, cares, or concerns.

The dates for August are below:

8/12 - 7pm-8pm

8/15 - 10am-11am

8/19 - 7pm-8pm

8/22 - 10am-11am

Link for the meetings: <https://wayprogram.zoom.us/j/646775942>

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## **Communication is Key** **- Peggy Radzwion**

There are 5 requirements for the WAY Michigan researcher:

1. Communicate with your mentor
2. Earn credits for completing projects
3. Log in and work
4. Attend on the State's Count Days
5. Participate in State required testing

This sounds simple enough, right? However, while most researchers know and understand the last 4 requirements in the list above, too many will question and even ignore the first one! Communication isn't required because WAY Michigan mentors are lonely cat people waiting for contact with the outside world (some of us love dogs)! It is required because research shows communication to be a key to success for students.

A quick Google search will show the positive impact of communication on the learning process and on student achievement. Because of this, WAY Michigan has made it the #1 top priority on that list above. We ask that researchers communicate a minimum of 3 times per week with their mentor, five times per week would be better! Researchers can ask us questions, get help on projects or with technology, tell us their long term goals, state their objectives for the week, meaning the subjects and projects they are working on, share with us their achievements or disappointments, request an achievement series test, ask for project suggestions, etc.

Our mentors try to make a very real and human connection with each. We want them to succeed! Please ask your WAY Michigan researcher to communicate with their mentor every day.

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