



**W·A·Y MICHIGAN™**  
Widening Advancements for Youth

## Words from the Director

Hello Parents and Students!!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their school year so far. I want to thank the families that participated in our perception survey. This will provide us with some greatly needed feedback for our improvement as a school.

This month is the Fall Count. Please make sure that your student logs in to hero on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and has a conversation with their mentor about one of their projects. Students should be having conversations about the projects they are working on every week.

We have the NWEA MAP Growth Test window for middle school students starting September 30<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having 100% participation with our middle school students.

We still have 11 open subscriptions for ALEKS Math. This program is a supplemental math program that has shown to help with increase critical skills in mathematics. I look forward to having a great October with a successful Count and MAP Growth testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 313-638-2716.

-James Middleditch

## WAY'S COUNT

One of the Five Requirements for WAY Michigan researchers is "to attend Count Days".

The first one is rapidly approaching! It is Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attending means something different when you are an online student, working from home! For us to be able to count you as a member of this school, you have work you have to do on Count Day AND conversations to have with your mentor throughout the month.

The work you must do involves each of the classes on your learning plan. You are required by the state to submit work for each class. It's preferable to submit a module, but a step is acceptable. This will involve a little advanced preparation! We recommend working on the module or step in advance and be ready to submit/save it to the project on Count Day. Remember, this is for each class on your learning plan.

The conversations you must have with your mentor have to be "academic". He or she will ask you a couple of questions about one of the projects you are working on. When you respond, your mentor is required to document that conversation. If you don't like talking on the phone, no worries! You can have that conversation through texting, emails, or chatting on HERO.

-Peggy Radzwion



## Sprinkle of inspiration!

*“Trust yourself, you know more than you think you do”*

**– Benjamin Spock,  
Author and Pediatrician.**

## College Month

For the month of October we have some exciting events planned for our seniors to prepare for college. October 7th & October 21st, WAY Michigan will be hosting Zoom FAFSA Meetings. In these meetings we will go over how to properly fill out a FAFSA, what you need in order to fill out the FAFSA, the most common mistakes when filling out a FAFSA & we will schedule parents and students who need assistance with filling out the FAFSA.

This month we will also start the process of filling out college applications. We will focus on universities, community colleges & trade schools. It's important to start thinking about plans after high school, as early as possible. College Spirit Week starts October 28th, we will be celebrating applying to colleges, acceptance letters & will send information regarding colleges that students are interested in.

- Jackee Patterson

