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Widening Advancements for Youth

Words from the Director - James Middleditch

Welcome Back Parents and Students!!

I hope that everyone one has had a great first month of 2021. We are hoping to finish the 2020-21 school year strong. I wanted to send another reminder about Micro School Pod Cohorts. Unless excused all students in grades 6-10 are now participating in Micro School Live Lessons. The goal of these pods is to provide additional support in the core subjects of Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. The most important event in February is Spring Count on Wednesday February 10th. Like in the fall all students will be required to submit at least 1 completed step per course on their learning plan. This should total a minimum of 6 submissions plus a conversation with their mentor about a project they are working on. Ending on an exciting note. Our E-Sports club starts Spring Registration February 1-11th. We are looking for students interested in playing Fortnite, Super Smash Brothers, and Rocket League. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office at 313-638-2716 or email us at enroll@wayprogram.net.

I look forward to an amazing second half of the year!



College and Career Corner

This month we will be having our first Virtual College Tour of 2021. We will be visiting Ferris State University, Friday, February 19th @ 130pm. Ferris State has many excellent degree programs, along with trade and certificate programs. It is never too young to start thinking about your future. We will explore the Multicultural Center, student lounges, intramural sports, the on campus museum, and even The College of Business. I hope to see you all there. Ferris State is a melting pot for opportunity. I will be sending out updates via email.

- Jackee' Patterson Paraprofessional



Way Inspiration

*"There is no such thing as failure.
Failure is just life trying to
move us in another direction"*

- Oprah Winfrey

Field Trips

While we would prefer to do in person field trips to the amazing places Michigan has to offer, COVID-19 has put these plans on hold. However, that doesn't mean your WAY Michigan researcher can't explore the world from your home! There are so many links that offer students the chance to explore live webcams of zoos, visit popular sites at national parks, and museums. They can explore cities and world sites, such as the [Eiffel Tower](#) and the Great Wall of China.

- [Amazing and informative field trips](#)

- Have a student wanting to take a college tour? [CollegeSearch](#) will allow you to take a virtual tour of dozens of colleges

- [Street art from around the world](#) via Google

- [Ellis Island Virtual Tour](#)

- [Salem Witch Museum](#)

- [Louvre Museum-Paris](#). The world-famous museum offers virtual tours by subject, from the body in art to Egyptian antiquities.

- 5 National Parks you can visit virtually

- [Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park](#)
 - [Carlsbad Caverns National Park-New Mexico](#)
 - [Bryce Canyon National Park-Utah](#)
 - [Dry Tortugas National Park-Florida](#)
 - [Kenai Fjords National Park-Alaska](#)

Your WAY Michigan researcher may be staying close to home during this pandemic, but they can still explore what our world has to offer.

~ Stacy Long, WAY Michigan team leader and mentor

