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Widening Advancements for Youth

Words from the Director - James Middleditch

Hello Parents and Students!!

Happy March to everyone. As we continue the second half of our 2020-21 school year, I had some more announcements to share. I hope that everyone that is assigned to Micro School Classes has been enjoying them. We will be doing a prize raffle this month for students that attended at least 90% of their Micro School Classes. The goal of these pods is to provide additional support in the core subjects of Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. The next important event upcoming is state testing. As of right now we have been notified that state testing will continue in April and May. We hope to get more clarification on which tests will be required and finalize our testing sites. I am excited to announce we have two new clubs that will be running in March: our Book Club and Movie Club. If your student is interested in creating a new club at WAY Michigan please reach out so we can work to make it a reality. 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 our Virtual College Tour will be Wayne State University on March 12th, at 2:30pm. Wayne State is located in downtown Detroit, a hub of diversity and cultural experiences. It is close to the Detroit Institute of Arts, and participates in the Detroit Promise. In the month of March, we will also be holding a resume workshop on Friday, March 26th @ 230pm. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to build a resume with all of their previous job, school, and life experiences. I will be sending out updates and registration links as dates get closer.

- Jackee' Patterson Paraprofessional



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E-Sports!

Our student highlight for the month of March is our E-Sports club. Currently, we have 11 students that are participating in our club. In the fall we had 5 students participate in the Michigan High School E-Sports Federation (MiHSEF) Rocket League tournament. The team finished in 25th place out of 35 teams. For the spring season we have two teams participating in Fortnite (Duos) and two teams participating in Rocket League (Duos). We look forward to cheering them on this spring. The Playoffs for the spring season take place April 26 to May 2nd. If you have student(s) that are interested in team building, video games and having fun please have them reach out to our E-Sports advisor James Middleditch for more information.



Movie Club!

WAY Michigan will be starting our first Movie club! We are currently looking for students who love to watch and talk about movies. With the help of our staff & students we will pick a film to watch on our own then meet through a zoom call that will be scheduled for Thursday from 3-4pm to discuss our likes, dislikes, favorite characters, etc. If you know any students who are interested please contact Ms. Kelyn: kelyn.wilkins@wayprogram.net or Ms. Estefania: estefania.avina@wayprogram.net

WAY Michigan researcher requirements

Your WAY Michigan researcher is expected to earn at least .50 credit each month. By submitting at least one project each week, researchers will be on track to meet their credit goals. Researchers in grades 6-10 are assigned to micro school live classes in which they meet and work with teachers in the four core subjects. Each class meets two days each week and attendance is expected at micro school classes. Through the collaboration with teachers and fellow researchers in their micro school group, they will submit projects to help keep up with their credit expectations.

We offer one on one sessions with a staff member for extra help along with Achievement Series tests for those researchers who qualify to help make progress in Math and English Language Arts. Researchers who have ALEKS Math accounts should also be working 3-4 days per week for at least 30 minutes to earn math credit.

- Stacy Long Team Leader

