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Words from the Interim Director - James Pack

Dear WAY Michigan community,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Programs for the 2023-2024 school year. My name is James Pack, and I am eager to work with you all to create a positive and supportive learning environment for all of our researchers. With nearly 10 years of experience in a variety of educational roles, I have developed a strong commitment to student success and a passion for creating a positive school culture. I am particularly interested in working with students from diverse backgrounds and helping them reach their full potential. When not at school, I enjoy spending time with my four daughters and my wife, kayaking, hiking, and grilling.

I am looking forward to getting to know the researchers, staff, and families of this amazing school community and working together to create a bright future for all.

In Partnership,
James Pack



WAY Parents

Hello, Parents and Guardians!

By the time you are reading this, we will have already had our August parent meeting. If you were not able to attend, you should have received the recording link. Please let me know if you have any questions at all at (734) 558-4230 or kimberly.iorillowayprogram.net. The September parent meeting will be on Tuesday the 19th (early this month, since I will be out on vacation at the end of the month). We will be covering topics such as Count Day and its requirements, MAP Growth math and reading tests, and many other topics. Please also check the Parent Portal for announcements and check in on your student's progress! If you need the login information, please text or email me and I can get that to you.

- Kim Iorillo



WAY Students



Hello Parents and Students!!

I am excited for the start of the 2023-24 school year. Our new school year begins September 5, 2023. 1 on 1 tutoring remains available so researchers should contact their mentors to schedule these sessions.

Our open enrollment will continue until Friday, September 22^d. We are offering \$50 gift cards to families for our "Refer a Friend" Program. If the referred student remains enrolled until November, we will send out a gift card for EACH referred student.

- Stacy Long

New School Year!!!

Welcome back to a new school year! Each researcher needs to be in contact with their mentor 3 - 5 times a week. They need to have 0.5 credit each month to be on track for graduation. We have tutoring available with Centric teachers and we have one-on-one sessions available with our staff, if your researcher needs any extra help, do not hesitate to ask, we are all here to help. Let their mentor or team leader know if you would like for your researcher to be scheduled. We look forward to this new school year with your researcher and your families.

- Joy Jurado



College & Career Corner

This year we are going to get the ball rolling early for after high school planning. We will have our first Virtual College tour at the end of October and we will start working on Xello (formally Career Cruising) towards the beginning of November as well. The college tour will be open for all grade levels, you are never too young to start planning for your future. Xello is also for all students, but it is a requirement per the State of Michigan. Myself along, with our excellent team of mentors, and team leaders will help work with your students to get through the steps of completing Xello. Stay tuned for updates on all events.

- Jackee' Smith