



YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

Providing a quality education and life skills to all students.



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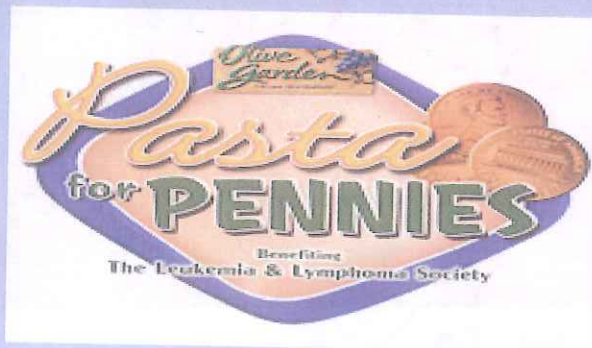
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Pasta for Pennies

During the next few weeks YAA will be part of a fundraiser called *Pasta for Pennies* presented by Olive Garden. The money raised will go to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students are asked to collect spare change around the house, in the car, and between couch cushions and bring it in to school. We will have a competition between the 1st session and 2nd session to see who raises more money. The winning session will be awarded lunch from Olive Garden. LLS's mission is to cure Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease and Myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. May the best team win!



Pasta for Pennies is a fundraiser running for the next 3 weeks to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ *Pasta for Pennies* Fundraiser
- ◆ Credits Earned
- ◆ Student Writing and Art
- ◆ Open House & Picnic
- ◆ Faculty Bio's
- ◆ Student of the Month

Faculty Bio's

Ms. Williams

Ms. Williams is Youth Advancement Academy's *Paraprofessional*. Before joining our team, Ms. Williams spent nine years at the Advantage Academy working with at-risk students teaching Direct Instruction. For three years Ms. Williams worked with Emotionally Impaired students at KRESA's Valley Center. Ms. Williams enjoys spending time with her three sons, cheering them on in their various sporting competitions. She loves to read and attend church with her family.

Mr. Hamann

Mr. Hamann is Youth Advancement Academy's *History teacher*, as well as *Co-Lead Teacher*. Mr. Hamann has been with YAA since the beginning! Prior to his time at YAA, Mr. Hamann was an eighth grade Social Studies teacher at St. Monica Catholic Church in Kalamazoo. Mr. Hamann holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, as well as teaching certificate from Olivet College. Mr. Hamann enjoys playing tennis, sailing, traveling, and delving into the world of politics.

Open House & Picnic

Date: May 3, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Location: Youth Advancement Academy

Please join us for a fun filled day to see the school,
have some food, and meet the staff!



Star-Students!

READING PLUS LEVEL-UPS

Reading Plus Level-Ups

# of Students	Level-Up
1	9
3	8
1	7
2	6
9	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
6	1

Level-Up Awarded: **176!**

Each Student Averaging **3.6** Awards!



Way To Go!!!!!!

LEVELED-UP
9 TIMES!
 WOW-OH-WOW!

LEVELED-UP TO
"M"
 THE HIGHEST YOU CAN GO!



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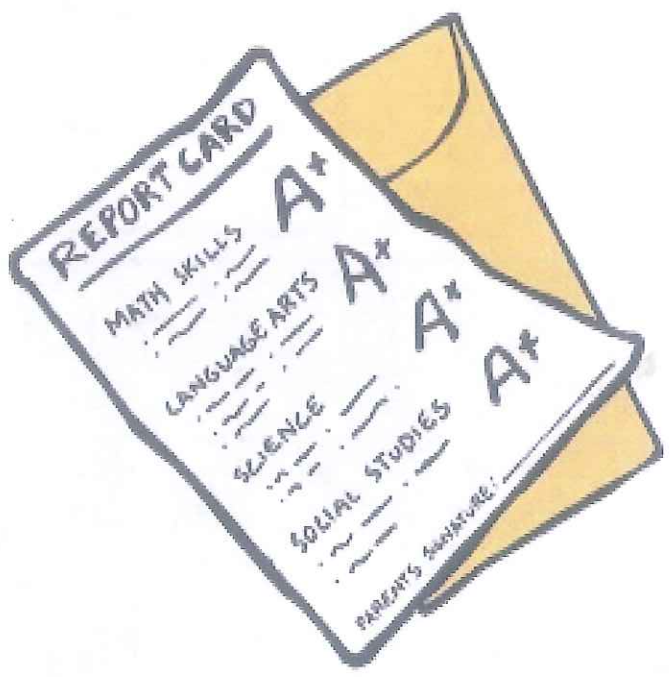


Keith Whitt

Total Credits Earned to Date	
1st Semester	2nd Semester
150	43

Top 5 Students Most Credits Earned:

- Jaquariona Abrams
- Rob Love
- Asia Matthews
- Kiara Patterson
- Keith Whitt





Student of the Month



Terrell Blakes is Student of the Month for April, 2013! Terrell has exemplary attendance, has leveled-up in Reading Plus three times, is working toward achieving numerous credits, and is always respectful to his peers and staff.
Way to go, Terrell!

Board Members Wanted!

If you, or someone you know would like to be a part of the YAA Board of Directors please contact Amber Long. Board members must be eighteen-years-old, able to attend monthly board meeting, and eager to provide insight and support for our students at YAA.

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