



YAA's Monthly News Bulletin

November Perfect Attendance

Skylar Washburn
LeRonte Jackson
Joseph Claycomb
Todd Smith

Congratulations to those students for achieving perfect attendance!



Special Dates to Remember:

- No School December 24-January 8, 2017 Winter Break
- 1st Semester ends January 27, 2017
- 2nd Semester begins January 30, 2017

Visit our website

Remember you can visit our website to review our school calendar or download any needed documents. You can also find previous News Bulletins online.

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New Staff Member

We have hired a new teacher. Mr. Thomas Ledbetter (Mr. L) has joined us this month. Mr. L has his bachelors degree from Western Michigan University in social studies secondary education and his associates degree from Kellogg Community College in Computer Engineering Technology. Let's welcome Mr. L to the team.



"Watch Us Soar"

Celebrations

There is a lot to be thankful for in the month of December. We had two volunteers from the Kalamazoo in Bloom organization that worked on holiday centerpieces with all students interested. Students were able to create something beautiful and take them home. Thank you to Kalamazoo in Bloom volunteers for your generous support.

Our regular volunteer Ms. Zaidie Jackson also made a special chili meal for the students. She prepared not only chili but sub sandwiches and dessert as well. If you would like to volunteer to YAA, please contact Amber Long, Center Director.

Educational Events

There are a lot of free educational events happening in our community.

The Kalamazoo Library has great programs and resources the entire family can enjoy. If your child gets a library card over break, we will award them 50 Bonus points for bringing in their card.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is free to attend daily. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is a "hands-on" museum that focuses on science, technology and history.

Check out these great local resources and continue to exercise your mind.

SAT and PSAT Practice

SAT and PSAT test skills will be practiced daily when we return from break. Students will participate on an online program and be participating in small group instruction with Mr. L working on writing skills.

Important Community Contacts

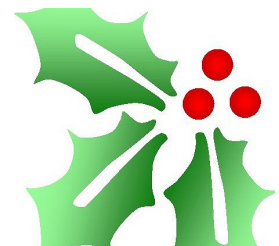
- Food Bank of SW Michigan (269) 964-3663
- Loaves and Fishes (269) 343-3663
- Housing Resources, Inc (269) 382-0287
- Kalamazoo Public Library (269) 342-9837
- Prevention Works (269) 388-4200

Contact Us

If you have any questions about what your student is working on feel free to contact us.

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YAA Staff is thankful for all of our parent support. We acknowledge the support of parents and their commitment to help make this school a success.



Help Us Make A Difference

We encourage all parents to attend our monthly school board meetings. All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at 6750 Chime St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009.