

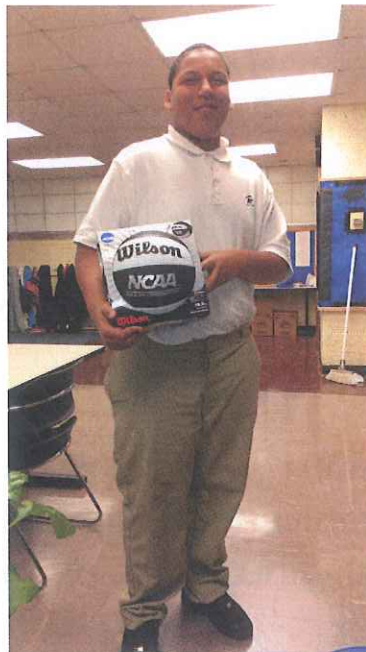


YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY

Providing a quality education and life skills
to all students.

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We are excited to publish the 1st edition of the Youth Advancement Academy newsletter. We will publish it every month during the school year. It will include many school activities, as well as any upcoming dates.



Top 5 Students for Points

Month of February:

Jaquariona Abrams

Robert Love

Asia Matthews

Shanisha Anderson

Terrell Blakes

**6 Consecutive Weeks or
More of Perfect Attendance!**

**Extra 200 Bonus Points
Awarded to:**

Robert Love

Special Points of Interest:

- Incentive Points
- ♦ Upcoming Events
- ♦ Reading Level-Ups
- ♦ Faculty Bio's
- ♦ Summer Program

INCENTIVE SYSTEM

Each student will begin the day with 0 points. Students must earn 60 work/behavior points to receive their daily incentive. Students must earn 400 work/behavior points in order to receive their weekly incentive. Students must be working through designated work times. Point reductions will result when school rules are not followed. Excessive point loss will result in immediate referral and call/sent home.

An example of how students can earn the 60 pts:

Mandatory - 1 Reading Plus	10pts
Work Points	20pts
Being in proper uniform	10pts
Behavior	20pts

Students can earn as many as 100 points, daily. If a student loses behavior points, they will have the opportunity to earn bonus points.

Upcoming School Dates

- ◆ Spring Break: Friday, March 29 – Friday, April 5
- ◆ Basketball Tournament: Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 28
- ◆ End of Third Quarter: Friday, March 29



Faculty Bio's

Maria Bosnak

Ms. Maria is Youth Advancement Academy's *Transition Specialist*. Previous to her time with us, Ms. Maria served as the Wrap-Around Specialist and Support Staff at Edison Elementary School in Kalamazoo. She holds a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Health Services from Western Michigan University. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Social Work with a SPADA Certification from Western Michigan. In Ms. Maria's free time she enjoys spending time with her 3 sons and 2 daughters. She likes to vacation in warm climates, shop, and decorate her home. Ms. Maria attributes her success and motivation to hardships she has endured, including: personal involvement in the foster care system, juvenile detention system, as well as being a teenage mother.

Karen Kreuze

Mrs. Kreuze is Youth Advancement Academy's *Math teacher*. Previous to her time at YAA, Mrs. Kreuze was a substitute teacher in and around Kalamazoo County for fourteen years. In conjunction with her time at YAA, Mrs. Kreuze is a specialist at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum located in downtown Kalamazoo. She works specifically in the Challenger Learning Center and has done so for the past five years. Mrs. Kreuze has her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri Columbia in Elementary Education with a specialization in math and accounting. She also holds a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University. Mrs. Kreuze is married and has four children. In her free time she enjoys gardening, reading, camping, biking, kayaking, and fishing.



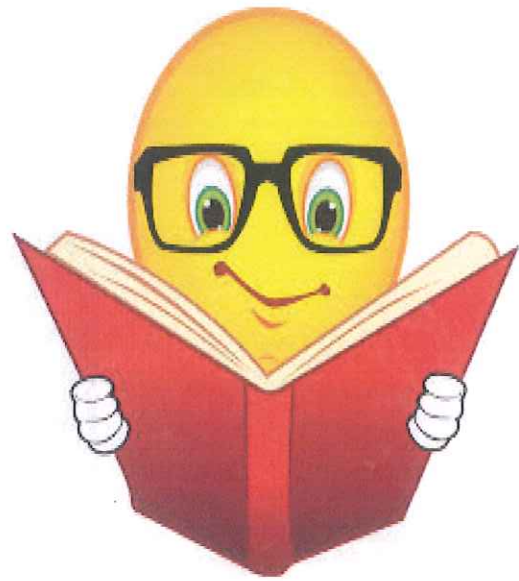
Donna Odom from Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society speaks to students about the Underground Railroad.



READING PLUS LEVEL- UPS

Level-Ups Awarded: **166!**
Each student averaging **3.5**
Level-Up Awards!

# of Students:	Leveled-Up:
5	8
1	7
11	5
6	4
9	3
11	2
5	1



SUMMER PROGRAM NEWS

We are pleased to announce that this summer we are partnering with Kingdom-Minded Ministries in Kalamazoo to offer a Summer Vocational Program for ten students. This program will allow our students a chance to see if the culinary world is right for them! Through character building programs and food service/food safety training, students will be on the right path for the work force. Students will achieve an understanding and appreciation for the responsibility, leadership, and work ethic this program entails.

Interested students should submit their application and resume to Mrs. Esterline. Interviews will take place in May.

Students can obtain an application from the main office or Mrs. Esterline. Resume-writing sessions will be offered before and after school for interested students

