



Iroquois Middle School mentoring group

Mentoring in action

Remember the October GEAR UP Gazette article that covered Eastern Kentucky University's mentoring program? Well, the program was adapted in Jefferson County to a face-to-face mentoring program. Here's what some participating GEAR UP Kentucky students had to say about the mentoring programs at their schools.

"GEAR UP mentoring is a very good and helpful program. Since I have been in the program, I have learned interesting things. For instance, I learned that college is not just a dream, it is a plan and that everyone can go.

I have wonderful mentors who remind me of my big dream to be a doctor, which is the most important thing in my life. I wish the mentoring program would never end. It has become my favorite class."

Yeilin Bello Sardury, Iroquois Middle School student

"I like mentoring a lot! Every Tuesday we come to class and learn about how colleges can be affordable, what it takes to get into college, the types of courses I might take, and deciding on which college I want to go to. The mentors are very nice, and they listen to what you have to say. I would like to stay in this program through the rest of middle and high school to help me when the time comes to decide!!!"

Anna Wilt, Lassiter Middle School student

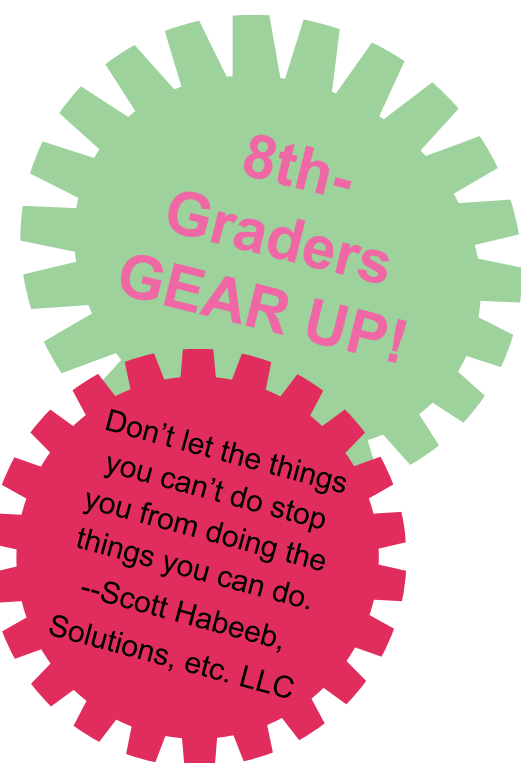
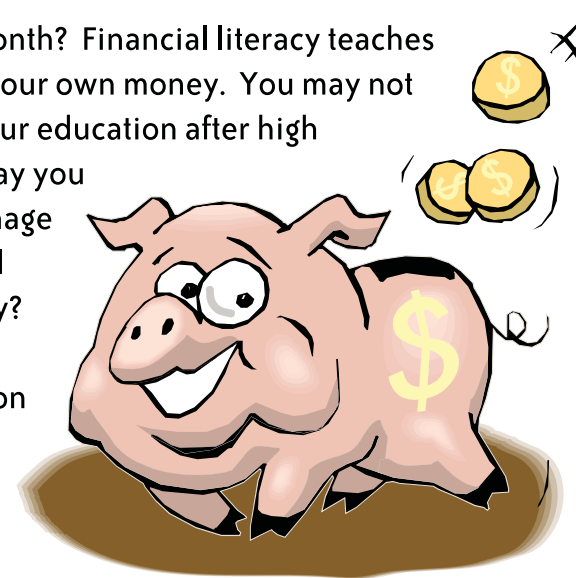
"My GEAR UP mentoring group meets every Tuesday for 45 minutes. We get into small groups of two to three people and get to talk one-on-one with our mentor. In our group, we talk about all the degrees you can get, the colleges you can go to, and what the colleges are like. We also talk about how nothing could stop us from going to college. I really like this because it is getting me prepared for the future."

Hannah O'Keefe, Lassiter Middle School student

What do you know about money?

Did you know that April is Financial Literacy Month? Financial literacy teaches you how to make good decisions in managing your own money. You may not have a lot of money now, but if you continue your education after high school, finish college, and get a good job, one day you will! So, why not start learning now how to manage your money, so that when you earn some, you'll know how to spend, invest, and save it correctly?

There is some great financial literacy information on the Kentucky Council on Economic Education website for students, parents, and teachers. For details, visit: <http://www.econ.org/parents/financialliteracymonth.html>.



Coming soon!

GEAR UP Kentucky teachers, students, parents, and staff – stay tuned for more information on how to receive your Newspaper in Education and the GEAR UP Gazette electronically as an e-edition! Details to follow in the May issue of the GEAR UP Gazette and in e-mail correspondence.

Iroquois Middle School Trail Blazers

The Iroquois Middle School GEAR UP Ambassador program is about helping students learn how to get into college.

We are planning trips, such as the upcoming University of Louisville campus visit, to learn more about college. We are also planning to visit Rutherford Elementary to work with fifth-graders on how to prepare for the transition from elementary to middle school and to talk with them about how they can start preparing for college even in middle school!

The GEAR UP Ambassadors are also working on creating a time capsule to capture the essence of the 2007-08 school year at IMS. We would like to remember things like popular music, gas prices, and our favorite snack foods. We will also include current college tuition costs because they will definitely be more expensive in the future!

We will have more updates in the future and look forward to telling you about them!

Source: This article was collaboratively written by the IMS GEAR UP Ambassadors.