December 2014

Thank You!!!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Rocket Football Homework Helpers program this fall. We would especially like to thank the WMU student volunteers for taking the time to tutor students throughout the Kalamazoo community. Our program served more than 100 Kalamazoo Public Schools students.

Happening @ WMU

This winter, the Walker Institute will sponsor two youth development programs:

- WIRE Youth Sports
- Math Tutoring

Our 2015 WIRE Sports Youth Development Program will start on January 17th!!! Every Saturday, between 9 am and noon, youth will engage in various sports. There will also be a guest speaker every week. This is a great opportunity for youth to learn different life skills and lessons as well. Snacks will be provided. For more information on registration, please contact Gus Calbert at (269) 910-9211.

Our Math Tutoring program assists KPS students at Arcadia Elementary all school year (Sept. - June). We have also assigned WMU students to assist with tutoring.

Stay tuned for more information about Together Kalamazoo 2015! Check out Together Kalamazoo on Facebook!!!

For more information about the program or to volunteer, contact Gus Calbert at gus.t.calbert@wmich.edu (269) 910-9211.

Happening @ WMU continued

WMU Athletic Events

The WMU Football team will play in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Air Force on December 20th. The game will air on ESPN at 5:45 pm. The Men’s Basketball team has two home games on December 22nd and December 30th, both games start at 7 pm. General admission tickets range from $15 - $18 for adults and $11 for youth. The Women’s Basketball team will play at home on December 18th at 7 pm. General admission tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for youth. Go Broncos!!! For more information on tickets, please contact the Bronco Ticket Office at (269) 387-8092.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!
Happening @ WMU continued

❖ Academically Talented Youth Program

For those interested in the Academically Talented Youth Program, WMU is now looking to register 6th and 7th grade students for the 2015-2016 academic school year. If you are interested, please call (269) 387-3553.

Happening in Kalamazoo

❖ VolunTEENS (middle school/high school ages)
- VolunTEENS is a year-round volunteer program designed for middle and high school students who want to help in their communities by volunteering.
- Contact: (269) 382-8350

❖ Communities in Schools
- Communities in Schools of Kalamazoo (CIS) brings together the support of hundreds of volunteers and local organizations to meet student needs at school—before, during, or after class.
- Contact: (269) 337-1601

❖ Lift Up Through Literacy
- The Lift Up Through Literacy Program offers fun hands-on literacy opportunities for family members once a week for 1 1/2 hours.
- Contact: (269) 337-0833

❖ Healthy Kids University (YMCA)
- A great program for kids ages 6-10 to meet friends, get active, and have fun while parents do the same, Healthy Kids University meets early evenings at both the Maple and Portage Branches.
- Contact: (269) 345-9622

❖ Youth and Teen Center (YMCA)
- The drop in Youth/Teen Center at the Maple Branch offers older kids, who may not be ready to stay home alone or want to hang out with friends after school, a fun environment.
- Contact: (269) 345-9622

Three Fun Facts About Staying Active

1. It can improve academic performance and academic behavior
2. It helps build and maintain healthy bones and muscles
3. It helps improve the risk of obesity

For more information about our programs, please contact the Walker Institute at (269) 387-2141 or check out our website at: http://www.wmich.edu/walkerinstitute/