

# Transition Alliance Program (TAP) Newsletter

April 7, 2015

## YouthNet Personal Hygiene Product Drive

April is child abuse prevention month. To help our children grow up healthy, safe, and reach their full potential, it is vital for our community to step up and do what we can to meet their needs.

⇒ Donations of personal hygiene products will be a key factor in the health, well-being, and self-esteem of our youth.

\*Soap/Body Wash \*Shampoo \*Deodorant \*Toothbrush

\*Toothpaste \*Toilet Paper \*Paper Towels \*Brush/Comb

⇒ Donations are being collected at: Fort Frenzy, Fort Dodge Community Schools, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Decker Truck Line, New Covenant Christian Church, and Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way.

⇒ Donation bins will be available April 7th-27th. PLEASE donate so those in need know we care!

## Guest Speakers

Thank you to Mr. Hughes, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administrative Services for the Fort Dodge CSD, for speaking to our students regarding appropriate interviewing skills and the different opportunities available through the FDCSD. His insight and expertise provided our students valuable information in order for them to interview successfully.

Thank you to Sara Woolery from Children and Families of Iowa for speaking to our students regarding the human services field and the different avenues a graduate in this field can pursue. Other topics she discussed were: education requirements, characteristics/personality traits, internships, and salary.

Thank you to Megan Grove and Lori Evans, Assistant Director of Enrollment Management and Coordinator of Financial Aid respectively, from Iowa Central Community College for speaking to our college bound students regarding scheduling, financial aid, scholarships, subsidized and unsubsidized loans, GPA requirements, Student Support Services, and attendance requirements. Our students definitely came away with some valuable information they did not have prior to the meeting.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 10th– Special Olympics at Dodger Stadium

April 14th– Guest speaker– Michael Bottorff, DVM

April 16th– TAP Budget Group

April 17th– Senior visit day at ICC

April 21st– TAP Girl's Group

April 22nd– Junior visit day at ICC

April 30th– TAP Driver's Permit Group

## Hot Topic Discussion

### School Funding!!

We all have our own opinion on whether or not school's need more money, but one thing is for sure, staff (teachers, custodians, cooks, paras, and anyone else that works for a school) are doing more with less. We have reached a point in society where we ask schools to do and teach almost everything, but we do not provide them with the resources needed to succeed. Students need more instruction now more than ever before and this simply cannot be done with pennies, but rather dollars. Please contact your legislature and let them know the time to act is now.

"Going down a hole is easy, climbing back out of one is a different story."

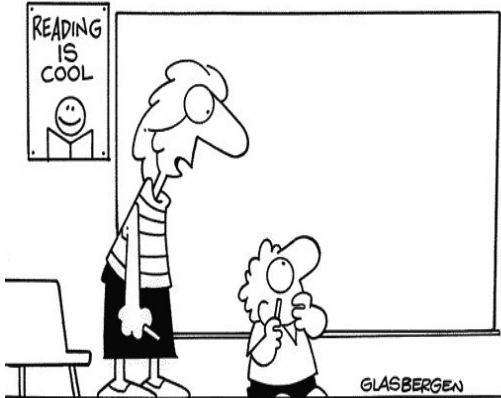
-Anonymous

## Laugh of the Day!!

I've got a crazy budget idea!  
What if we fully funded schools and made prisons make up their budget deficit with Box Tops, Milk Caps, and money from Target? -Anonymous

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“There aren’t any icons to click. It’s a chalk board.”

That awkward moment when the teacher says: “Students hand in your homework” and you pretend to look for your homework when you know you didn’t do it.

Learning is like rowing up-stream: not to advance is to drop back. -Chinese Proverb



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## ICCC Class Planning

Megan Grove from ICCC has the following dates left for our students to visit with her to ask questions about financial aid, academic majors, testing, and applications: April 14th and 28th, and May 12th from 1:30-3:00pm. Students sign up in the counseling area for an appointment time. In addition, students may chose to register for their fall classes at this time.

## ICCC Junior Visit Day

Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) will be having a Junior Visit Day on April 22nd from 9-1. We will be taking advantage of this opportunity by transporting students out there who are interested in attending ICCC. Students will be back by the time school dismisses at 1:10 in order to ride their normal transportation home.

If you are interested in attending Junior Visit Day, please sign up in the TAP room no later than April 15th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary or Kim at 515-955-1770.

## Future Planning for Juniors

As we slowly come to the end of the school year, it is vital you look ahead to the upcoming year to make sure you have your graduation requirements taken care of. How do you do this? Make an appointment with your school counselor to discuss your schedule, credits, and any other topics you want information on. Next year is not the time you want to be “surprised” about a required class you are missing or to find out you are a few credits shy of graduating.

## TAP Summer Program

We will once again be offering a summer program for our TAP students. Further details will follow in next month’s newsletter.