

TRANSITION ALLIANCE PROGRAM (TAP) NEWSLETTER

January 5, 2015

We hope all of you had a wonderful, peaceful Christmas holiday and a safe New Year's. As we enter the snowy, cold season please make sure we are not taking chances driving or being out in the cold weather too long. We want all of you safe and sound. Every day brings us one step closer to spring.

Volunteer Time

Our volunteer time at the Marion Home in December was very rewarding for our TAP students. We delivered Christmas cards to each of the residents and as we were getting ready to leave one of them requested we sing a song for them. We obliged with a soulful rendition of Jingle Bells. All were grateful and we were asked to sing another one. Sadly, we had to forego that request and head back to school, but we promised them we would be back with our singing voices tuned up! We will resume our volunteer work there in the spring when the weather is a little more cooperative.

Iowa Central Community College Senior Visit Day

A few of our TAP students attended the Senior Visit Day at Iowa Central to gain a better perspective on what the college has to offer them. The day was spent touring their respective areas of interest and being able to ask questions to the staff about their career choice. Our students felt the day was a success and gave only positive feedback about their experience. We can't thank Iowa Central enough for organizing this outstanding day.

BINGO Day

On the last day of school, prior to break, we played BINGO with a few of our TAP students where they had a chance to win prizes if they could answer trivia questions about job seeking skills, interviewing skills, and other random career questions. Overall, everyone did a great job and had lots of fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 12– Conferences at Senior High 4-7 pm

January 16– No School, Professional Development

January 19– No School, possible snow make-up day

January 21– Decker Tour

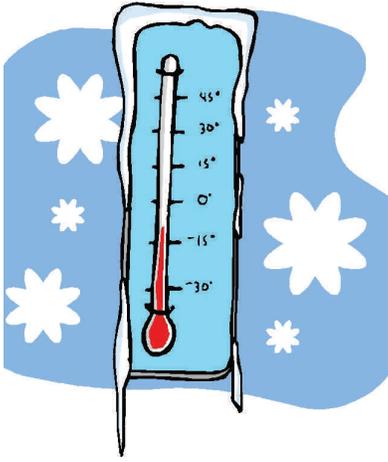
January 29– Driver's license practice online in the library (TAP)

Top 10 highest paying jobs:

1. Anesthesiologists
2. Surgeons
3. Obstetricians and Gynecologists
4. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
5. Internists, General
6. Orthodontists
7. Radiologists
8. Pathologists
9. Neurologists
10. Allergists and Immunologists

Top 10 lowest paying jobs:

1. Shampooers
2. Food Preparation, Service Worker, Fast Food
3. Cooks, Fast Food
4. Dishwashers
5. Baristas
6. Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, Coffee Shop
7. Hosts and Hostesses
8. Nursery Workers
9. Farmworkers and Laborers
10. Amusement and Recreation Attendants



*Don't knock the weather;
nine-tenths of the people
couldn't start a conversa-
tion if it didn't change
once in a while. ~Kin
Hubbard*

**“Every job is a
self-portrait
of the person
who does it.
Autograph
your work with
excellence!”**

-Author unknown



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TAP Informational Video and Releases of Information

Over Christmas break we sent each TAP student and their parents/guardians an informational letter and a release of information form for both TAP and Vocational Rehabilitation regarding the video we are in the process of producing. If you have not had a chance to read the letter yet, please take a minute to do so. The informational video is about TAP and the services we provide. We would like our TAP students to be in it, however we need the releases signed and returned to us before they can do that. No specific disabilities will be discussed. We want this to be a fun, informational video that our program can show to potential TAP students and their parents/guardians. We will have releases at conference night so stop by our table which is located by the attendance office. Thank you for your support!

Matt Wagner speaks about finances

Matt Wagner from CS Bank in Fort Dodge spoke with our TAP students about loans, deposit accounts, the 3 C's of lending (character, capacity, and collateral) and checking accounts. So much information was shared and the students had some great follow-up questions. Our financial portfolio and discussions about budgeting can never begin too early.

Childcare Discovery Center Tour

A few of our TAP students who are interested in a childcare career were able to tour the Childcare Discovery Center. They learned about the different areas of the center, how they separate the children by age, state requirements for supervision, the educational requirements necessary to work there, and the safety procedures regarding entering and leaving the building amongst other things. We cannot thank the staff enough for allowing us to tour the center and answering our numerous questions.