

TRANSITION ALLIANCE PROGRAM (TAP) NEWSLETTER

Child Abuse Prevention Month coming in April

March 6, 2015

In the year 2013, 12,267 children were abused in the state of Iowa. Child abuse is preventable and it is a fight we can win as long as we all work together. TAP will be assisting YouthNet with a community wide fundraiser on April 13th-24th for the local food pantries in order to help them replenish their personal hygiene products. Examples of the products needed are: shampoo, soap, paper products, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, etc.

JCPenney Hair Salon Tour

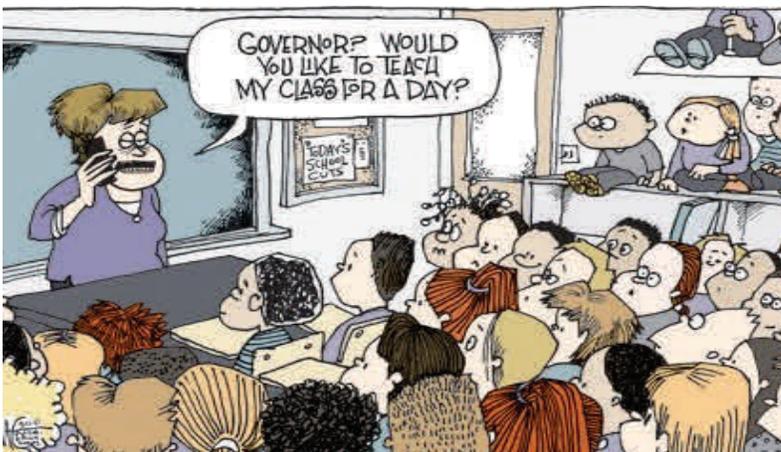
A few TAP students toured the JCPenney Hair Salon and were given information about a cosmetology career. Various topics were discussed such as: the physical requirements, training, wages, benefits, and the different skills needed. We can't thank Cindy Wingerson from JCPenney enough for taking the time to enlighten us about the cosmetology field.

New Young Adult Group for TAP

Starting this month, thanks to another snow day from Mother Nature, TAP will finally be meeting with the young women in our program to discuss issues they deal with on a day to day basis. Peer pressure, friendships, school and work are just a few of the topics we will be touching on. Being proactive instead of reactive to the situations we find ourselves in can lead to less stress and better productivity. Not to mention a more positive state of mind. How and when we learn to handle the stress/pressures of everyday life is a very important life skill that should be taught early and often.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 2nd- Officer Webb, guest speaker
- March 3rd- JCPenney Hair Salon tour
- March 10-11th- Iowa Assessments
- March 16th- Mr. Hughes, guest speaker
- March 17th- Early Dismissal
- March 19th- New Budget Group
- March 24th- New Young Adult Group
- March 25th- Ashley Habhab is a guest speaker
- March 26th- Driver's Permit practice online



Top 10 ways to pay for college:

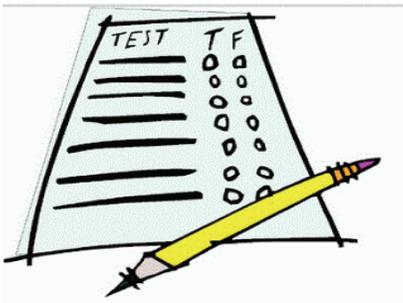
1. FAFSA
2. National Grants
3. Local Grants
4. Apply to plenty of schools- more aid
5. Bargain
6. Find an official benefactor-Peace Corps, ROTC, etc.
7. Look abroad-cheaper cost
8. Live at home
9. Tax tricks
10. Ask a guidance counselor about grants/scholarships

10 differences between high school and college:

1. No parents
2. No one cares if you skip class
3. Set your own schedule
4. Money is always on your mind
5. Dorms are crazy and crowded
6. Extracurricular activities require a lot of work
7. Final exams can be 60% of your final grade
8. No homework doesn't mean no studying
9. Good choices are a must
10. Good writing skills are important



*Saying you
"understand" just to
make the teacher go
away!!*



*Every time I see
the word "explain"
on a test a part of
me dies:(*



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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: March 17th and 31st, 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.

FAFSA Form for college bound students

For the last few months we have assisted our TAP students with their FAFSA form. Parents/guardians should be aware that certain documents are required in order to fill these out quickly and efficiently. Please start gathering these documents now so this process can run smoothly for your student. A list of documents can be found on the FAFSA website (fafsa.ed.gov). Parents/guardians may also complete the form on their own online if they prefer or seek assistance from the Financial Aid office at their student's college of choice.

Scholarships

TAP staff have been meeting with the senior TAP students for several weeks now assisting them with their scholarship applications. The first round were due February 2nd and many others will be due in March and April. Please take advantage of this opportunity and fill out an application. Please see Mary or Kim in room 67 for assistance.

Money Management

Starting in March we will be meeting monthly with our TAP students to discuss and learn more about money management. This will include loans, checking accounts, savings accounts, investments, credit/debit cards, income vs. spending, and other topics. Financial literacy is one of the biggest growing concerns for our youth today. As with anything, the more times you get the information in front of them, the more likely they are to remember it and use it.

Junior Visit Day at ICCC on April 2nd

On April 2nd we will be taking our junior classmen out to ICCC for their Junior Visit Day. This is an early opportunity for our juniors to see ICCC and ask any questions they might have.