

New Way Senior Newsletter

January 27, 2016

MRS. MORGAN'S CORE

Mrs. Morgan's CORE class started their financial literacy curriculum this week. Students explored different careers on the Arizona Career Information System [Website](#) where they could investigate salaries, education and training requirements, and work environments related to their interests. Students will use the salaries from the careers they chose and apply them to different financial scenarios such as calculating their paychecks, understanding taxes, creating a budget, and planning for emergencies. On Monday and Wednesday of this week, we focused on understanding the difference in gross and net pay checks and the different variables that are factored into "take-home pay." On Tuesday and Thursday, the students continued in their CPD150 class at Paradise Valley Community College. The students are enjoying the opportunity to be in a college environment where they can engage with their instructor and other students as well as learn tips for post-secondary success. On Friday afternoon, the students received direct support as they completed assignment requirements for their CPD150 class.

MRS. KEATHLEY'S CORE

In continuing the Game of Life, students learned about credit cards and debt. Students expanded their financial vocabulary in understanding interest rates, penalty APR, and payment plans. The seniors seem engaged with the content as we explored the importance of wise financial decisions. We will continue our curriculum next week as we calculate non-compounding interest rates and fees. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students received direct instruction and support for their Rio Salado Community College course. They continue to develop their academic skills while practicing organization, time-management, task-initiation, and self-regulation on a post-secondary level.

TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Each month, the New Way Transition Team hosts a Transition Workshop on a Wednesday evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Library. Families and students are invited to attend as leaders in the community share important information about various aspects of transition.

February 22 | Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts & SSI
Presented by [Emily B. Kile, Esq.](#)

March 29 | Independent Living Experience
Presented by [ILE](#)

April 12 | Post-Secondary Accommodations
Presented by [NorthBridge](#)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We are excited to recognize Paige Lisk as our January Transition Student of the Month! Paige is a stellar student that demonstrates leadership, kindness, and dedication both in and out of the classroom. Paige actively participates in class discussions and always completes her work to the very best of her abilities. After Paige finishes her own work, she can be found supporting her classmates and lending a helping hand to those in need. She is caring in her approach and respectful of her peers. Way to go, Paige! We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you this year!



JEANS FOR TEENS

Junior High Leadership Kids are sponsoring Jeans for Teens. Please donate gently used jeans for homeless kids and their family members. Your student can drop their donation at Mrs. Gregory's classroom, #313. Jeans for Teens is through the Family Promise Organization, an emergency shelter that takes in children with an adult family member, along with their pets, and helps them find a more permanent home.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 9-10 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – Noon Dismissal
February 15-17 | Trip to [Pali Institute](#)
February 20 | Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
February 22 | Transition Workshop: Guardianship, Trusts & SSI
March 13-17 | Spring Break
March 29 | Transition Workshop: Independent Living Experience
April 14 | April Recess – No School
April 12 | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Accommodations
May 18 | Senior Dinner
May 17 | Senior Field Day
May 25 | Graduation