



SPRING NEWS TO KNOW

IT'S ABOUT MINDSET

Since coming to White Cloud, I have spoken quite openly about my belief that as a team educating students, we need to help them focus on how to learn rather than what to learn. What if we could teach students how to embrace challenges? What if our students could turn struggles, criticism, and setbacks into springboards of growth? The good news is that it is possible! The process is called growth mindset and has come to the forefront of educational research.

There are two basic mindsets, growth and fixed. A fixed mindset is when one believes that personal traits such as intelligence and talent are set from birth. No amount of work will change the amount of intelligence or talent a person can develop. I hear this mindset over and over in the classroom. It shows through with statements such as "I just can't learn it", "I suck at...", "I've never been able to.....". These

statements exemplify the idea that a person only holds so much ability to learn and no amount of work will make that change. That fixed mindset eventually leads to the idea –why try? Everyone knows the next step after not giving effort, inevitably the path leads to failure. This can become a vicious cycle to break. The good news, again, is that it can be broken!

A growth mindset says that "This is hard, but I can learn it". A person who has a growth mindset can look at mistakes as learning opportunities. This mindset says, "I can't do it YET". People with this mindset generally believe that skills can be developed and so they are more persistent and achieve more. Knowing achievement is attainable students will become more receptive to feedback.

The Computer Corner White Cloud Virtual



Where learning meets
the 21st century

WHITE CLOUD INDIANS

Studies show that students with a growth mindset:

- ✓ Are more motivated and engaged
- ✓ Strive to overcome challenges
- ✓ Are more likely to review and revise work
- ✓ Fail fewer classes and have higher grade point averages (GPA)

CHANGE YOUR WORDS - CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

I don't understand. → What am I missing?

I give up! → I'll use some of the strategies I've learned.

I made a mistake. → Mistakes help me improve.

MINDSET WORKSHOP

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5-7pm

Workshop is a teaching model that pushes students to be involved in the learning process. The workshop model asks that students take charge, be creative, and actively engage in the development of their understanding. The teacher begins by presenting a mini lesson on a concept. This provides for direct instruction for the whole group. Students then work through activities independently or in small groups to deepen the concepts. This gives students time to develop their understanding and produce evidence of their learning. This process may look different for every student. 😊 The teacher is then free to confer with individuals and work with them to help clarify the concept. This model minimizes lecture and maximizes learning-an advantage to ALL!



This month we are launching the first Virtual Program Workshop. This workshop will help students understand the concepts of growth mindset and give them the opportunity to engage in activities that will build the mental muscles that help them be stronger, more determined learners. Students will also earn a half of a high school credit! The workshop is open to students 7-12 and I am encouraging ALL students to attend. I have been teaching students about the importance of being self-motivated and in control of their learning for over 20 years. The workshop will take place 2 nights a week for 3 weeks. We will meet in the lab and work through a series of activities together. I look forward to working with the students as a group! Meetings will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm. As always snacks will be provided. Workshops will become a regular addition to our program. Our next topic will be building positive learning habits. We currently have various topics under discussion. I have included a sign up and suggestion sheet for future topics. Again, each workshop will be for high school credit. Please join me!

Sometimes the thing that is holding you back...



...is all in your head.

I need to see students!

I need to see students at least once a week in the lab. As the year begins to wind down, we all need to work together and make sure students are progressing. In order to facilitate that I believe a personal relationship is integral. The best way to build a teacher / student relationship is through personal contact. Please make sure your student is coming in and working in the lab at the minimum one night a week 😊

Lab Hours

Monday thru Thursday 4-8pm



SENIORS!!

Deadlines Approaching!

Students working to graduate this term and walk at graduation have several deadlines coming up.

Jostens will be at the school on **March 22, 2019** to deliver graduation orders. If you want to walk with the class but have not ordered, please see Mrs. Curtis.

You must have ALL coursework completed by **May 17th, 2019**. Students who do not complete requirements will need to do so first, then your diploma will be ordered. It takes about 6 weeks to receive after ordering.

Remember-you must also complete your journey essay and your educational development plan.

Graduation Ceremony

May 23, 2019

7:00 p.m.



Talk to a College Rep!

Counts as 2 activities if you attend

Emerging Adults: College Day

Join us on Saturday, April 27th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM to speak with college representatives about the opportunities offered at each of their schools! Each school will talk about their college and will answer the questions you need to get started in your college career.

Newaygo Area District Library, 44 N State Rd, Newaygo, Michigan 49337



Other college questions? We have Ms. Williams available to meet with you to go over any questions regarding the application process, the funding opportunities. Please contact Mrs. Curtis or Ms. Williams-we are here to support you!!

College Field Trips-5 Activities!!

April 9-Freshmen to Baker College

April 10-Sophomores to Aquinas

SIGN UP with Mrs. Curtis!!

STATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

APRIL 9-11, 2019

All students in Michigan have to be tested to determine achievement.

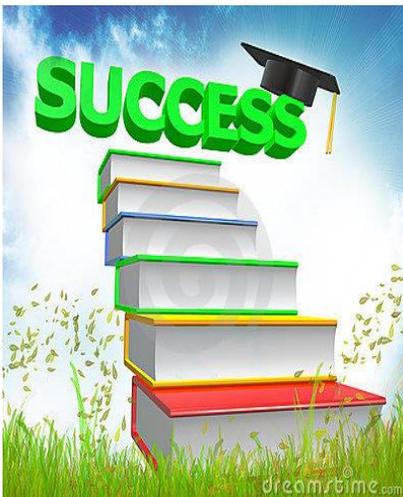
While we all know that achievement is so much more than a test score this mandate continues to be part of public education. During the second week of April all students will need to report to the lab at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Students will test with Mrs. Curtis. The following are the grades and days:

Tuesday, April 9- 10th & 11th grade
Wednesday, April 10-9th and 11th grade
Thursday, April 11-11th grade

7th and 8th grade is still being worked out-I will inform you as soon as I know ☺

Board Approved Graduation Requirements

The White Cloud Board of Education has approved a graduation plan that eliminates some of the elective credits needed to graduate. This grad plan applies to full time virtual students. Students will be required to complete all Michigan State Standards (18 Credits) plus a capstone project (3 credits) for a total of 21 credits. The capstone project has several components and will be presented as the documents get finalized. Parts of the project include service learning projects, workshops, college and career planning, resume building, and work-based learning. We are very proud to offer students quality content education as well as real life experiences and supports.



In Need Of:

- Potting soil
 - Flower and veggie seeds
 - Single serve snacks
- Donations greatly appreciated!

Save the Date!

Cupcake
Festival
2019

May 11th

WHITE CLOUD MI 49349

Cupcake Festival Parade
Cupcake Contests and Bake Sale
Cruisin' The Cloud Car Show
Cupcake Royalty & FHC's Royal ParTea
WCFD Pancake Breakfast & Water Battle
Scholarship Slammer & Eagles Beer Tent
Jesters Court Kids Activities
The Secret Garden @ Stage Door Theater
Vendors, Entertainment, and more!
www.facebook.com/boomerang49349



Service Learning

Service Learning can play an important role in connecting community and students. When students fill integral roles in the community they benefit from hands on experience, they develop critical thinking skills, learn about social issues first hand, and connect with professionals and community leaders. White Cloud Virtual students will be given many opportunities to be a positive part of their community. Two upcoming events are the Cupcake Festival and the Community Garden. I have several volunteer spots to fill so please sign up to help on May 11!

Career-Tech Open House

MARCH 21st

The Newaygo County Career-Tech Center Annual Open House will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 5-7 p.m. Come and tour each program at both the Career-Tech Center and the Regional Center for Agriscience and Career Advancement (RCASCA).



The cafeteria is now providing a sack lunch for students working evenings in the lab. Mondays will still be pizza! Tuesday-Thursday night sandwiches and fruit will be provided. We will still have light snacks available 😊



NEXT FALL

We are looking to keep expanding the program. If you know any students in Newaygo County that could benefit from the Alternative/Virtual Program, please send them our way! The application is online or can be picked up at the lab or office. School of Choice paperwork is due the 1st of June so the sooner then better 😊 Thank you all for making this an amazing venture!



Parent Teacher Conferences

March 27th 4pm-7pm

Please stop by the lab during conferences.

Junior Workshop

There will be an S.A.T workshop on March 18 & 19 from 8:00 am to 11:45 am. This is not a content workshop but a workshop on test taking strategies. Students who attend will receive 5 quiz grades raised to 100 percent! This is a very valuable experience, and should you attend it will also count as your 10 activities for the week! This is very important! PLEASE let me know if you need transportation to or from the workshop.

The Computer Corner White Cloud Virtual

555 E. Wilcox Avenue
PO Box 1000 | White
Cloud, MI 49349
P: (231) 689-6591
F: (231) 689-3210

