



September News from Kim

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Welcome to the WIA In School Youth Program!

I cannot believe it is the start of another year...where did the summer go? I have enjoyed meeting many of the new students as well as talking with the "old timers".

Let me take a few minutes to introduce myself. I grew up in a suburb of Cleveland and moved to Athens in 1986. I have worked with the Department of Human Services since 1991 and have degrees in Business Management and Ethics. I have 3 wonderful children (10, 11 and 24), a great husband, a patient daughter-in-law and 2 beautiful grandkids. Sports of any kind are a passion of mine, especially football. My father was a football coach at the high school I attended, so I have always had football in my blood. Some of my hobbies are crocheting, gardening, sewing, reading, and Guitar Hero.

I truly enjoy my job and my goal is to see the WIA program grow and become a program that will benefit all the students enrolled. In order to do this, I need input from you. If you have any ideas or want to write an article for the newsletter, have an idea for a class that should be taught or any other issues that today's teenagers are dealing with...LET ME KNOW! Also, please be aware that I am available anytime you need me. If there is any issues that you want to talk about, all it takes is a phone call.....Kim

***"If you don't know
where you are
going, you will
probably end up
somewhere else"***
...Laurence J. Peter

HOMWORK HELP



Can't figure out that algebra question? How should you start your research paper? Exactly what is the population of Egypt? GOT THE HOMEWORK BLUES? Here are a few helpful websites that I stumbled across to answer these questions.

www.homeworknow.org

This website features live, online professional tutors from 2:00 PM until midnight.

www.knowitnow24x7.net

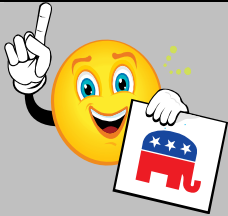
KnowItNow is a 24/7 online reference service of the State Library of Ohio. You have 24 hour access to librarians to help answer any questions regarding your homework.

www.oplin.lib.oh.us/teenhome.php

OH!Teens is a special youth website that provides information on homework help, life after high school, summer jobs and internships and real life issues.

www.infohio.org

INFOhio is a state funded resource that is free to all Ohio K-12 students. A username and password are required for this. See your school librarian for details.



Book Review



COLLEGE INFO



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McCain or **Obama**????? Do you know the date of the presidential election? Who do you want to be President? Are you 18? Are you a citizen of the United States? Are you registered to vote? NO????? Why not???? Your vote does count. The Work Station is one of the many places available to get registered to vote. Stop in and ask for an application. You must register to vote by the end of September. www.18in08.com is an awesome website to get information about voting and the election. BTW....the presidential election will be held November 4, 2008.

The Twilight Saga. The publisher estimates that an astounding 1.3 million copies of **BREAKING DAWN**, the fourth and final book in Stephenie Meyer's vampire love saga were sold. Don't miss this incredible adventure series. Other August picks include: **IDENTICAL** by Ellen Hopkins, the story of a father's twisted obsession for one of his twin daughters; **THE GHOSTS OF KERFOL**, an enthralling work of Gothic suspense from Deborah Noyes; **CLAIRE**, the last entry in Lisi Harrison's *Clique Summer Collection*; and **ALL WE KNOW OF LOVE**, Nora Raleigh Baskin's young adult debut about a girl who journeys through love and loss to find her mother --- and discovers that everyone has a story to tell, including herself....teenreads.com

Are you thinking about going to college? You should start planning your college career as early as eighth grade. Colleges are incredibly selective about the kids they choose to admit and look at what you have done in all your years in high school.

Here are some general notes to remember and rules to follow:

- *Pay attention to deadlines and dates.
- *Most colleges require at least three, if not four years of studies in math, English, science and social studies as well as two years of a foreign language.
- *Your grades are important as is difficulty of your course work.
- *Participate in extra curricular activities is also a good idea. Activities such as volunteer work, speech, drama or debate clubs and sports indicate a willingness to cooperate with others and put forth the effort needed to succeed.
- *Take the necessary assessment tests. Get with your guidance counselors regarding the ACT and SAT tests. We can even help with the costs of these tests.
- *Start looking for grants and scholarships as soon as possible.

[Here are some websites for College Help.](#)

www.myfuture.com

This website is targeted to high school students and provides information on financial aid, scholarships and careers, getting a job and managing money.

www.careersandcolleges.com

This website lists scholarships, loans and college opportunities

www.collegeadvantage.com

Helps Ohio families and students plan for their college education

[A few other college thoughts:](#)

Most people get degrees in order to get a job according to their interests. What are your interests? How do you want to spend 40 hours per week for the better part of your life? What excites you? If you are having a hard time with this, talk with your guidance counselor. Don't rush into this decision....this is your life....you can do anything you set your mind to.....

