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HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- MARCH 2018

In like a lion, out like lamb at least we hope that is how the month will end! We are almost half way through the semester with March 9th being midterm.

Class Spotlight – Botany:

We hope that the snow and cold of the past few months is on its way out and spring is coming soon!

This semester in Botany we hope to be able to get out and explore the area around campus and look for a wide variety of plants in the Helena area. So far, we are trying to grow our own few plants in the classroom, but are looking into adopting a garden space in one of the close neighborhood gardens! So far, we have learned about a whole class of plants that don't have true roots or leaves, called the bryophytes. We are moving onto ferns and then flowering plants. Hopefully we get to see some colorful foliage soon!

~Christa Schoenfeld



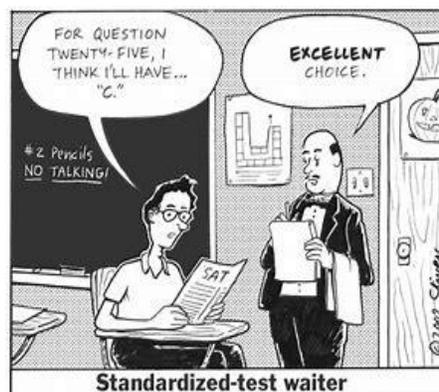
On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, all Montana public high school juniors will take *The ACT with Writing*. The test is provided to these students free-of-charge thanks to the Montana GEAR UP grant.

ACT will send reportable scores to students at their home addresses

within three to eight weeks after testing.

Here at Access to Success students will need to check in at the office by 8:00am. You can bring a graphing calculator, but will have to leave your bags and phones in the office. Lunch will be provided for all testers!

The Lewis and Clark Library will be offering a full practice test on March 14th. If you are interested, please call Heather at 447-1690 x132.



Student Comments-

I came to Access after five years of being out of school due to extreme social anxiety and medical issues. Before Access, the thought of even stepping foot into a school gave me anxiety attacks and it scared me to even think of going. I went to traditional high school for a year, the year before I came to the program, and everyday was a struggle. It was

hard convincing myself to go because I knew I wouldn't graduate if I stayed, I just didn't have time to get all the credits I needed. When I found out about Access it sounded like the exact environment I've been looking for for nearly six years and counting. I was anxious, but as soon as I'd been in the program for a few days it was easy to feel comfortable and relaxed where I was. The staff are kind and you can tell they really do genuinely care about your success and you as a person. Everyone here feels like we're apart of a ridiculous family, where you're supported and cheered on.

I've been here for two years now and am about to graduate... Graduation seemed like an unreachable goal for a long time before I joined the program. Now I feel like I am going to succeed as I move forward. I've found confidence in myself I didn't know was there, all thanks to Access. -Eli Sanchez

Upcoming Information Nights

March 6th, 2018

April 3rd, 2018

May 1st, 2018

Information nights are at 6:00pm on the Helena College campus in room 008.

****Access to Success is a high school completion program in the Helena School District. We provide students, 16 and over, who have dropped out the opportunity to earn their diploma. ****