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HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- MAY 2018

We would like to CONGRATULATE all of our Spring 2018 graduates. Austin, Tayeler, Katlyn, Katie, Kaide, Rebekah, Parker, Dillon, Kaitlin, Austin, Amalie, Lanna, Alex, Alex, Kieran, Ryan, Cali, Monte, Madison, Zak, Eli, Kasstidy, Latassa, Will, Brooke, Rebecca, Shawn, and Virgil we are all so proud of you. Continue to believe in yourselves and do great things!

One Class At A Time:

Congratulations go to our own Christa Schoenfeld for winning a \$250 grant from One Class at a Time! One Class at a Time is a joint effort between Montana's News Station and First Interstate Bank to help fulfill needs of area schools. Christa will be using the funds to buy a raised planter box and plants for the botany class.



Class Spotlight: Art, Music, & Culture

This month is exciting with all the spring activities underway! The art students have been busy working on their artwork for the upcoming Spring Art Walk on Friday, May 4th at Reach Higher Montana from 5-9pm. Make your way downtown and enjoy what our little art town has to offer!

We recently completed painting on canvas panels and had the privilege to visit Genesis Frame Shop to see how a piece of artwork gets matted and framed from start to finish. What an interesting process! We've just started working on our ceramic bowls or mugs to wrap up the end of the year projects. It's great to be able to create and take home a functional piece of artwork. We have been working on color theory and exploring how colors work together and exist in our every day world. Remember, be creARTive!! - Ingrid Jaynes

Comments from Soon to be Grads!!!

Access to Success was an amazing experience for me. I loved it from the start. It is just the right amount of challenging. There is no bullying, no rude teachers, and I was always treated with respect. I am also graduating on time due to this

program. I have and will still continue to tell people about this program. ~Lanna Hoover

Access is a fun great place to learn and it pushes you to succeed. I've had an amazing time here and don't want to leave! ~Becca White

I will miss Access because the teachers actually care about you and want to watch you succeed. ~Kasstidy Tanniehill

I think Access is a wonderful experience because everyone cares. The teachers really care about what they are doing. It is a positive environment. I will miss Access because of its environment and the accepting people that attend and work there. ~Kaide Ferriter

I came to Access to Success expecting to keep my head down for one more miserable year of high school. What I was not expecting was to find an accepting community of students and teachers that support each other regardless of their differences. Nevertheless that's what I found here, and the community has made this year the best year of school I've had in as long as I can remember. I have grown so much as a person because I was in a place where I was able to be authentically myself without fear of judgement or rejection. I never

****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. ****

thought I would be sad to graduate, but I am going to miss all of the friends I have made here so much. I am so lucky to have found such an amazing program and I can't wait to come and visit everyone next year.
~Amalie Hodges

I went from a horrible place mentally to a fantastic place mostly thanks to Access to Success ~Parker Hanson

I loved being apart of the Access program for the last 2 years. I'm going to miss the staff and friends I've made here. I couldn't have made it to graduation without them! Thank you everyone. ~Eli Sanchez

I am so grateful for all my teachers in this program for not giving up on me. I wouldn't be where I am today without them, and although I won't miss high school, I will miss them.
~Katie Felde

Words cannot express how much I'm going to miss Access. It is, without a doubt, my home away from home. For all of you still working toward your diploma (which includes me because technically I have yet to graduate), realize that you have been given a unique opportunity most dropouts don't get. We're a lucky, privileged few and it is through our own resilience and the graciousness of the Access staff that we are able to rise. Appreciate your time here and don't sweat the small stuff. ~Madison Riccardo

Upcoming Information Nights

May 1st, 2018

June 5th, 2018

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

Florence Crittenton's New Program for Pregnant & Parenting Women:



Florence Crittenton is delighted to announce the opening of a new Transitional Living program serving pregnant and parenting youth. The program focuses on providing shelter and supportive services to runaway and homeless or at risk of homelessness pregnant and parenting youth.

Admission criteria:

Pregnant and/or parenting young women ages 16 to 21. Children up to age 4.

Must meet homeless criteria, which includes unhoused, couch surfing, over-housed, evicted.

Program Goals

- Improve the social/emotional wellbeing of parenting youth and their children

- Substance Use cessation and prevention
- Healing from past trauma and hopefulness for the future
- Social emotional and developmental supports for children of parenting youth.
- Parenting support and education
- Prevent displacements of children from their parents.
- Connect youth to appropriate community services and referrals necessary for long term success
- Increase in education and/or employment attainment
- Secure Safe and stable housing

Youth may participate in this program for up to 2 years. For more information or to make a referral call our Admissions department at 406 442 6950 x252 or email inquiries@florencecrittenton.org.

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Summer Fun Word Search

BARBECUE LEMONADE
BATHINGSUIT PARTY
BEACH BOAT PICNIC
CAR TRIP POOL
CHALK SUNGLASSES
FAMILY SUNSHINE
FIREFLIES SWIM
FIREFWORKS TOWEL
FRIENDS VACATION
FUN VOLLEYBALL
GAMES ZOO
ICE CREAM



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