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Congratulations to the 2009 GEAR UP Parents of the Year!

The following parents were recognized at a banquet on June 2nd, for their commitment and assistance in achieving GEAR UP goals at their school.

Betty Biggs from Pickens School was also recognized as the Fairmont State GEAR UP Parent of the Year!

Tammy Hill , Philip Barbour High School	Todd and Kim Morris , North Marion High School
Diane Ware , Braxton County High School	Amber Cropper , Clay-Battelle High School
Sharon Rogers , Calhoun County High School	Sandra Hartley , University High School
Pamela Sue Heater , Doddridge County High School	Lisa Leishman , Preston High School
Tina Cunningham , Gilmer County High School	Toria Trainor , Harman School
Karen Richmond , Liberty High School	Betty Biggs , Pickens School
Debbie Minnix , Lincoln High School	Carole Daniels , Tygarts Valley High School
Lori Steele , Robert C. Byrd High School	Jean Schmidt , Elkins High School
Pam McNemar , South Harrison High School	John "Wes" Norris , Grafton High School
Kimberly Marple , Lewis County High School	Beth Clevenger , Tucker County High School
Mike Gower , Fairmont Senior High School	Maretta Phillips , Buckhannon-Upshur High School

WIN, WIN, WIN!

POP QUIZ FOR PRIZES

Congratulations to the winner of May's Pop Quiz for Prizes,

Jonathan Swecker of Tygarts Valley High School

And all of the winners this year! Watch for next year's *Family Time's* Pop Quiz for Prizes for a chance to win prizes from a local colleges!

Challenger Center Day Trips



Students and their families will have an opportunity to visit the Wheeling Jesuit campus, and participate in a simulated space mission to Mars! We will also stop by Cabela's on the way home.

The trips will take place **Thursday, July 16th** and **Saturday, August 1st**.
Call the GEAR UP office to register:
1-877-385-0896 or
(304) 367-0436

More Summer Camp opportunities!

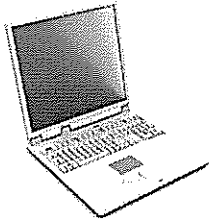
Learning Options is offering the following week long day camps this summer. All camps are at the Songbird Learning Center next to East Marion Park and include time to swim in the pool!

The Science of Genetics
French Exploration
Theater as Art



GEAR UP students can attend for FREE!
See attached flier for more information!

Congratulations to the Computer Scholarship Winners!



GEAR UP awarded 134 computers to GEAR UP students this year! Each winner received a brand new laptop computer with a printer and internet access for the remainder of the grant.

Don't miss out on this opportunity next year, be sure to apply.



Websites for Parents:

Reduce Underage Drinking

<http://www.toosmartostart.samhsa.gov/>

Understanding and identifying Stress

<http://www.samhsa.gov/economy/>

Highway Safety Toolkit for Youth

<http://noys.org/YouthTrafSafe/toolkit.html>



What can students do this summer to prepare for College?

1. **Volunteer:** many scholarship applications are going to be looking for volunteer hours and experiences
2. **Job Shadow:** a great way to explore careers you think you might be interested in
3. **Take advantage of summer camp experiences:** a great way to learn new things and explore subjects you are interested in
4. **Read for fun:** picking up a book during the summer, will help you stay on track for next year
5. **Work a summer job:** learning the responsibility of a job, will help with the time management skills needed for college.

Summer Camps 2009

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Three one-week **academic day camps** for youth **ages 13–17** will be offered this summer at the Songbird Learning Center next to East Marion Park.

Each camp will run Monday through Friday from **9 AM to noon**, after which lunch will be provided, then **swimming until 4 PM**. (Games and movies will be offered on afternoons when weather prohibits swimming.) Students who do not wish to participate in lunch and/or swimming may be picked up early, but will not be dismissed without written parental permission. Students may be dropped off at 8 AM for an additional fee.

All camps will include instruction and hands-on activities, with student-generated projects.

Week one, June 22–26: The Science of Genetics. Classes will cover DNA structure; protein synthesis; ethical considerations; current topics in bioengineering, generational and population genetics; and recessive and dominant characteristics. Each class will include numerous demonstrations and lab activities, such as virtual population genetics simulations, DNA extractions, transcription and translation activities, and classroom genetic surveys.

Week two, July 6–10: French Exploration. This camp will introduce students to conversational French language and structure by way of hands-on activities. Students will learn and practice appropriate vocabulary as they prepare French dishes, play French sports, and explore the culture of France and other French-speaking countries.

Week three, July 20–24: Theater as Art. Students will be introduced to monologues, dialogues, one-act, and full performances. They will learn about characterization, voice and staging, with practice and individual coaching. The culmination will be individual and/or paired performances. Scripts, costuming, props and video recording will be provided.

Registration opens May 26 and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited to 20 students per week. Excess registrations will be assigned to a waiting list and available places assigned by lottery, winners to be announced June 12.

Cost is **\$100 per week**. Tuition is free to **GEAR UP** students. Limited need-based tuition assistance is available.

For more information and/or a registration form: Call Mary Ellen Sullivan at Songbird Learning Center, 304-366-3722 or 304-795-4388, or email songbirdlc@verizon.net.