



June News from Kim

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Congratulations 2011 Graduates

Chantal A.
Jordan B.
Brittany C.
Stacie D.
Joey D.
Cory E.
Tracy J.
Brooke K.
Courtney K.
Savanna M.
James M.
Jameska M.
Nicholas M.
Amanda P.
David R.
Courtney S.
Lyndsee T.
Tyler Y.



"The more that you
read, the more
things you will know.
The more that you
learn, the more
places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

YOU DID IT!

All of your hard work, frustration and tears have paid off. Have the courage to take risks. There is no such thing as overnight success. To reach your goals, you must have patience, persistence and motivation. Set goals for your future, but remember that goals can change and change is not failure. Your life has just taken a turn....enjoy it! Let me take this time to thank all of the graduates for allowing me to get to know you over these years. Each and every one of you has such special and unique qualities....use them the best way possible. And as always, if there is ever anything I can do for you....or if you just feel the need to talk with someone....I am always available. *Kim*

****Things....they are a changin'****

The WIA program is making some changes from the way most of you know it. This is not an entitlement program and students must now show an interest in this program and what it has to offer. What does this mean? A student must have good attendance and behavior and also attend some of the classes and workshops before supportive services can be given (i.e. school clothing, car repair, gas cards, etc). I try to make these classes as fun and informative as possible. I just wanted to give you a heads up for next year. I will explain in more detail once we meet in August.





HELP!!!

I am in need of ideas for future newsletters. I am looking for volunteers to help me write articles or columns. This is an ideal opportunity for you to bring out your talents and thoughts. Be a sportswriter, be the next Dear Abby, draw your own comics. I am open to any suggestions....



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Stay Safe—Be Responsible

Summer is the time for fun, partying and being with friends. But too often, this leads to drinking and even worse can lead to drinking and driving. Here are some facts: *Teens do drink and they often drink to excess. *49% of emergency room visits were people under the age of 21 with alcohol-related problems. *Teen drivers are more likely to engage in risky behavior and even less likely to see it as dangerous. *IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!

Driving is a privilege that comes with an enormous amount of responsibility. It takes skill, concentration and limited distractions to remain safe behind the wheel. Have fun...enjoy the summer...but do it without the risk of hurting yourself or someone else. Are a few beers worth fines, prison time or worse? If you do find yourself in a situation where you cannot drive, call your parents (yes, you will probably be grounded), call a cab, call your sober friends or as I have said before, call me.... I will be more than happy to come get you...but I will have to inform your parents ☺.

How to get along better with your parents. Sometimes it is difficult to get along with your folks. You are changing and change can be hard. Here are some suggestions to make life a little easier for you and your parents.

1. Know the rules. Sit down with your parents and write down all the rules.....What time is curfew? What is your limit of text messages on phone? How much time can you spend on computer?
2. Communicate. The number one complaint of parents is that they cannot communicate with their teens. Communication is needed to make households run smoothly. Believe it or not, your parents want to be part of your lives and while some may think they may interfere a bit too much...be patient...relax and open up. Share your dreams, concerns, or fears.
3. Ask for some space. Some parents forget that you are almost an adult and still want to care for you. Don't get angry at them, just ask for some space. Let them know that you need your privacy and if you ask respectfully, you are more than likely to get it.

The Summer Work Experience program has just started and there are 30 students involved. Ohio University, Athens County Public Libraries, AceNet, New to You, Coonskin Crossing, and Beacon School are just a few of the sponsors for this year's program. I hope all of you in this program will have a positive experience.