

NEWSLETTER

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edYOUnet
empowerment through education

Welcome to our Second Quarterly newsletter.

November 30, 2021 is **Giving Tuesday** – the Worlds Biggest Day of Generosity. As the end of the year is approaching, remember that EdYOUnet’s parent company The Prepared Table Education Foundation is a 501(c) 3. At the end of the Newsletter you will find instructions for donations.

We want to keep you informed of the progress we are making to obtain our Mission and Vision below:

The **Mission** of EdYouNet is Empowerment Through Education, providing those underserved populations of students with a web-based format of fundamental educational subjects to supplement and reinforce school curriculum.

Material is organized by grade and subject with each module including animation/videos, activities/puzzles, songs, and feedback/incentives. Students remain engaged through relatable characters, adventures and activities.

Students’ imaginations are captured. Students’ curiosity is encouraged. The result is increased competence, confidence and self-esteem.

EdYouNet’s **vision** is to level the playing field, placing the underserved students on par with required grade-level standards.

As all of you know due your expressed interest in our endeavor, EdYouNet’s **long-term goal** is to provide equity in education across diversity, as defined by ethnicity and socio-economic status. This will be provided through daycare programs, church after school programs, service organizations, and community/business organizations.

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Differentiating Factors:

edYOUnet materials incorporate Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Culturally Response Teaching to address racial inequity in education.

ULD is based in scientific research on the *why*, the *what* and the *how* of learning. edYOUnet embraces the use of multiple means of engagement, representation, and action with the use of animation, music, and interactive activities.

Culturally Response Teaching is a research-based approach that makes meaningful connections between what students learn in school and their cultures, language, and life experience. These connections help students access curriculum, develop skill related to learning and see the relevance between what they learn and their lives. The animation lessons are not conducted in a school room; students are experiencing life through encounters in the park, at the store, in nature; the learning materials apply to everyday events, such as splitting a pizza (fractions), making change and counting money, understanding and practicing good behavior while playing and sharing toys.

The culturally diverse characters provide an opportunity to emphasize using cultural knowledge and prior experiences as frames of reference. The ethnic diversity facilitates learning encounters to be relevant and fun.

Educational materials are designed to encourage students to be curious and engage in learning by using safe language and environments. Children become empowered, accepting of others and feel they have a community of learning.

Highlights and Updates:

- A number of Pre-K lesson plans have been turned into scripts.
- Scripts for elementary science topics are being written.
- An animator has completed an animation and is working on additional animations.
- A team of voice-over actors has been recording scrips for animations headed by Brian Martin along with Sophia and Mason.
- Some music has been written and more is on the way thanks to Mirto Dorcil
- We are in consultation with an experienced grant writer providing feedback and tips.
- Website is scheduled to go live mid- December 2021.

Continuing

Script writing
Animation production
Finalizing website
Planning for piloting of Pre-K modules
Soliciting funding support from philanthropic groups
Writing for Grant funding

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Spotlight – Grant McCarthy



Grant was introduced to us fall 2020 when he started his MBA at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School by Shefali Kashiv another MBA student working with us. Grant, who is very passionate about education, already had his own organization, PrepHQ, which prepares high school students for college entrance exams. He has been essential in character development, and animation and voice-over process. Although Grant has accepted a position in Nashville, TN in the bitcoin industry, he will continue to contribute to our mission. Presently he is Director of Policy and Public Affairs at BTC, Inc. and will soon transition to COO Bitcoin Advocacy Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the American Public on Bitcoin. We are very proud of Grant and wish him all the very best.

In the News

Thursday, October 7, 2021

More than 140,000 U.S. children lost a primary or secondary caregiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/more-140000-us-children-lost-primary-or-secondary-caregiver-due-covid-19-pandemic>

The Importance of Diversity & Cultural Awareness in the Classroom Drexel University School of Education

<https://drexel.edu/soe/resources/student-teaching/advice/importance-of-cultural-diversity-in-classroom/>

Missing & Disengaged Students; The Hunt Institute, Nov. 23, 2021

<https://hunt-institute.org/resources/2021/07/missing-disengaged-students/>

Donations

Tax deductible contributions can be sent to “The Prepared Table Educational Foundation c/o William Brockett, 2527 Painted Sunset Ellicott City, MD 21044. Soon donations will be able to be made at the website, www.edyounet.net

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