

NEWSLETTER

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edYOUnet
empowerment through education

Welcome to our Third Quarterly newsletter

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

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

Materials -are 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 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.

Differentiating Factors:

edYOUnet is different from other online and general education materials because of the relatable animator characters who learn from each other outside the classic school room. Through their adventures and real-life experiences, the characters learn from each other about the application of basic knowledge, family dynamics and cultural traditions. Learning is relevant and engaging.

Highlights and Updates:

- A grant has been submitted to the Ann Arundel Women's Giving Circle.
- The logo trademark has been assigned by the USPTO after a period of time where no companies challenged the design.
- Third grade lesson plans are being turned into scripts.
- Scripts for elementary science topics continue being written.
- Animations of scripts continue to be produced.
- A team of voice-over actors continue recording scripts for animations.
- Music continues to be written thanks to Mirto Dorcil.
- The team has expanded to include an experienced grant writer and a website director to work with a website hosting company.
- The edYOUnet team continues to expand to include additional experienced educators, computer experts, editors, and grant writers.

Spotlight –

Matt Bogusz and Andrea Gible, owners of Club SciKidz Maryland are active participants in edYOUnet. Both Matt and Andrea have a passion for education. The edYOUnet material will be piloted at their location during the summer programs. Matt is providing lessons in Science and Andrea is writing scripts for characters to be turned into animations.



Matt Bogusz moved to Maryland from the great state of New Jersey to attend college at the University of Maryland, where he graduated in 2011 with a degree in Kinesiology. While at Maryland, he competed for the University of Maryland Wrestling Team where he realized his passion for teaching and coaching. Matt continued his studies at UMD and received a Masters in Education in 2012. He taught elementary school for several years in Howard County Public Schools and also coached varsity wrestling for four years at Long Reach High School. He joined Club SciKidz Maryland the summer of 2016 as a site director for summer camp and joined the Club SciKidz team full time in June 2017. Club SciKidz is a great company, since it allows Matt to pursue his passion of teaching science and inspiring children. The best part of every day is watching the children's faces light up during experiments.



Andrea Gible has worked summers with Club SciKidz since the summer of 2014. In addition to her summer work with Club SciKidz, she taught elementary school with Baltimore County Public Schools for ten years, as well as for four years previously at a private school in New Jersey. During that time, she served as a GT Facilitator and as a member of the School Progress Team. She has been nominated for the Baltimore County Public Schools and local and county Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year awards. Andrea earned a Masters in Education in 2012. Her work with Club SciKidz turned into a full-time position in June 2017. She is passionate about giving children hands-on experience to learn and explore concepts. They learn so much more when they are engaged and actively participating in their learning. One of the things she loves most about Club SciKidz is that their programs are built around giving children hands-on experiences, introducing them not only to science and technology concepts, but also to careers and paths to use this knowledge in the future.

In the News

EdYOUnet is a product of The Prepared Table, Founder & President Pastor William Brockett

<https://tn.chalkbeat.org/2022/2/2/22912730/memphis-shelby-county-black-girl-magic-graduation-rates-racism-sexism-academic-success-college>

National studies and statistics more often “problematize” rather than promote Black girls in K-12 schools, focusing on topics like the school-to-prison pipeline, hair or aesthetic bias, or disproportionate rates of suspension, drop-out, or teen pregnancy, said Danielle Apugo, an assistant professor of education at Virginia Commonwealth University and co-editor of the book “Strong Black Girls: Reclaiming Schools in Their Own Image.”

“Black girls and Black girlhood are lumped into categories with Black males and Black women, which flattens the dynamism of our experiences in K-12,” said Apugo, whose studies focus on the educational experiences, culture, resistance, and intellectual uprising of Black women and girls in the United States.

Maryland School children statistics

More than 25% of middle school students cannot read at basic level.

More than 33% of middle school students cannot do basic math.
There has been no change in these statistics in 20 years!

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