



January 2014

Libby GEAR UP supports 7th, 8th and 9th grade students for the 2013-2014 school year.

My Voice Surveys results are in. HERO's will plan an outreach to utilize the results

Future GEAR UP Events:

8th Grade EXPLORE Parents Night:

Feb. 6th at 6:00 pm

Feb. 11th at 7:00 pm

We will be serving nachos, presenting results, navigating websites and formulating a four year high school plan.



EXPLORE Results - Staff Training: January 31st (student ski day)

GEAR UP Technology Career Day: February 20th, 12:15 pm to 3:25 pm. We hope to have 12-14 speakers from a variety of local careers. This will be for grades 7-9.

STEM Days: April 24th, grades 7 and 8 will be at FWP, Libby Dam and Cabinet Peaks Medical Center. May 1st and 8th, 9th grades will be at Libby Legacy Asbestos.

GEAR UP TEAM

Libby GEAR UP Team: Ruth VanWorth-Rogers, Mark Kruez, Kim Lee, April Rewerts, Deanna Malyevac, and Kirby Maki, Michelle Harmon.

GEAR UP Mathematics/Data Management: Deanna Malyevac

Gear Up Liaison: April Rewerts

GEAR UP IT Support: Melody Rohrer

GEAR UP Parent: Mitzi Carlson

GEAR UP Students:



GEAR UP Team meeting:
Next meeting will be Thursday, March 27th. See you then.



HEROs:

HEROs are back this year! Our first meeting was in October. Students in grades 7-9 who previously participated in GEAR UP activities attended as leadership students. In November, we plan to open it up to ALL students interested in a leadership committee. Please encourage students to attend our next meeting! Students in HEROs will be planning events to encourage classmates to prepare for postsecondary training and careers. 9th grade HEROs may apply to be part of the Mentor Program.

Mentor Program:

Mr. Kreuz and Mrs. Lee about have our Mentor Program off the ground. 9th grade students are turning in their applications this month to Mr. Kreuz.

Teachers: Are you interested in Summer Professional Development in these areas??

- Math Vertical alignment
- Differentiated Instruction for Math
- Ipad Apps for Math

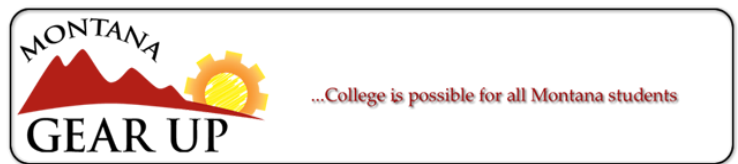
If you are interested, please let Mrs. Van Worth-Rogers know.

2014-2015 Planning

Teachers of all 7, 8, 9, and 10th graders are affected by GEAR UP. Please voice your opinion in the planning of 2014-2015. Among other possibilities throughout the school year, each grade level needs to be offered:

- A College Visit
- A STEM Day
- Supplemental materials for classroom or curriculum in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.
- Career Information
- Financial Aid Information for college

Lincoln County Campus College Visit



In early December 2013, Lincoln County Campus (LCC) of Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) hosted all of Libby High School's 9th grade students as well as all of Libby's 12th grade students for "Student for a Day" on their home campus. GEAR UP and Graduation Matters supported the event by making classroom and travel arrangements to ensure student exposure on yet another college visit.

LCC showcased four different subject areas for the students as they toured the school; occupational trades, math, medical and social sciences. As a bonus, students were given time to ask questions to a student panel. LCC students did an exceptional job of answering real-life questions about college in our home town and our high school students were genuinely interested. Libby High students are now more aware of what our hometown campus has to offer for those seeking post-secondary education and also obtained more of an understanding on running start and the possibility of receiving college credits while in high school. LCC offered a great experience to our students that we will look to duplicate for all of our LHS students in the future.



Motivational Speaker Aric Bostick FIRED UP! our Middle School and High School student body in November 2013. We also had students attend from Eureka, Troy and Thompson Falls. Each grade level received an hour long presentation to inspire them to rise above the challenging situations in their life to aim higher, become more, and enjoy life. More than 70 students participated in Aric's two hour leadership training in the afternoon designed to equip our school leaders with skills to encourage their classmates and positively lead their school.



Rotary Club of the Kootenai Valley has partnered with GEAR UP to begin an INTERACT Club at LMHS! INTERACT is a service learning leadership club sponsored by Rotary. Students involved will take an active leadership role within the school community and develop service activities within the school, community, and globally. Members will be eligible for scholarships, summer camps and international opportunities. The first meeting was held on January 9th. We had enough participants to establish the club, we would like to encourage more students to join. The next meeting will be held Thursday January, 30th at lunch time in the Timber Room.

