

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Academy: Resilience
- ESY (Summer School)



Legislative Breakfast—Springfield Success!



Legislative Breakfast- Springfield Update

Fox Tech is happy to announce that the legislative breakfast trip to Springfield was a great success this year. Students from several Menta Schools participated in this wonderful opportunity to serve breakfast to their state legislators. Fox Tech students and staff also had the exciting opportunity to meet their new House Representative for their local District, Barbara Hernandez. During the meet and greet, Ms. Hernandez shared her excitement about the opportunity that she has been given to help advocate for our schools and students at the state level. Ms. Hernandez also stated that she is looking forward to seeing us next year as well.

About the trip

During the trip, Students and staff had the opportunity to enjoy several activities together. To begin the trip, participants from Fox Tech, CORE Academy, and Oak Park had the opportunity to eat lunch together at Portillos. Once the group had eaten lunch, they met with the other participating Menta Schools at the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

In the museum, students and staff had the opportunity to learn about historic facts as well as observe an extensive collection of materials relating to Abraham Lincoln and his era through a variety of venues. Students and staff experience informational exhibits as well as special effects theaters and dis-

plays of original artifacts. Once the museum was toured, staff and students leave for their hotels to check in.



Dinner at Olive Garden

One of the more exciting moments of the trip for students and staff is the opportunity where we have dinner with our board members at Olive Garden. During dinner, members of our organizational leadership team get a chance to learn about each of our students and vice-versa.

The Legislative Breakfast

All of the students and staff along with the Board members meet at the Capitol early in the morning to set-up. Students help set-up tables where they will be serving several breakfast items such as yogurt parfaits, muffins, cookies, and drinks. Once the day begins, students take turns handing out each of the breakfast items to visitors and legislators. At the same time, the visitors and legislators get an opportunity to learn about our organization and the reasons for our trip. Another exciting moment for our students is when they get the opportunity to deliver breakfast items to the Governor,

Hotel Stay

When students learn that they will be staying the night in a hotel, they become very excited. Several students who have participated in this trip have shared with staff that they have not had the opportunity to stay at a hotel before. Students enjoy that they have some level of independence during their stay. Students are expected to go to bed at a time where they will have a good night's rest so they can start their day around 5:30am the following morning. Student's are also expected to wake up on their own and dress professionally to look presentable for their state legislators in the capitol.



Welcome Mr. Ryan!

Fox Tech Transition has had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Ryan Pozen to the Fox Tech team. A veteran staff, Mr. Ryan has worked for The Menta Group for 16 years. He has seen Fox Tech evolve from when it was combined with CORE Academy as AEC to an independent post-secondary program. Ryan brings expertise in the Expanded Menta Method as well as positive behavior supports. We are very happy to have him a

part of our team!



Spring is Finally Here!

How we're prepping for Summer

Our school year is already coming to a close! June 14th marks the end of 4th quarter as well as the end of our 2018-2019 school year. At this time, we begin to prepare for ESY (Extended School Year), or otherwise known as Summer School. ESY begins June 18th this year and ends August 9th. Hours for summer school will be 8am to 12pm. For most trainees and students, going to school over the summer can be daunting, but this extension of our services is imperative for the behavioral and mental health for our trainees and students. Because we are a

post-secondary program, our focus during the summer looks no different than our focus during the

regular school year. Trainees and students can anticipate to work on the same goals as they did during the regular school year. The improved weather conditions, however, allow us Project-Based Learning opportunities we would not otherwise have in the colder months. This summer, the trainees and students will be reconstructing our standing garden bed as well as our greenhouse. This will give our high school students an opportunity to earn additional credits towards graduation. We look forward to all the exciting upcoming

