

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY INTERVENTION ACADEMY

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ACADEMIC  
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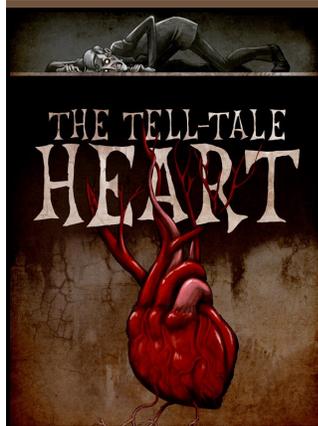
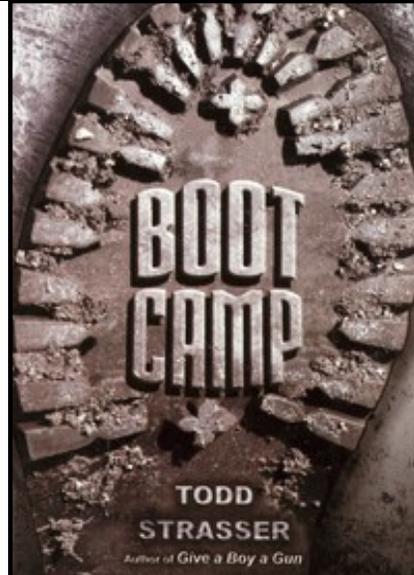
The Intervention Academy is very proud of our students and their accomplishments:

- **AVERAGE INCOMING SCORES 2015-2016 SY:**  
Reading: **7.70 GL**  
Math: **7.37 GL**
- **AVERAGE EXITING SCORES 2015-2016 SY:**  
Reading: **9.95 GL**  
Math: **9.24 GL**
- **TOTAL CREDITS RECOVERED = 1648.0**
- **2015-2016 CREDITS EARNED = 48.5**
- **TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS ISSUED = 30**
- **NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS 2015-2016 = 0**
- **WORKKEY TOTALS:**  
Gold: **34**  
Silver: **123**  
Bronze: **37**
- **GED's EARNED:**  
Adults: **438**  
Juvenile: **102**

In the month of September, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. D classes read the riveting novel **Boot Camp** by Todd Strasser. The main character in the novel, Garrett, is kidnapped from his home and taken to a boot camp called Lake Harmony in Utica, New York. There he is faced with many difficulties, is beaten, humiliated, and degraded. While reading the book we worked on improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, and characterization. Throughout the novel we stopped after each section to answer comprehension questions, to develop student questions, to discuss different vocabulary terms, and to write summaries. To close out the novel we were given a written assessment and created a characterization poster. Students had to select a character they identified with or did not relate to and create a poster reflecting the character's traits ~ **K.S.**

#### Students' feelings on the book...

- F.S. said, "It relates to our life!"*
- L.W. said, "Emotional!"*
- D.S. said, "Plot twisting!"*
- M.H. said, "Very suspenseful!"*
- C.C. said, "Intense and very extreme!"*
- I.C. said, "Thoughtful warning about our future, if we don't think about our actions."*
- R.S. said, "Enthusiastic!"*

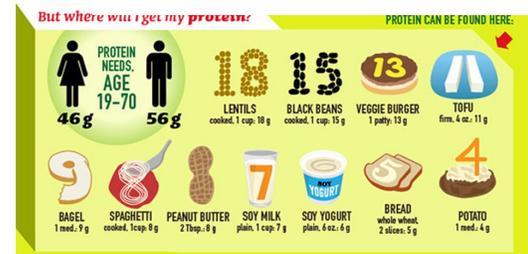


This month in Mrs. D's class we learned about the legendary Edgar Allan Poe. Poe is known for his eerie writing style in which he often uses irony, the contrast between expectation and reality. While reading a *Tell-Tale Heart*, we encountered problems between a man, his sanity, and an unfortunate old man. To test our knowledge on irony, the class created an alternate ending to the famous story, *The Tell-Tale Heart*. The goal was to capture Poe's spooky writing style and voice.

Also, our class participates in Genius Friday. Every Friday our class explores a topic, researching, putting together a presentation, and eventually presenting to share our information. The last few weeks we researched states. Each student picked a different state, and became a genius about their state; sharing all kinds of things, from the attractions to the governors. We all learned a little something about our states!  
~ **A.J.M. 2**

Friday, October 23, 2015 Mrs. Lloyd's class presented their genius Friday projects. I conducted a presentation about veganism and vegetarianism. I decided to do a power point on this subject because I have strong convictions for animals and the way they are treated. I myself decided to become a lacto vegetarian, meaning I don't eat meat or eggs but will eat dairy, because I watched a documentary called *Earthlings* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrgjXcyYWQE>).

The documentary shows the way animals are tortured and slaughtered for human consumption. Every year 56 billion animals worldwide are killed to supply our need for food. The most common question asked to a vegetarian is, "where do you get protein from?" ~ **K.S.**



The top three sources of protein are Lentils which contain 18 grams of protein. Black beans containing 15 grams of protein and veggie burger which contain 13 grams of protein.

Quotes that inspired my decision to become a vegetarian:

"Thanksgiving sad and thankless, Christmas dinner dark and blue, when you stop and see it from the turkey's point of view." ~ **Shel Silverstein.**

"If slaughter houses had glass walls everyone would become a vegetarian." ~ **Paul McCartney.**

### Amy Townsend

Amy Townsend is the newest teacher to join the Intervention Academy. She comes to our school from Yale Public Schools and has her teaching certificate in Special Education and Math.

She enjoys coaching basketball, hunting and spending time with her family.

**WELCOME AMY!**



# Student Garden Project

In the spring, Mr. Nathan's class began this school years garden project by writing local businesses and requesting donations of plants and other materials we would need to have another successful project. After we received a few donations from local business such as Lowes and Home Depot it was time to break ground! The students pulled weeds and tilled the soil using nothing more than shovels and man, or student power. After the ground was worked and fertilized the students planted seeds and plants of various fruits and vegetables ranging from tomatoes to watermelon. Over several months the students tended the plants and pulled weeds to ensure a good crop. Students got to enjoy a fresh salad made from the lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes that they helped grow. Other items harvested included acorn and butternut squash, cantaloupe, green beans, peas, and peppers. ~ Mr. Nathan



Garden with Mural



Garden with chalk boards



Garden workers A.M., D.S., T.D., I.C.,M.A.



Garden workers M.H., I.C., M.A., C.W., T.D.

## BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

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Listed in photo: Mr. Peyerk, A.Z., J.B.H, A.M., A.M., and R.H.

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## New DTNW Classroom

Day treatment Night watch is expanding! Recently, the third classroom, known as the library, has been converted to Ms.T's classroom. Now, students are switching classrooms every hour, like traditional high school. This change not only benefits the students and teachers, but also the staff. With smaller classroom sizes, the students are able to get the help they need and staff can easily monitor the smaller classes. Now students have a more normal or traditional experience in school given the circumstances of where they are.

~ AJMI



Ms. T's New Classroom outfitted with new computers and a SmartBoard.