

THE LINK

CONNECTING TURNING POINT ACADEMY TO THE COMMUNITY

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PRINCIPAL

Hello!

This is the first issue of our first quarterly newsletter EVER. I am excited to open this new means of communication with all our stakeholders this year.

Despite what brings our students to us, we at Turning Point Academy, strive hard to provide meaningful, learning experiences for our students. We hope this newsletter will showcase some of the great things we have going on within our program.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you would like to volunteer or help support our program. The opportunities are endless for successful outcomes if the community works together.

Sincerely,

Lauren Calloway, M. Ed.

WHO ARE WE?

Turning Point Academy is the education program located within the Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center. We follow the Lynchburg City Schools academic calendar and academic pacing guides. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Students are enrolled in a summer enrichment program two weeks after school ends and two before school begins. Virginia SOL tests are administered during the fall and spring of each school year. In addition, ISAP and GED services are available as well as IEP/504 assistance as deemed appropriate and required.

Member One partners to teach Personal Finance Course

It had come to Principal Calloway's attention that many of her students had a disconnect between how the world of finance really worked. Over the past few years they have had guest speakers from several local banks to visit the education program but she felt they need something more. Something that could be more focused on the basics and delivered in a way that students would be receptive. In the spring of 2018 at the LCS Education Partners Breakfast she reconnected with a professional colleague named Teresa Davis. It turns out Ms. Davis was now employed with Member One and was interested in possibly partnering. That one meeting grew into several planning meetings and a program was created. During the 2018-19 school year bank branch manager Ms. Davis along with fellow branch manager Ryan Bell delivered a personal finance curriculum to the students twice a month during math class. At the conclusion of the classes, Member One wanted to reward the students for a job well done. It was decided that pizza would be given out during our annual field day celebration at the end of school year.



Pictured are Ms. Davis, Ms. Johnson – TPA math teacher, and Mr. Bell.

"Realizing the Possibilities... Promoting the Change"

Turning Point Academy Motto

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END OF THE YEAR FUN



Every June for the past two years we've ended the summer enrichment program with Field Day. Field Day begins around 9am and goes until 2:30pm with a break for lunch. Activities vary each year but constants such as basketball and cornhole tournaments are favorites amongst the students.

This year we added a staff vs. students volleyball game to the roster. It was big hit and ended in a huge upset as the staff won! The event led organizer each year has been our P.E./Health teacher Mr. Vennable. He has already started thinking of activities for this year's events.



Pictured: Front Row – Mr. Vennable (P.E. Teacher), Nurse Thomas, and Mr. Drew (English Teacher)
Back Row: Ms. Wade (Post-D), Ms. Revely (Admin), Mr. Schaeffer (CPP), and Mr. Brown (Mental Health Liaison)

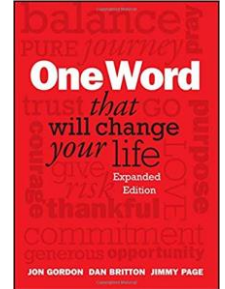
SNACK AND PAINT DAY

We have an art teacher with us three days a week at Turning Point Academy. Ms. Halsey teaches units to students throughout the year using different mediums and techniques. The students enjoy her classes and the work they complete is amazing. We held a Snack and Paint Day for all the students in the gym. Each student (as well as any staff or teacher that wanted to participate) was given their own canvas and paint plate. Ms. Halsey walked everyone step by step through the painting process. Mid way through students were given a break and provided snacks. The end result – several different versions of moonlight water. The exercise provided students the opportunity to practice blending and shading as well as how to apply color to achieve the effects you want.



TPA STAFF BOOK STUDY

This year for part of our professional development we are reading a book. One Word was given to the teachers when they returned from the summer. The entire team, including our administrative office manager, has read the book and we each have shared our ONE word for the year. Each person was asked to select a word that would guide their decisions in working with not only our students but one another to take our program to the next level. We have been able to use the ideas in One Word to be a driving force to inspire us to bring out the best in those around us.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

7th – National Read for the Record Day
Annual Assembly – 1:00pm

22nd – Turning Point Academy
Open House – 10:00am – 11:30am