

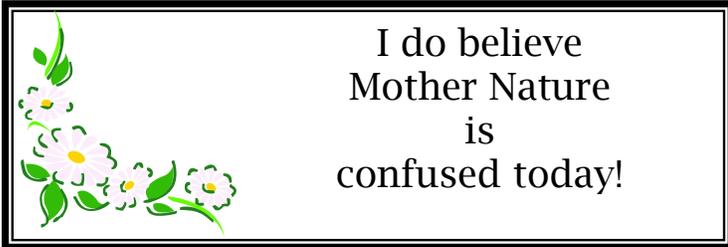


March 2014

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

# Staff Meetings

GEAR UP Team meeting:  
Next meeting will be Thursday,  
May 22nd. See you then.



## Future GEAR UP Events:

### STEM Days:

April 17th: 8th grade will visit the Libby Dam  
April 24th, 7th grade will be at FWP and Cabinet Peaks Medical Center.  
May 1st and 8th, 9th grades will be at Libby Legacy Asbestos, Lincoln County Health Department.

May 13th, 7th grade "I Pledge to Graduate" Breakfast Ceremony.

May 20th, Graduation Matters K-12 Learning EXPO

May 20th, Expanding your Horizons for 7/8th grade girls.



### 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:

The mentor program is up and running by Mr. Kreuz and Mrs. Lee. Piloting began in February with 2 middle school students and 2 high school students.

## **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! Spring Planning meeting for the Team is in Great Falls on April 28th and 29th. Please get your requests and suggestions to the GEAR UP team ahead of time! 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

## **GEAR UP TEAM**

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

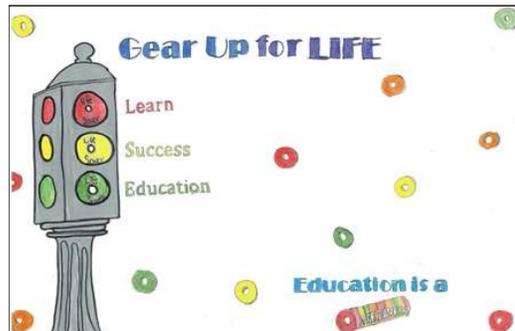
GEAR UP Mathematics/Data Management: Deanna Malyevac

Gear Up Liaison: April Rewerts

GEAR UP IT Support: Melody Rohrer

GEAR UP Parent: Mitzi Carlson

GEAR UP Students:



# Technology Career Day

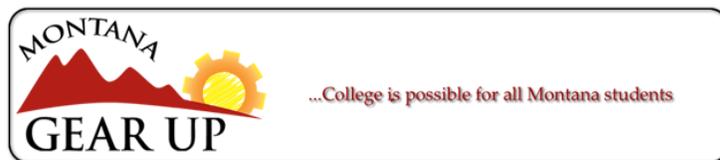
## Technology Career Day

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, many volunteers from our community generously stepped into our classrooms to give our students an afternoon of career awareness. Career speakers not only spoke about the importance of Graduation and post-secondary education, but also sparked the interest of students in local careers that many were not even aware of. Speakers included representatives from the CARD clinic, Cabinet Peaks Medical Center, CDM Smith, the United States Forest Service, KLCB Broadcasting, the Community Health Center, Local Business Owners, Plum Creek, TBC Timber, The Western News, Lincoln County Environmental Health, and LMHS Robotics Club.



## Career Day from a student's perspective By Anna Lee

It was Career Day on February 20, 2014 and the students of Libby Middle School were given a glimpse into what the future may hold. As a student myself and one who is yet to decide my own future, I looked forward to this event with anticipation. The occupations of the speakers varied, providing something appealing for every student. First, Jessie Pate gave us a glimpse into the surprisingly exciting world of the library and the growing opportunities there. Next, Jeff Stevenson from the United States Forest Service, told us all about the different forms of firefighting. Further, Jen McCully and Nick Raines from Lincoln County Environmental Health talked to us about inspections of licensed facilities and about animal control. Also, Duane Williams, the owner of KLCB Broadcasting told us about what experience and education was required for public broadcasting. Finally, Karen Alexander, a Speech Pathologist at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center, shared her own experience and even gave us a short quiz to help us see what our best option in a therapy career would be. In conclusion, Career Day was a good experience for students to gain a new perspective into our future and how we can get there.



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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. INTERACT held elections last month and the group is excited to move forward

