



Coaching Update

We have our last opportunities to forge connections with young writers before the school year concludes: several coaches are needed to work with Meadow Hill Middle School eighth graders on **May 31st, June 1st, and June 3rd**. Please visit our [coaching calendar](#) to sign up for these opportunities.

The pilot with the Muldown Elementary school went very smoothly. Coaches met with 4th grade students on four consecutive Fridays during the month of April. The teachers and students were very complimentary and grateful for the interaction between the Writing Coaches of Montana and the students. We look forward to the student presentations about their famous person in their "Wax Museum" on June 2 & 3. 4th grade teachers look forward to working with WCM again next year!



Pictured: A coach working with a Target Range 8th grader on an argument essay



Missoula & Bitterroot Gives

Missoula & Bitterroot Gives was a wild success! We surpassed our \$15,000 goal and received \$17,874 in donations. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped us spread the word! Because of this successful fundraising, we will be implementing organizational changes in staffing to help increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Stay tuned for exciting developments.



Save the Dates!

Missoula & Ravalli Party

Our end of the year coach appreciation party for Missoula & Ravalli will take place from **6-8pm on Wednesday, June 15th**.

Flathead Party

Our end of the year coach appreciation party for Flathead will take place from **4-6pm on Thursday, June 16th**.

Be on the lookout for electronic invitations via email in the next couple of weeks.

We invite educators, donors, and those interested in becoming coaches to join the parties, along with our outstanding coaches. This is a great way to celebrate the end of another successful school year!

Thank you, Shasta!

From Shasta, our WCM intern:

My time with WCM over the last several months has been nothing short of incredible. I greatly appreciate the warmth with which I was welcomed, and the support that everyone gave me! This internship was a completely new experience for me, and although I was nervous at first, the professional support and encouragement provided by Cassie and others allowed me to break out of my initial nervousness, and to develop my own set of professional skills. I learned *so much* in regard to non-profit work, and to the education system itself. Before this experience, I didn't really know what to expect from an internship such as this, but I soon learned that it meant doing a little bit of everything! Coaching students was both rewarding and helpful to my growth as a potential future educator, and managing WCM's social media proved to be a rigorous task! Being exposed to grant writing was daunting yet helpful, and of course, leading a volunteer workshop centered around something I am passionate about will be one of my favorite and most fulfilling memories. There is truly so much to be said about this experience, and I look forward to meeting again!

Looking to the future, I plan on applying for TAPIF, a program that matches undergraduate students with schools in France, teaching English as a second language. In the meantime, however, I am looking at applying to another internship involving education and writing. This time, I will be (potentially) working with fourth graders through a program directed by the Missoula Writing Collaborative! Once again, I am beyond thankful for all of the skills I have learned over the past few months. I will carry them into my future experiences!

Thank you, Shasta, for your outstanding service to WCM.

We wish you all the best on your professional journey ahead!

With gratitude,
The WCM Team

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