

Ken-Ton Big Picture TGIF

One student at a time.



Student Leads Pick Me Up

We share many of our Pick Me Up (PMU) activities in our newsletter because they are an important component of the program. PMUs help with teamwork, community building and engagement of each student in the program. It also gives opportunities for students to lead the whole school in an activity.

This week we had our first student-led PMU of the year. Caleb Bouthillier, 301 student, designed and ran his own PMU this week. Students were actively engaged and enjoyed the chance to work with one of their peers as the leader of the PMU. Congratulations to Caleb for a job well done!

Leaving to Learn

Big Picture Students Learn Outside of Classroom Walls

The 101 Advisory was able to step outside of the classroom this week to experience a part of WNY they have not seen before. The students along with their Advisor Karen Monaco took a hike at Eternal Flame Falls in Chestnut Ridge Park. The students hiked through the park, along the stream and found the waterfall with the flame burning behind the water. 001 Advisor Dan Litz and Teacher Aide Michelle Phillips joined the group for the hike.

Students were excited to be able to step outside of the classroom and apply the lessons from their Living Environment class. Big Picture Learning, the national organization we are a part of, encourages each of its schools to take students out into the real world to learn more. Field trips, internships and Leaving to Learn opportunities all apply to this philosophy. This is one way we allow our students to learn in a way that is different than the traditional high school.