

CASS KICKSTART TO CAREERS

NEWS YOU CAN USE



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A message from our President—

The Cassopolis Public Schools are in full swing this fall! We have enrolled 57 new Kindergarten students in the Cass Kickstart program, each with their own savings account containing



\$25, at Circle Federal Credit Union! Cass Kickstart provided \$1,425 as the initial seeding of these accounts. There are now 285 students in the Cass Kickstart program. All students and their families in grades K-4 are encouraged to add money to their savings accounts on a regular basis. We facilitate this practice by holding a Deposit Day on the first Thursday of each month at Sam Adams, where students can bring their deposits to school, to be collected there and deposited into the individual student's account. Students and their families can also make deposits at the credit union during regular business hours. Research has shown that a student who saves regularly for post high school education is 4 times more likely to attend college or technical training! Join the savers at Sam Adams!

Margie Yarger, Board President

Sharing our Message in the Community...



Back to School Event



Diamond Lake Event

Fall Literacy Night



On September 26, we participated in Sam Adams Literacy evening. We were on hand to offer a \$5 match for deposits made that evening to a

Cass Kickstart student account. Students enjoyed playing Penny Pitch and winning a cute pink piggy!

Diamond Lake Association Donation



The Diamond Lake Association has long focused on overseeing the health and safety of the lake, including water quality, invasive weed control, boater education and certification. In addition, since 2022 “Diamond Better” has been the focus of the association by promoting community events both on the lake and in the Village of Cassopolis and through communication on many platforms has established itself as the voice of the lake. Through these many volunteer efforts in 2023 they were able to donate a portion of event proceeds to Cass Kickstart to Careers

Understanding the Effects of Child Savings Accounts

Professor William Elliott III and the University of Michigan are conducting research in the fields of college savings accounts, college debt, and wealth equity. The first in a series of podcasts discuss the differences between “aspirational hope” and “tangible hope”. Not surprising that difference is having financial resources to reinforce the dream. Here is a link to the podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTVDk60UXic&t=1s>

The Gifting Season!!

During the holidays, many of us make charitable donations to local causes. I would like you to consider donating to Cass Kickstart this year. We are working to help our Cassopolis school children save money for their post high school education. All donations stay in our community and help local students reach their future educational goals. Give local. Give to Cass Kickstart!

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