
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Students Hired As Stepstone Academy IT Management Team!

(February 2014) Cleveland, OH – At Stepstone Academy our focus is not only on academic achievement, but on four cornerstones that contribute to being a good citizen. These cornerstones are: Respect, Responsibility, Problem Solving and Caring for others. Stepstone Academy student are asked to demonstrate the cornerstones in a variety of ways. However, seven of our K-2nd grades Scholars have taken these values to the next level by serving as classroom IT Managers. That's right – IT Managers.

Students ranging in age from 5-8 years old are responsible for assisting their peers with computer related issues, inclusive of: trouble shooting, rebooting unresponsive programs and ensuring fellow students are on point with appropriate technology games. Classroom IT Managers completed an application and interview process and are evaluated with weekly performance reviews. Students hired in as Assistant IT Managers even have opportunities for performance-based promotions!

Jim Dombrowski, *President and CEO of Trend Consulting*, one of Northeast Ohio's fastest growing IT Management companies, is ecstatic to support an exemplary program. As a results driven CEO and advocate for high-tech education, Jim has seen many "next best things" in the field come and go. When he heard about the innovative IT Management Program developed by Stepstone Academy Curriculum Specialist, Colleen Lennon, he just had to get involved.

"Colleen has created an opportunity for these students to exercise problem solving, citizenship toward others and high level thinking at an age level that hasn't been seen in any academic setting before." According to Jim, "this is simply one example of how Stepstone Academy differentiates itself from any other charter school or elementary program in Northeast Ohio."

Stepstone Academy is an OhioGuidestone organization. To learn more about the innovative happenings at Stepstone Academy or to make a contribution to support our high-quality program, contact Dana Ness, Corporate & Business Giving Officer, at 440.263.2874 or Dana.Ness@ohioguidestone.org. For more information about OhioGuidestone, please contact Alyssa Evanoff, Director of Communications, at 440.260.8392 or alyssa.evanoff@OhioGuidestone.org.



Jim Dombrowski, President and CEO of Trend Consulting, Supports the Stepstone Academy IT Management Team