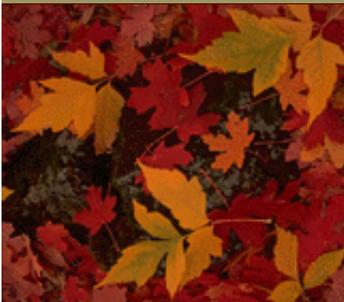


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HOME OF THE PIONEERS

# OMIAK GEAR—UP

## Second Annual Link Crew Freshman Event

By Jessica Rouse

The second annual Link Crew event for freshman's first day of school was a success. Over 30 11th and 12th graders volunteered there time to make sure that freshman started there first day of school off on the right foot!

Link Crew is a leadership program that connects upper-classmen with freshman. These juniors and seniors establish relationships with the freshman and help to make them feel like an important part of the high school community. They are leaders who are positive

role models and support people. They help prepare freshman for success by helping teach such things as time management, conflict management, instructions on how to use school resources, and encourage students to go to school events. The intention is to help increase freshman success academically and socially. Omak freshman had the best first day of school because of dedicated link leaders and staff.

Link Crew is now an official club and had their first meeting to nominate positions last

week. Congratulations to all students who have chosen to take a position on the board. Link Leaders are now in the process of planning there next event for the freshman! Keep your eyes and ears open because it will be our social event which has proven to be a lot of fun!!!



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Jessica Rouse

The after school program has begun in the GEAR UP room in the high school. Please join us from 3:00—4:30 Monday thru Thursday for tutoring, college readiness, and community service projects. We have

several high school tutors that can help in any subject area you need. They have taken the classes and know how to make sure you get your grades up.

Are you struggling in math? We are currently in the process of hiring an

adult math tutor so you will no longer be stumped by those hard math equations! Stop in and check out our tutor schedules in the GEAR UP room A155 in the high school.

**GET THOSE GRADES UP WITH GEAR UP!!**

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### Special points of interest:

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- What do you want to be? Come see us and find a college bound field trip to help you plan your future!

# LET ME INTRODUCE

Let me introduce to you the newest member of the Omak GEAR UP team, Mr. Todd Rouse. Todd has jumped in with both feet first! Todd will be working in the GEAR UP room under the supervision of Miss Jess putting together field trips, working with high school tutors, and running the after school program. He is also a part of the Link Crew team working with David Kirk, Andy Oliver and the link leaders. Most have met him but if you haven't please stop into the GEAR UP room and say "hi". Todd will be available for tutoring Monday thru Friday and will be in the office most days from 8am.—4:30. He is currently planning field trips bound for tech and community colleges. Don't miss out!



Mr. Todd Rouse  
GEAR UP Coordinator

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

*COLLEGE: It's not just a dream;  
it's a plan! Sign up for a field trip.*



## HIGH SCHOOL TUTORS

There are currently 18 tenth thru twelfth graders working in classrooms tutoring students in math, science, English, computer, and more. They will work daily in these classrooms with their teachers as well as take a college level class at W.V.C. where they will receive 3 credits paid for by GEAR UP. This will be the third year that Omak high school has

offered the GEAR UP class and each year more students and teachers find out about the class and want to be a part of it. This program not only helps students academically but it gives a chance for upper classmen to become mentors and earn college credits. If you are interested in taking this class please come see us.



*We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give~ Winston Churchill*