1. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Technology Department would like to thank all of the teachers in our district who consistently turn off their desktop computers and projectors as they leave for home each evening. Not only does this save the corporation money in electricity, but turning off desktop computers allows the application explorer to install any new software as it reboots the next morning. Additionally, turning off the projector extends the life span of projector bulbs, which range in cost from $80 to $500.

Keith Madsen ext. 3125

2. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE – HOSPITAL NETWORK

The current five (5) year contract with Parkview/Signature Care expires at the end of this calendar year (December 31, 2013). East Allen County Schools has received proposals from both Parkview (Signature Care) and Lutheran (Three Rivers Preferred) to provide in-network inpatient, outpatient, and medical professional services. Based on EACS medical claim history for the past three years the proposal provided by Lutheran (Three Rivers Preferred) is significantly less expensive. As EACS considers Lutheran's Proposal, one question that participants always have is their primary care physician in the Three Rivers Preferred Network. Our preliminary analysis is that 99% of the medical professionals in Allen County are in-network with Three Rivers Preferred. The provided link allows you to determine if your current physicians are in the Three Rivers Preferred Network: http://threeriversmd.com/search.php

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

3. EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS’ 403(b) PLAN – HARTFORD MONEY MARKET FUND INVESTMENT OPTION

403(b) Plan participants with allocations and/or existing balances in The Hartford Money Market Fund investment option will have until the close of business on September 20th to redirect their contribution allocation and/or existing balances to other investment options available within the EACS 403(b) Plan. JPMorgan Prime Money Market Fund has been added to the EACS 403(b) Plan as a replacement for the Hartford Money Market Fund. If a
participant does not re-direct their allocation or existing balance before September 20th, existing balances and future contributions will be made in the JPMorgan Prime Money Market Fund. If you have investment questions you can contact the local agent for EACS 403(b) Plan who is Kirk Davis and his phone number is 497-0711.

4. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #1, 2, & 3 for specific elementary, middle, and high school information.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

5. REMINDER: SYSTEM-WIDE IN-SERVICE

The System-wide in-service day is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10. See Enclosure #4 for more details.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

6. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TO HOST CITYWIDE PRESENTATION WITH PRINCIPAL BARUTI KAFELE – MOTIVATING BLACK MALES

On Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 6-8 pm at Paul Harding Jr. High, the Boys & Girls Club will host a citywide event with Principal Baruti Kafele presenting ‘Motivating Black Males’. See Enclosure #5 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

7. BRICKWORLD LEGO EXPOSITION

Brickworld Fort Wayne will be held September 28 & 29, 2013, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center. There will be a $1 off admission to Brickworld Fort Wayne for EACS employees and their families. To receive the discount, they will just need to purchase their tickets online at http://www.brickworld.us/fort. Enclosure #6 is more information regarding Brickworld Fort Wayne.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

8. PARKVIEW LiVe TO HOST FAMILY-FRIENDLY ‘GET HEALTHY’ PROGRAM

Once again, we’re hosting our popular LiVe Weight Management classes in Fort Wayne. Want to know more? We’re offering a free information session on Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at PPG – Cardiology, 2231 Carew St., Fort Wayne. This eight-week program, which focuses on nutrition and physical activity, is designed for families with children ages 6-18. You may self-refer or a physician may refer you to the program. The cost is $50 per family and includes: Complimentary family YMCA membership during the eight-week session, free recipes, menu planners and tips and expert advice from trained nutrition and fitness professionals. The next sessions will be: Mondays, Sept. 16 to Nov. 4 from 6:15 – 8 p.m. at Renaissance Pointe YMCA, Fort Wayne. Tuesdays, Sept. 17 to Nov. 5 from 6:15 – 8 p.m. at Parkview YMCA, Fort Wayne. For questions or to register see the attached form, e-mail Kathy.Wehrle@parkview.com, call (260) 373-8323 or visit livehealthy.parkview.com.

Eric Manor, ext. 1003
9. JOIN THE EACS STEP-BY-STEP WALKING PROGRAM

See Enclosure #7 for information regarding the Step-By-Step program. Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 10th.

Eric Manor, ext. 1003
**Writing Block**

Implementation of Lucy Calkins is optional for this school year. 6 Traits should be reviewed the first 2 weeks of school and put into daily writing practice. For help implementing Lucy Calkins or 6 Traits please see your instructional coach.

**Primary: (GK-2)** Units of Study for Primary Writing/Smekens Launch
- Introduce 6 traits first 2 weeks of school (they are embedded in Calkins).
- Read The Nuts and Bolts
- Review CD-ROM
- Follow curriculum
- Prepare supplies for students; writing tools and LC writing paper, writing folder, etc.
- Writing icons – on shared drive

**Intermediate: (G3-5)** Units of Study for Teaching Writing/Smekens Launch
- Introduce 6 traits first 2 weeks of school (they are embedded in Calkins).
- Read The Guide to the Writing Workshop
- Review CD-ROM
- Follow curriculum
- Prepare supplies for students; writing tools and, Writer’s Notebook, writing folder, etc.
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**Technology**

**Speech to Text**

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**Writing Prompt**

District Writing Prompt:
- Scoring use: found under RUBRICS
  - EACS K-1 Rubric – fall scored in red
  - G2-5 ISTEP+ writing appl/conv
  - G6-8 ISTEP+ writing appl/conv
- Inter-rater reliability within grade levels
  - Collaborate for common scoring
- Kindergarten – **Keep** B-M-E prompts
- G1-8 – **Keep** end-of-year prompt

**Compass Odyssey**

How to Assign Bundle Pretest
1. Choose the Assignment tab.
2. Choose Assignment Archive
3. Availability Choose:
   - My District
   - Grade-choose your grade
   - Keyword-type 2013-2014
   - Click search.
4. Select the assignments. Click “Assign to Students” Check the box next to your class name. This puts a check for all of your students. Click Finish
6. Click Close. If you do not click close, then the assignments will not be assigned.

**Collaboration Topics**

- Spelling
- Curriculum
- DIBELS and TRC Data
- iPAD Kick Off

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3. Click on 2013-2014 EACS Curriculum

iTunes U:
1. Go to iTunes U
2. In search box, type EACS and your subject
3. Download course
4. In downloaded course, click post tab
5. Click bundle 1 and download

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EACS SRI Lexile Ranges

- Grade 6 – 800 – 1050
- Grade 7 – 850 – 1100
- Grade 8 – 900 – 1150

Students should be using their lexile data to find just right books. Student should also be recording this information on their data sheets.

Collaboration Topics

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- DMR
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AGENDA
DISTRICT IN-SERVICE

September 10, 2013

Location: NHHS
7:15 – 8:15  Breakfast
8:15 – 8:45  State of the District Address – Dr. Ken Folks (Auditeria)
8:45 – 10:45 Grade Level/Department Level Meetings

(Group break at your discretion)
10:45 – 12:00  Lunch & travel/walk to Park Hill auditorium

Location: Park Hill Auditorium
12:00 – 1:30  Closing the Attitude Gap – Principal Kafele
1:30 – 2:00  Break
2:00 – 3:30  Motivating Black Males to Achieve in School & in Life – Principal Kafele

Certified staff and administrators attend all day. Other staff per principals’ request will be invited for lunch (11:00 – 12:00) and should plan to attend the afternoon sessions from 12:00 to 3:30 (see your principal for details).

We are looking forward to this opportunity to collaborate together as we start off the 2013-14 school year.
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne Presents

Principal Baruti Kafele

International Speaker
Milken National Educator
Best Selling Author

Award-winning principal, internationally-renowned education speaker and best-selling author, Principal Kafele is on fire! Principal Kafele will share proven strategies he used over his 21 year “mission” as a public school teacher and principal which inspired thousands of his Black male students to consistently soar academically. Strategies for developing a “Young Men’s Empowerment Program” will also be discussed.

A highly-regarded urban public school educator in New Jersey, Principal Kafele a distinguished a teacher in East Orange, N.J., was selected as the East Orange School District and Essex County Public Schools Teacher of the Year. He was also selected for Who's Who Among America's Teachers six times. As a middle and high school principal, he led the transformation of four different urban public schools in New Jersey, including Newark Tech High School, which went from a low-performing school in need of improvement to recognition by U.S. News and World Report Magazine as one of America's best high schools.


PRINCIPAL KAFELE LIVE
FREE to the Public - September 10

5:30pm—6:00pm  Reception and Seating
6:00pm to 7:00pm  Motivating Black Males Presentation
7:15pm—8:00pm  Q & A

Paul Harding High School Auditorium
25,000 square feet of spectacular LEGO® creations, interactive activities, and vendors await you at the greatest LEGO show ever!

At the Grand Wayne Center
Fort Wayne, Indiana
September 28 - 29, 2013
Saturday:  10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday:  10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Daily Admission
$6 for kids under 10
$9 for adults
$6 for military/seniors/
1st responders

Fun for the Entire Family!

Purchase tickets online at www.brickworld.us/fort/ and receive $1 off each admission for you and your family. Use coupon code EACS13.

Not valid with any other offer.
Offer valid thru Sept 29, 2013.

Brickworld is a proud sponsor of FIRST LEGO League.
The benefits to joining this walking program are:

- Increase metabolism
- Increase energy levels
- Mental clarity
- Reduce risk of developing chronic disease
- Improve blood lipid profile
- Improve body shape
- Improve blood pressure
- Improve blood sugar levels
- Friendly Competition

Shortly after registering for the Step-By-Step Walking Program you will receive an information packet, program materials and a pedometer. Please feel free to use your personal pedometer if you already have one. During this 6-week program you will be required to email or interoffice mail your weekly number of steps to a designated EACS Employee Wellness Representative (TBA). The participant who records the most steps per week will earn bragging rights as “EACS Walker of the Week”. Also, the participant who records the most total steps throughout the six week program will be announced.

The total number of steps per building/worksite will also be recorded each week. This will be determined by the equation below. This data will be emailed to you weekly; however the “winning” location will be announced at the end of the 6-week program.

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\text{Total number of steps of building/worksite} \div \text{Total number of participants}
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Last of all, EACS will be walking to a destination as a group – on paper, that is! The destination will be determined after registration is complete (September 10th) and everyone’s steps will count. You can watch the miles add up as we go.

Join the EACS STEP-BY-STEP Walking Program!
Registration deadline is Tuesday, September 10th.

When: September 17th – October 29th
Cost: $2.00 (covers the cost of a pedometer)
(You can use your personal pedometer if you already have one)

Please complete the attached registration form to enroll in the program.
Step-By-Step Registration

When: September 17th – October 29th

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 10th 2013

Cost: $2.00 (covers the cost of a pedometer)
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Sign Up Today!!!!

Fill out the form below to take the Challenge!

Name: __________________________

School/Worksite: ______________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Return Completed Registration To: Eric Manor in the EACS Administration Building or emanor@eacs.k12.in.us