**MAY 19TH REGULAR MEETING**

- The Spotlight on Education segment highlighted EACS’ Career Major Academy’s at each of our high schools. The CMA initiative has become a major focus on the secondary level as EACS strives to improve student achievement and focus on developing EACS graduates who will be strong contributors to our area workforce. **Judy VanFossen**, EACS’ CMA Consultant, introduced representatives from each of our high schools, along with a student intern and their mentor. Each intern and mentor shared how the mentorship has impacted them.

- Formal discussion began regarding the Superintendent’s Strategic Planning Recommendation. Many patrons, employees, parents and students expressed their concerns.

**MAY 5TH WORK SESSION**

- **Dr. Jan MacLean**, Deputy Superintendent, presented information regarding a “New Tech High School Model”. The Board is interested in exploring further the possibility of bringing this type of school to our district. Administration will continue to pursue a planning grant from The Community Foundation by submitting a letter of intent.

- Review/open discussion occurred regarding the annual AYP and NCA reports requested by the Board. **PL221 information was also provided.**

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Mark Daniel, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School has been named High School Principal of the Year for Region 3 by the Indiana Association of School Principals and the Horace Mann Companies. Remarkable!

The Student Council at Woodburn Elementary School was recently awarded a Youth as Resources grant to be used to begin a Toy Lending Library for families of preschoolers at Early Childhood Alliance Children’s Centers. The project Turn Off the TV and Play! is intended to provide alternatives to watching television and encourage play that supports learning for young children.

Students involved were Chase Hunt, Tynan Easterday, Jazmine Williams, Allison Brooks, Kelly Collins, Katelyn Burns, Courtney Brooks, Austin Roemer, Shawn Roemer, and Sophi Shultz, as well as members Alan Zehr, Ivan Valentour, Jeremiah Cassel, and Cole Castleman. Great job kids!

Leo Elementary School’s Student Council held a “Hat Day” to collect money for the “Heart to Heart” Program sponsored by the Allen County Commissioners Office. This program purchases phone cards for soldiers. In April, A.C. Commissioners Bill Brown, Linda Bloom and Nelson Peters, along with the Leo Elementary School Student Council and teacher **Jennifer Hale** presented representatives from the 122nd National Guard Fighter Wing with phone cards for their soldiers who have been deployed. Incredible!

Jeanette Lundeen, music teacher for Southwick and Village Elementary Schools, has been commended by the Indiana Music Educators Association for her fine work as the local area coordinator of the “Circle The State With Song” choral festival. Way to go!

**PERSONNEL**

- **Welcome New Hires**—
  - Matthew Wiedenhoefer, as Principal of MEEL, eff. 08/01/09
  - Greg Mohler, as Principal of NHHS, eff. 08/01/09

- **Resignations**—
  - Nicole Knott, teacher, VIEL, eff. end of SY
  - Su Khin, EACS language translator, eff. 04/24/09
  - Sarah Cramer, teacher, SOEL, eff. end of SY
  - Angel Brooks-Ngwenya, para, PHHS, eff. 04/20/09
  - Ronald Peters, Trans. Dept., eff. 05/08/09
  - Sarahi Valencia Wagner, Language Translator, eff. 04/24/09
  - Lichelle Beeler, teacher, PHHS, eff. end of SY

- **Retirement**—
  - Diane Tomlinson, Accts. Payable Coordinator, eff. 05/14/10
Athletics

Award finalists:

Cammack
Keller
Bienz

Beck
Drama;

Chloe Morrical
– Drama;

Top honors and scholarship of $3,000 was awarded to East Allen County Schools is thrilled and honored to have three Sterling Sentinel winners this year! Awesome!

Stephen Gabet. Larry Linson
Kathie Dawes
Matt Bucher
Brad Snyder
– Social Studies;

2009 Sterling Sentinel Winners and Finalists

EACS’ 2009 Teachers of the Year!

Congratulations to all of our 2009 “Teacher of the Year” winners: Larry Linson – Cedarville; Christina Murphy – Harlan; Brad Snyder – Highland Terrace; Jennifer Elrod – Hoagland; Danielle Newman – Leo El.; Abby Akers – Meadowbrook; Matt Bucher – Monroeville; Darlene Lankenau – New Haven El.; Tiffany Belcher – Southwick; Julie Smith – Village; Kathie Dawes – Woodburn; Shara Hoting – Heritage; Stephen Gabet – Leo High School; Cindy Fiedler – New Haven High; Elizabeth Bixby – New Haven Middle; LuAnn Neri – Paul Harding; Donna Hosier – Prince Chapman; and Joyce Goodin – Woodlan. EACS Elementary Teacher of the Year is Larry Linson. and EACS Secondary Teacher of the Year is Stephen Gabet. Larry Linson is also EACS’ Teacher of the Year. Congratulations everyone!

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Congratulations students on your recognition and for all of your hard work over the last 13 years!
Hosted by IPFW, the inaugural Sci-TEC Youth Showcase was held in April. This was a community celebration highlighting innovative and exceptional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) formal and informal educational projects in Allen County. The following EACS schools participated. Honor Roll winners included:

Highland Terrace Elementary School  
**Project:** Historical Quest Poster Displays  
**Teacher:** Rebecca Kline  
**Students:** Jessie Biggs, Grace Bohde, Hannah Ferguson, Brittany Greubel, Bailey Hunter, Aaylah Kopke, Teya Martinez, Jack Pachuta, Jackson Parrish, Amy Rowland, Amara Scheitlin, Britannie Wilson

Hoagland Elementary School  
**Project:** Things You Can’t See  
**Teacher:** Rich Cook  
**Students:** Landrie Jones, Jamie Slaugh-terbeck

Leo Elementary School  
**Project:** K’Nex: Kids navigating Extraordinary eXpectations  
**Teachers:** Danielle Newman and Eric Reynolds  
**Students:** Nick Barrow, Chloe Buchanan, Chance Dolsen, Adam Freeby, Sydney Heidenreich, Tori Hoag, Leah Hoff, Emma Hoffman, Chantelle Huebner, Maddy Kanka, Brett LaMere, Danae Miller, McKayla Mulherin, Sara Schlosser, Nate Seevers, Erin Sheets, Luke Stonebraker, Kyle Stucky, Ian Summer, Taylor Terrell, Chris Thurber, Alyssa Tokos, Andrew VonGunten, Aimee White, Hannah Zimmerman

Leo Jr./Sr. High School  
**Event:** Future City  
**Teachers:** Richard Flickinger, and Engineer/Mentor Rick Stayback  
**City Name:** A’vore  
**Students:** Claire Gardner, Spencer Haber, Katherine Wierz-bowskii

**City Name:** Reka Ulice  
**Students:** Brianna Dailey, Jordan Schoonover, Becca Williams  
**City Name:** Polis Factum  
**Students:** *Indiana Regional Champions & National SME Special Award Winner*  
**Students:** Sam Gibson, Conner Hoagland, Collin Hoagland, Brandon Werling

Awesome work everyone! Congratulations!

Leo Elementary School 6th grader Hannah Zimmerman was recently named as the Indiana State Winner in a National Handwriting Contest. This contest sponsored by Zaner-Bloser Educational Publishers, recognizes state and national winners in a contest that evaluates handwriting legibility. This year, more than 200,000 students participated in the contest nationwide.

As the state winner, Hannah, and her teacher Eric Reynolds will receive engraved wood pens, a special award certificate, and a $50 gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser materials. Four other Leo Elementary students received Honorable Mention in the “Design An Ad” contest: Alyssa Tokas, Samantha Fields, Allison Gatchell, and Madison Bell. Their ads were recently published in the Fort Wayne Newspaper. Tremendous!

The following EACS Administrators were each named as one of Fort Wayne’s “50 Most Influential Women” in the community:
- Deborah Wright Watson, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School  
- Thelma Green, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy  
- Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison

Wonderful!

Cedarville Elementary students raised a total of $3,136.98 for the American Cancer Society “Pennies from Heaven” project. Students were asked to simply collect "loose change" from family and friends. Each classroom had a box where the change was deposited, and many of the boxes were so heavy they could hardly carry them to the bank!

Julia Maxwell’s second graders collected $285.70, winning an ice cream party to celebrate their efforts. Sharron Kumle’s afternoon kindergartners took 2nd place by collecting $252.92 for the cause. Each of them will receive a coupon from Grabill Dairy Sweet. Fantastic!