1. **THE ISTAR ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT WINDOW**

Begins March 1 and ends on April 30.

*Special Note*: All open assessments will be cleared on February 28. Be sure to finalize any open assessments on or before February 28 or you will lose the information that you have entered.

Watch for a follow-up e-mail with very important information regarding available WebEx trainings that address changes to the program.

Connie DeLong, ext. 3109

2. **2010 ALLEN COUNTY YOUTH SUMMIT**

The 2010 Allen County Youth Summit will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Northeast Public Safety Academy, 7602 Patriot Crossing (behind the Wal-Mart on S. Lafayette Street). As a community or school leader who works with students in grades 7-12, you are encouraged to consider bringing a group to the summit.

The Summit is for Allen County students interested in doing more community service, interacting with other youth groups in our community who share a common cause, and want to make a difference in our community. Registration will occur between 8:30-9:00 a.m., followed by workshops and guest speakers, and a lunch. The session will end by 1:15 p.m.

Workshop sessions will include local experts on:

1. Volunteering in Fort Wayne
2. Serving Veterans
3. Dealing with Teen Violence
4. Going GREEN – Healthy Environment
5. Reading is Basic to Quality Education
6. Homelessness in our backyard

Students will be encouraged to take actions steps and apply for one of two $250.00 grants that will be awarded after the Summit. See *Enclosure # 1*

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
3. **REMEMBER RETIREMENT SEMINAR**

A Retirement Benefit Seminar for EACS’ teachers approaching retirement will be held Wednesday, February 10th at 3:30 PM at the Park Hill Learning Center auditorium. Any teacher within two years of retirement who would like to meet with a benefit specialist to discuss their benefit estimate may schedule an appointment for Thursday, March 11th. At this time, there are only seven appointment times remaining. Please contact Susan Bandt at sbandt@eacs.k12.in.us or 260-446-0100 ext. 1014 for detailed information or to schedule an appointment.

Peggy Rohrbacher, ext.1009

4. **CINDERALLA DRESS DAY ‘GIVE AWAY’**

The Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance will host the Eighth Annual Dress Day Give Away, Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Dress Day will be held at the Boys and Girls Club - 2909 S. Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN. All dresses free also free hair styling will be on site. See Enclosure # 2 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. **2010 CENSUS POSITIONS**

Every 10 years, a census of our population is conducted. The results help determine how federal funds are spent in your community on things like roads, parks and other public services. A census taker makes sure that everyone in their community is counted. For the 2010 Census, thousands of census takers are needed for temporary jobs. See Enclosure # 3.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

6. **BEST PRACTICE SHOWCASE CANCELED**

The University of St. Francis Best Practice Showcase scheduled for February 4, 2010 is canceled. All presenters will be contacted by Nancy Hankee for presentations in the fall.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 3203

7. **PARAPROFESSIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED**

Pursuant to Administrative Policy 4215.5, Section 23, a general (non-mandatory) meeting has been scheduled to provide all Paraprofessionals an opportunity to voice their concerns/other issues about their working conditions to Dr. Green and Connie DeLong. This meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the EACS Administration Building.

Karyle Green, ext. 1007
8. **ISTEP+ ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 10, AND BIOLOGY 1 UPDATE**

- In order for students to test, they must be enrolled in the course or have taken the course and failed the test last year. Since English 10 is a new assessment, all students would need to be enrolled in English 10.
- Algebra 1 re-testers (those who tested last year and did not pass) will be tested twice, at the end of trimester 2 & 3. The Algebra 1 test will be paper pencil in February and online in May/June. Remediation must be provided for all re-testers prior to testing.
- Since cut scores will be determined at the end of testing this year (June) student scores will not be available until August.
- Graduation with a diploma requires that the students enroll in Algebra 1, English 10, and Biology 1; pass the Algebra 1 and English 10 ECA’s; and complete the Biology 1 ECA. If this does not happen the student is not eligible for a diploma or waiver.
- Students attending Ombudsman or The Crossing programs may test if they are enrolled in the ECA’s currently or have enrolled and failed the ECA in the past.

**Real Time Data Meeting**
The DOE is requesting that data be submitted weekly from the district in 5 areas (Corporation of Legal Settlement, Attendance, Enrollment – Entry & Withdraw, Drop Out and Mobility, and Discipline).

There will be a meeting of all **principals, registrars and others** who are responsible for entering this data at the building level on **February 11, 2010 at 1 pm – Park Hill Room 220**. (This had been previously schedule for all Elementary Registrars).

**PRINCIPALS:** Please notify Jo Ann Roscoe or Shari Hegerfeld on who will be attending so that materials can be prepared.

**New Rules Regarding Ethnicity**
The DOE will be updating information required for students enrolled at EACS for the 2010-2011 school year. There will be a meeting for **ALL PRINCIPALS and REGISTRARS** on **February 23 at 1 pm Park Hill Room 220** to discuss the new registration procedures.

Jo Ann Roscoe, ext. 3125

9. **HISTORIC FORT WAYNE EDUCATION DAY**

Historic Fort Wayne will kick off its 2010 season with its Education Day on May 14, 2010. This is in conjunction with Muster on the St. Mary’s – A Time Line Event. The event is for local 4th graders from area public schools, private schools, and home school programs. See **Enclosure # 4**.

Jo Ann Roscoe, ext. 3125
10.  INTERNET USE REMINDER

According to the Internet User Agreement, EACS internet access is to be used for Corporation Business only. Students are also held to this agreement "Students shall not use the Corporation’s electronic mail transmission system or Corporation-provided Internet access for any purpose unrelated to the Corporation’s educational mission or operational needs." Recently, the technology department has received reports of students playing games on computers unrelated to class assignments and during district instructional time (8 am to 3 pm).

Although some games are not harmful, when they contain video and audio they consume much of the internet bandwidth - meaning things are slower for all users across the district. Last year we had an incident where EACS was using more than their allotment and we were actually denied internet use for a short period of time.

It is every staff member’s duty to supervise the use of EACS equipment assigned to you within work area especially when used by students. Please help us to enforce our user agreement policies so that all EACS employees and students have access to the internet.

Jo Ann Roscoe, ext. 3125

11. 403(b) PLAN – INVESTMENT OPTION UPDATE

East Allen County Schools 403(b) Plan has a broad base of investment choices for East Allen County Schools’ employees to choose from for their portfolio. On an annual basis, East Allen County Schools’ 403B Committee (made up of EACS employees) meets to review the performance of the investments contained within the plan. This review is performed under the guidance of Edward Jones advisors. The Committee’s objective is to review all of the investment options to determine if any of the specific investments should be replaced. In the most recent review, two funds, American Funds Bond Fund of America and Pioneer Emerging Markets were identified as having below average performance. These two funds will be replaced by MFS Research Bond Fund and Evergreen Emerging Markets Growth Fund respectively. Employees who are affected by this change can redirect their future contributions into any of the other investment fund options or allow their contributions be re-directed to the replacement fund. The addition of the two replacement funds are scheduled to occur on February 19, 2010 and any money remaining in the eliminated funds will be re-directed to their replacement fund on February 26, 2010. Hartford will contact those affected and ask them to make new investment options prior to the above date. You can contact our local Edward Jones representatives (Kirk Davis 497-0711 or Greg Reynolds 627-6161) with any questions or concerns you may have related to your specific 403B investment fund selections.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005
Complete this form and send to the:
Purdue Extension Office
Mail - 4001 Crescent Ave.; Fort Wayne IN 46815
Telephone – 260.481.6826
Fax - 260.481.6439
Email - mtalbott@purdue.edu

February 27, 2010

Held at the Northeast Indiana Public Safety Academy
7602 Patriot Crossing
Fort Wayne IN

Payment for individuals is expected by the start of the Summit.
Registration includes the cost of the meal

***To receive a waiver or scholarship to attend, attach a statement from each attendee about:
1. Why do you wish to attend this Summit?
2. How can you make our community better?

INDIVIDUAL Registration (For individual/group less than 10) List on back side

Registrations received by February 19, 2010 - $5.00 person $ _______
Registrations received AFTER February 19, 2010 - $7.00 person $ _______

GROUP Registration (For groups of 10 or more) LIST ALL Attendees on back side

Group fee for first 15 students - $50.00 $ _______
Additional fee for more than 15 students/adults over - $4.00 each $ _______

Make payment payable to: Purdue Extension Service - Allen County (non-refundable)

Group/School Name:
(It is recommended that groups provide one adult for every 10 youth in attendance)

Mailing address for individual or Agency

Phone Number: Email Address:

Name of Primary Group Contact Person:

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Return by February 19, 2010 – Registrations received after February 19 will be $7.00 each.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact the Extension Office prior to the meeting, telephone (260) 481.6826
DO YOU NEED A PROM DRESS?

Come to...

The Eighth Annual

Cinderella

Dress Day

Sound like a fairy tale? It's true!

To help make your prom dreams come true, the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance will GIVE YOU a gently used prom dress of YOUR CHOICE. No strings attached! In addition, we will do minor alterations or the spot, if needed, at no charge. Why? Because we care!

Saturday, March 20
10 a.m. to noon
at the Boys and Girls Club,
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Free hair styling on site.

Marta E. Wroblewski, RN
Cinderella Chairman
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Your community is counting on you!

Every 10 years, a census of our population is conducted. The results help determine how federal funds are spent in your community on things like roads, parks, and other public services, as well as your representation in government. As a census taker, you’ll help to make sure that everyone in your community is counted.

Earn more than just a paycheck.

A 2010 Census job offers a lot: good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work independently in your own community. But there’s more, you’ll also be earning a place in history, as well as giving something back to your community.

2010 Census positions are temporary.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking, and it requires us to fill a wide variety of positions. For the 2010 Census, thousands of census takers are needed for temporary jobs. These employees conduct interviews with community residents. Most positions require a valid driver’s license and use of a vehicle.

What do the jobs pay?

Census jobs offer good pay, which varies by location. Also, census takers are reimbursed for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage. For more information, check with your Local Census Office, or visit our jobs web site at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Be a part of the 2010 Census Team!

✔ Earn good pay
✔ Get paid weekly
✔ Work flexible hours
✔ Receive paid training
✔ Receive reimbursement for authorized mileage and other work-related expenses
✔ Help your community have a successful 2010 Census

Apply Today!

More information, including a practice test, is available at:

www.2010censusjobs.gov

or call our toll-free jobs line:

1-866-861-2010
FedRelay: 1-800-877-8339 TTY

Get All This and More with a 2010 Census Job

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
What is the work schedule?
Census taker schedules typically include from 20 to 40 hours of work per week. These positions require interviewing the public, so you must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Will I be hired?
Due to the nature of census work, a large number of people apply and take the employment test. However, not everyone who is qualified will be hired. Job offers depend on the availability of work within each community, test scores, and other qualifications. Only applicants who are being considered for a census job will be called.

You may qualify if...
✓ You are a U.S. citizen
✓ You are a legal permanent resident, or non-citizen with an appropriate work visa, and you possess a bilingual skill for which there are no available qualified U.S. citizens
✓ You are at least 18 years old
✓ You have a valid Social Security number
✓ You take a written test of basic skills
✓ You have a valid driver’s license
✓ You pass a background check
✓ You commit to four days of training. You will be paid for this training at your regular hourly rate. Training will be held either during daytime hours or during evening and weekend hours.

Note: Males born after December 31, 1959 must be registered with Selective Service.

About the employment test...
The employment test consists of 28 multiple-choice questions designed to measure the skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs, such as:
✓ Clerical Skills
✓ Reading Skills
✓ Number Skills
✓ Interpreting Information and Evaluating Alternatives
✓ Organizational Skills
In some areas, the test may be given in Spanish, upon request. These applicants must also take and pass an English proficiency test.
You will have 30 minutes to complete the test. You may retake the test on a different day if you would like to improve your score.

What identification do I need?
You must bring to the testing session one item from List A OR, one from List B AND one from List C.

List A: Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization (All documents must be unexpired):
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV)
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) that contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- In the case of a nonimmigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer incident to status, a foreign passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94A bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien’s nonimmigrant status, as long as the period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form
- Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI

List B: Documents That Establish Identity (All documents must be unexpired):
For individuals 18 years of age or older:
- Driver’s license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
- ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
- School ID card with a photograph
- Voter’s registration card
- U.S. Military card or draft record
- Military dependent’s ID card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document
- Driver’s license issued by a Canadian government authority

List C: Documents That Establish Employment Authorization (All documents must be unexpired):
- U.S. Social Security Account Number card other than one that specifies on the face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States
- Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form FS-545)
- Certification of Report of Birth issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form DS-1350)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Native American tribal document
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (Form I-197)
- Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
- Employment authorization document issued by Department of Homeland Security
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- Revolutionary War and the history of Indiana
- War of 1812 and statehood
- Civil War, Indiana’s role in this pivotal war.
- Industrial Revolution, the role of machines and manufacturing in Indiana
- Life skills of pioneers, trappers, and settlers of Indiana, what did it really take to survive?
- Folk arts and crafts including fiber arts.

As you can see the day will be varied and should be exciting for your classes. Due to the site location and with the school day’s length, we will only be able to accept a limited number of schools.


Thank you,

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1. **A.C.A.C. TOURNEY CHAMPIONS**

The Leo Lady Lions are the 2010 A.C.A.C. Tourney Champions. The tournament was in January and the championship game was held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Leo Lady Lions won 50-44 (OT) over Garrett. *Alexis Meeks was the Hilliard Gates Tournament MVP.* Team members include Kasie Stoller, Taylor Howe, MaryKate Rowan, Ashley King, Nikki Butler, Alexis Meeks, Jill Peck, Keanna Gary, Kayla Woodward, Hannah Field, Sarah Wilder, Lyndsie Williams. Coaches are: Carrie Shappell, Randy Dunbar, Dave Gilbert, Kayla Bixel and Kevin Rowan.

**CONGRATULATIONS LEO LADY LIONS & ALEXIS MEEKS – MVP!**

2. **PATRICK LORTIE**

Congratulations to Pat Lortie, Head Custodian at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School has received the 2010 CLEAN™ Award in recognition for the contribution he makes to public health in his school, community and profession. Mr. Lortie will receive

- An all expense paid trip (travel, lodging, and meals to the NEA National ESP Conference to receive his award,
- A cash award,
- One year membership in the NEA and National Council of Education Support Professionals,
- Supplies and Products for Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
- Recognition in national, state, and local publications and magazines.

**WAY TO GO PAT!!**