1. **SCI-TEC SHOWCASE**

The 2010 Sci-TEC Youth Showcase will be held on **Saturday, April 24** at IPFW in the WALB Student Union. The Showcase is a community celebration highlighting innovative and exceptional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) formal and informal educational projects in Allen County. Please see **Enclosure #1** for questions and answers, poster guidelines, and the application. Application forms are accepted through **March 19**. Additional information can be found at the following website: [http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/scitec/](http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu/scitec/)

Natalie Drummond, ext. 3203

2. **DISTRICT ESL MEETING**

ESL teachers will meet **March 9** from 3:45-4:45 at Park Hill Learning Center to review Apple IPOD technology applications and ILPs.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 3203

3. **MEETING REMINDERS**

   **Staff Meeting Visit:**
   - February 24 – Hoagland Elementary Staff Meeting

   **Progress Reporting Visit:**
   - February 23 – Heritage Area Schools

   **Record’s Day** – Friday, February 26, 2010

Jeanne Zehr, ext. 1002

4. **BI-OKOTO DRUM & DANCE THEATRE**

The Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre is now booking for school year 2010/11. This is a not for profit dance company that present customized authentic live West/South African drum and dance performances at festivals, schools for pre-k through high schools. They also give lecture demonstrations, movement & music workshops, and arts integrated African languages. See **Enclosure #2** for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. **CHAIN REACTION CHALLENGE 3**
The TekVenture Chain Reaction Challenge is an introduction to TekVenture, a proposed community-built public art & technology laboratory. People of all ages and backgrounds are invited to create a machine or “link” in this annual community-based chain reaction scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010. See Enclosure #3 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

6. SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011

At the most recent school board meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted the school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. See Enclosure #4.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
Dear Principal,

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and the Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Committee announce the 2010 Sci-TEC Youth Showcase to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at IPFW in Walb Student Union. This community event celebrates the innovative and exceptional educational achievements of YOUR teachers and YOUR students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by showcasing selected projects. The Showcase will provide a venue to share ground-breaking ideas, observe how projects have inspired students to achieve exceptional work, and to honor the teachers, volunteers and sponsors who support and participate in STEM enrichment outreach activities.

Teachers and administrators from Allen County public, parochial and private school corporations are invited to apply to display projects for the Showcase or offer a Main Stage presentation. Enclosed you will find:

- Announcement Flyer
- Questions and Answers
- Application Form
- Poster Gallery Guidelines

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute these items to your staff. Your staff may also access all documents by visiting the IPFW College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science home page and link to K-12 Outreach at: [www.etcis.ipfw.edu](http://www.etcis.ipfw.edu)

We invite your school corporation to participate in the Showcase in any of the following ways: enter projects for display, hold a Sci-TEC Poster Gallery Contest and submit the best posters, and/or visit the Showcase to observe, share and celebrate the ingenuity of Allen County teachers and students. The Showcase will be open to parents and the general public.

The guidelines and procedures for the Sci-TEC Youth Showcase were established by the Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Committee which is a collaboration of school corporation representatives and IPFW staff. Questions regarding the Showcase may be directed to your school corporation representative listed below or by contacting the IPFW College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Outreach Office at 481-6905.

Thank you and we look forward to your school’s participation in this exciting community event!

*Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Committee: Allen County School Representatives:*

- Mike Gibson, East Allen County Schools
- Mike Gorman, Southwest Allen County Schools
- Nancy Leininger, Northwest Allen County Schools
- Mark Mettert, East Allen County Schools
- Joanne Schafer, Fort Wayne Community Schools

*Sci-TEC Educational Advisory Committee: IPFW Representatives*

- Scott Armstrong, NISTEM, Science Olympiad
- Carol Dostal, IPFW, College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science Outreach
- Chris Douse, IPFW Office of Diversity and Multicultural Services
- Deandre Jamison, IPFW Office of Diversity and Multicultural Services
- Jeffrey Nowak, IPFW, College of Education, NISTEM (Northeast Indiana STEM Education Resource Center)
All Allen County schools are invited to hold a school poster competition and submit their best posters for consideration to be displayed in the **2010 Sci-TEC Poster Gallery.** The 2010 theme challenges students to envision the future of science, technology, engineering, and math and then use their imagination and creativity to portray their ideas of what the future will hold. The images of the 5 best school posters can be submitted to the Sci-TEC Selection Committee for review in determining the posters chosen for this year’s April 24, 2010 Poster Gallery Display of *Sci-TEC: What’s Next?*

**Sci-TEC: What’s Next?**
We encourage your school to celebrate the futuristic, innovative ideas that they think will result from the current work of scientists, engineers, mathematicians and technology professionals by holding your own school contest to select the posters to be nominated.

**School Nomination Categories:**
Elementary schools may submit five poster winners in either the primary (grades K-2) or the intermediate category (grades 3-5) or a combination of both categories with a total of five total posters per school. Middle schools may submit five poster winners per school for the middle school category and high schools may also submit up to five entries. Students may work alone or in a team on the poster.

**Poster Guidelines:**
- Maximum poster size: 22" X 28".
- Poster material: standard white or colored poster card stock. Do not attach poster to foam board.
- Poster illustrations: may use any medium for illustration (colored pencils, crayons, paint, chalk, etc).
- 3-D poster illustrations: items attached to the poster board must adhere firmly to the poster as the posters will be stacked for storage and transported from storage to the display.
- 3-D poster illustrations must not include any items that will spoil (food), melt and must not be sharp or extend out beyond one inch from the poster board.
- Posters must be light enough to be tacked onto a bulletin board strip or set on an easel.
- Pictures or illustrations not created by the student must be accompanied by a reference visible on the front of the poster in the bottom right corner.
- All posters must have the following on the front, upper right corner in black font (min. size of font: .5’’)
  - Title of Poster
  - Name of School
  - Name and grade of student(s)

**Application Procedures:**
- Please do not submit the actual poster. Submit a picture of the poster on a CD along with the Sci-TEC application form which you will mail to the address provided on the form.
- All poster nominations must be submitted using the same Application form as for other displays.
- Nomination Dates for the poster entries are the same as for other display nominations.
- CD’s of posters will not be returned to the nominating school and will also not be distributed to any other party or used by the university without permission of the school.
- Schools will be notified about which posters will be displayed at the Showcase.
1. What is the **Sci-TEC Youth Showcase**?

The **Sci-TEC Youth Showcase** is a community celebration highlighting innovative and exceptional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) formal and informal educational projects in Allen County. The 2010 showcase is the second year for this event. In 2009, the inaugural year, there were 125 participants and 23 Allen County schools represented.

2. Why offer this celebration?

The Showcase provides a venue for Allen County teachers and students from different school corporations who typically do not see each other’s work to present selected, sample projects in the STEM disciplines and share resources/ ideas. The Showcase also brings together awarded students and teams involved in **IPFW K-12 Outreach** who typically do not see each other’s projects.

3. What will happen at the Showcase?

Educators and students will:

- Share their ideas by displaying the end products of their work or the process they followed on a class project. Participants will be asked to share with other Showcase participants and visitors project resources and answer questions about the process they used to successfully accomplish their goals.
- Learn from one another by visiting displays, watching main stage presentations, asking participants questions, and discovering how educational ideas were translated into projects that had a successful impact on the lives of students.
- Inspire one another to continue the pursuit of excellence in the STEM disciplines.
- Honor those educators and volunteers who have made a difference in outreach.

4. Who will be invited to participate at the Sci-TEC Youth Showcase?

**Educators** representing Allen County schools will be selected from applications to share their innovative project idea or successes in project-based learning from the current school year. The **students** will be invited to demonstrate/display/present their project along with the teacher. **IPFW K-12 Outreach individuals and teams** will be asked to demonstrate and display their awarded projects and all outreach schools and participants will be recognized. **Volunteers and sponsors** will be identified at the event. These include: educators, mentors, community professionals, area businesses, university faculty and students. **Parents and the general public** will be invited.

5. How does the Showcase work?

- Demonstrations and/or Media Presentations on the Ballroom Main Stage rotating each half hour
- Table displays of projects for your review
- **Sci-TEC Poster Gallery** focused on a yearly theme displayed around the parameter of the Ballroom
- IPFW K-12 STEM Outreach awarded projects demonstrated and displayed

6. How will the application and selection of projects be handled?

Application forms will be sent to Allen County principals and sent electronically from your school corporation representatives. In addition, all documents regarding the guidelines and nomination project will be accessible at the IPFW College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science home page under K-12 Outreach: [www.etcs.ipfw.edu](http://www.etcs.ipfw.edu)

*IPFW K-12 Outreach* activities include competitions promoting STEM learning and include: Indiana Championship FIRST Lego League, Indiana Regional Future City, NE Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Mathcounts, Regional Science Olympiad, Engineer’s Week Bridge Building Contest, Career Days and the IPFW Exploration Camps
February 16, 2010

The Principal
East Allen County Schools
1240 State Road 930 E
New Haven, IN, 46774-1700
Tel: 260-446-0100, Fax: 260-446-0107

Booking For School Year 2010/2011

My name is Courtney Smith, Centre Manager at Bi-Okoto Cultural Centre. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, Bi-Okoto is a 501(c)3 drum / dance company presenting customized authentic live West/South African drum & dance performances at festivals, schools (Pre-School through high schools), colleges, universities and other learning institutions. We also give Lecture Demonstrations, movement & music workshops, residencies, arts integrated African languages and Drum & Dance classes.

This is to notify you that we're now accepting bookings for the school year 2010/2011 (and a few dates are still available for the current school year as well). Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre members will take your students on an interactive journey from USA to Africa to explore the richness of their culture. Throughout this journey to Africa, the participants will be mentally and physically engaged by the drummers and dancers all while learning common greetings in various languages, history facts, geography, science and environment conditions. Education resource packets are included.

For more information on how East Allen County Schools can benefit from our programs or to book us for your school events, please call or email me. You can also visit our website for more information at http://www.bi-okoto.com.

Yours Sincerely,

Courtney R Smith
Courtney Smith / Centre Manager
Bi-Okoto Cultural Center
Phone: 513-221-6112; Email: booking@bi-okoto.com

More about Bi-Okoto:
Our “Edutainment” has been shared with our military men and women abroad on American and UN bases throughout Europe while we maintain a cultural center/studio here in the United States where our programs are presented to 440 schools, colleges, churches and communities yearly! Please visit bi-okoto.com for more information.
The TekVenture Chain Reaction Challenge is an introduction to TekVenture, a proposed community-built public art & technology laboratory.

People of all ages and backgrounds are invited to create a machine or "Link" in this annual community-based chain reaction. Work alone or gather a group of friends to build a unique contraption that fits on one 6-foot table and has enough energy input and output to lift a golf ball one inch. Your contraption will pull the string to start the next contraption to form one large Community Chain Reaction!

Complete details including workshop and event registration information, venue, award categories, official rules, sponsor benefits, and contact information can be found at www.tekventure.org

FREE WORKSHOP

"Building the Perfect Link" Saturday, March 20, 2010

To challenge your imagination, attend a brainstorming workshop where tips and techniques will be shared to inspire your "Link" in the chain.

The Chain Reaction Challenge design team will be on hand to share the inspiration behind their contraption and answer questions to help you take home an award.

another cool event brought to you by TekVenture

P.O. Box 8145 Fort Wayne, IN 46809 chainreaction@tekventure.org
### East Allen County Schools
#### 2010-2011 - School Year Calendar

**Approved 02/16/10**

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### Student Registration Dates
- **August 2-19, 2010**

### First Day of Student Attendance
- **August 19, 2010**

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### Days Without Student Attendance

- **B** = Beginning In-Service Days
- **L** = Labor Day
- **I** = System In-Service
- **PT** = Parent/Teacher Conference Default Date
- **TH** = Thanksgiving Recess
- **Winter Recess**
- **MLK** = Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ***PD** = Presidents’ Day
- **GF** = Good Friday
- **Spring Break**
- **MEM** = Memorial Day
- **RE** = Records Days
- **C** = Collaboration (1/2 Hour Early Dismissal)
- **( )** = Teacher Collaboration Days

### State Testing Dates

- **GQE Testing** - (9/14-9/16, 3/8-3/10) Yellow

### Graduation
- **June 10, 2011**

*Presidents’ Day will be used as a make-up day if there are school cancellations prior to that date. If needed, additional school days will be added beginning June 2, 2011.

Records Days and Teacher Collaboration Days are subject to change due to inclement weather.

For a color version of this calendar, please see the EACS website at [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

Approved 02/16/10
1. Congratulations to Tim St. Peters for recently receiving his doctorate degree. He is officially Dr. Tim St. Peters! Dr. St. Peters is the Lead Teacher of the Park Hill Center, Early Childhood Program.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. ST. PETERS!