1. **WELLNESS COACHING CALLS**

For those that participated in the Parkview Health Risk Assessment (Wellness Screening); the first group of participants have received their Health Risk Assessment Package containing the results of the survey and blood screening. Now that the Health Risk Assessment process is almost complete and employees are receiving their Personal Report, Parkview Health Systems will start making their Wellness Coaching Calls to discuss the results from the Health Risk Assessment.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

2. **SECTION 125 – FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN (UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL ACCOUNT)**

For employees that participate in the EACS Section 125 - Flexible Spending Plan, there is one change from the Health Care Reform Law (Affordable Care Act) that affects Section 125 Plans. Effective January 1, 2011, Over-the-Counter (OTC) drugs and medicines are no longer eligible to be reimbursed without a prescription from your physician. The new law does not affect eligible medical expenses that are not considered over-the-counter such as prescription drugs, co-pays, contacts, orthodontia, etc. As you prepare for 2011, carefully determine your contribution to your unreimbursed medical account.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

3. **A PARENTS PLEDGE COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN’S SUCCESS**

The Governor, members of the State Legislature, and the State Superintendent of Education have called on area parents to make a formal commitment to their children's academic success and make education a number one priority.

Indiana's Department of Education (IDOE) launched a new website, [www.doe.in.gov/parentpledge](http://www.doe.in.gov/parentpledge), where parents can read and sign an online pledge. Please see the website for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

4. **AN EVENING IN SPAIN**

The Officers and Directors of United Hispanic Americans, Inc. Cordially invite you to attend "AN EVENING IN SPAIN."

Friday, October, 15, 2010

FORT WAYNE MUSEUM OF ART

311 E. Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Program: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
For more information or RSVP please call 456-5000  
Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. **RUN/WALK CHALLENGE**

If you are looking for great offerings to challenge you to a run/walk event, to learn more about diabetes, to join a smoking cessation support group or a family friendly cooking demo, then you'll want to go to [www.fort4fitness.org/4yourhealth.asp](http://www.fort4fitness.org/4yourhealth.asp) and check out Fort Wayne community calendar! In addition, the Health Tip Sheets offer great resources in the areas of healthy nutrition, physical activity, weight management, tobacco free lifestyles, balancing stress and the selected websites on these same topics are some of the most reliable you'll find. See *Enclosure # 1*.  

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

6. **CHARACTER COUNTS**

All Elementary Schools will be rolling out the Character Counts Curriculum during the week of Oct. 17-23. Every elementary student will be introduced to the six pillars of character; Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Activities such as assemblies, posters, door decorations, daily announcements, classroom kick-off activities, character clubs, and many others will begin our year with the Character Counts Curriculum. The curriculum is tied into the state standards and is available on the East Allen County School web page under the curriculum tab. If you would like more information, please contact the Student Services Office.  

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

7. **SMART BOARDS ARRIVE**

Most of our schools will have their new SMART Boards delivered this week. Starting Monday, the technology department will be on a mission to get over 150 boards installed throughout the district by winter break. An undertaking of this size will require adjustments by everyone. Although our technicians will be out in the field doing installations, they will be available for emergency situations such as a lab going down. Other less pressing work orders will by processed at least one day per week. Please be prudent and patient with your requests.  

We will do our best to let you know when we plan to be in your building and in your classroom. We ask that you please work with us to make the installation as short and productive as possible. Your cooperation is vital in keeping our crews on track and allowing our targeted teachers to employ this technology for the support of our curriculum before the second semester. There will be some disruption to your classroom, but please remember it should be a one time occurrence with benefits that last for years.
The technology department has earned a good reputation over the past years and we are determined to uphold that reputation throughout this project. We will see you soon!

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

8. MATH TEXTBOOK ADOPTION UPDATES

The state board of education will approve official textbooks for math categories on February 10, 2011 which are aligned to the common core state standards. Representatives and vendors will not have revised samples available for distribution to schools until January 2011. The EACS math textbook adoption committee will begin meeting in January and utilize the Mathematics Instructional Materials Analysis and Selection tool.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 6490

9. ELL LANGUAGE UPDATE

On October 6, 2010, the SBOE approved the proposed change in language from English Language Learners (ELLs) to English Learners (ELs). EL is the language being used by the federal comprehensive centers. The language change will also be included in standards, course categories, course descriptions and licensing.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 6490

10. NEW COURSE APPLICATIONS

The deadline for new high school course applications is Monday, November 1.

Natalie Drummond, ext. 6490

11. FESTIVAL OF GINGERBREAD

Please schedule your group to tour the Festival of Gingerbread beginning November 26 through December 12. See Enclosure # 2 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext 1050
INTRODUCING
4YOURHEALTH

Your new source for local health and wellness information:
www.Fort4Fitness.org/4yourhealth.asp
Fort4Fitness is expanding to develop Community Wellness to engage residents in Northeast Indiana to increase or maintain their level of physical activity, improve their eating habits, and make good health a top priority! Our vision is to create a stronger community with a supportive environment where all are empowered, supported and challenged to take control of their own health.

Community Calendar  Physical Activity  Tobacco Free Lifestyles
Healthy Nutrition  Weight Management  Balancing Stress

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2010 Festival of Gingerbread

Schedule your group tour today for reduced admission rates, November 26 through December 12, at the History Center.

A treasured holiday tradition

Every year, over 10,000 guests enjoy the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society’s famous holiday fundraiser, the Festival of Gingerbread. Since its inception in 1985, the Festival of Gingerbread has become one of our community’s premier holiday traditions and the best attended event at the History Center. Each season, over 100 tasty creations adorn the History Center’s exhibition hall, the Shields Room, recently restored to its original high Victorian style and grandeur. Competitive categories for the gingerbread creations range from lower-elementary school classes to professional culinary artists.

Schedule in advance to receive reduced admission fees

Groups can schedule tours in advance and receive reduced admission rates. For more information call Leanna Harney, Education Coordinator, at 260.426.2882 ext. 309, or e-mail: leanna.harney@fwhistorycenter.com. Regular admission cost is $5.00 for adults; $3.00 for seniors and students; free to children age five and under and History Center members.

Information

The 2010 Festival of Gingerbread will be held Friday, November 26 through Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Festival of Gingerbread hours are:
  Monday–Thursday, 9 am–5 pm
  Friday, 9 am–8 pm
  Saturday, 9 am-5 pm
  Sunday, 12–5 pm
  Closed Thanksgiving Day

The History Center is located at 302 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. Our facility is handicap accessible. Free parking is available.
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent teacher and classified staff attendance:

**Teacher (10/4 - 10/8)**

- Cedarville - 96.7%
- Prince Chapman Academy - 99.0%

**Classified Staff (9/27 - 10/8)**

- Meadowbrook - 96.9%
- New Haven MS - 98.2%

**AWESOME JOB!**