1. **INDIANA CONFERENCE ON LEARNING**

The Indiana Student Achievement Institute is now accepting application for the 2011 Indiana Conference on Learning Scholarship. On behalf of East Allen County Schools, Rose Fritzinger and Nicole Singer attended the 01/25/2011 Indiana Conference on Student Learning, so that makes EACS students eligible to proceed to the next step of the application process (see requirements in Enclosure # for additional information). Applications may be found at [www.asainstitute.org](http://www.asainstitute.org) and are due at the InSAI office by 4:00 p.m. on May 1. Thank you.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

2. **CURRICULUM CONNECTION**

*Enclosure # 1* is the Curriculum Connection for this week. Please notice the extensions for middle of the year assessments.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3319

3. **WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

“Meet Me at Midnight” is an interactive online adventure that takes place in an animated Smithsonian American Art Museum. Intended for children age 8 to 10 years, the site presents a perplexing scenario. An artwork—the dreaded Root Monster—comes alive and wreaks havoc in the galleries overnight. Visitors choose a friend—a character that has been separated from its artwork—to help aright the mixed-up museum and find its way back home.

[http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/midnight/about/index.html](http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/midnight/about/index.html)

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

4. **PRINCIPAL MEETINGS**

The Elementary and Secondary Principal meetings scheduled for February have been canceled.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

5. **SEMESTERS: MIDTERMS AND REPORT CARDS**

Due to weather cancellations, the schedule for midterms and report cards has changed. Please see *Enclosure # 2*.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3319
7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

Just a reminder that the Professional Development Calendar can be accessed on the district share drive under the heading Professional Development. It is updated regularly and every effort to ensure its accuracy is made. I would encourage you to check it before you head out to a meeting to verify that the time, location, etc. has not been changed!

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3319

8. TALENT INITIATIVE – VIDEO CONTEST

We’ve built our entire site to show students how studying STEM will open doors of opportunity to them for the rest of their lives. Have your students considered how STEM subjects are behind the cool and the crazy, the wild and the wacky in their everyday lives? From giant aircraft to tiny MP3 players, STEM is making it happen. We want to hear your students creatively tell that story: How is STEM making a difference in your lives, every day, right here in Northeast Indiana? Have your students submit a video answering this very question, and your classroom could win a brand new Flip video camera, a visit from the man himself, Curtis — and maybe even a walk-on part in our next video!!

This is a great chance for your students to get creative with technology, show what STEM means to them, and showcase their hometown or school. See Enclosure #3 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext 1050
Major Dates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Important Dates</th>
<th>Dates</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dibels and TRC (K-G2) extension</td>
<td>*1/10-2/9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mClass Math (K-G2)</td>
<td>1/31-2/25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACUITY Algebra-extension</td>
<td>*1/31-2/17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mid-Year Data Meetings

In order to promote consistency within East Allen County Schools and to begin to really utilize the data obtained from the multiple assessments our students take, the district has created Data Meeting forms to be used throughout the district.

1. Instructional coaches will be available to help teachers locate the necessary data before their scheduled meeting with their principal
2. Data meetings should be complete in late January/early February so teachers can use the data to help inform instruction for ISTEP+ prep

ISTEP+ Blitz

**ACUITY-** Item Analysis Report- teachers can review difficult questions from assessment 1 and 2 whole group on the SMARTboard.

**Acuity-Compass Odyssey**- teachers can do indicator specific Compass Odyssey whole group/small group lessons on the SMARTBOARD based on areas of concern from ACUITY assessment 1 and 2.

**Compass Odyssey at Home**- Remind your students that they can access Compass Odyssey at home. This is a great way to work on standard specific skills.

**Test Taking Strategies**- Chapter 21- **Guiding Readers and Writers** (Fountas and Pinnell)

**Treasures: ISTEP+ Format Weekly Assessments**

Gray Folders

The folders should contain the following:
1. Fall/Spring Writing Prompts
2. High Frequency Word Lists
3. Profile Cards (if used in your building)

K-G2 Collaboration Topics

Mid-Year Data Meetings, Balanced Literacy Framework, Gradual Release Model

Data Integration

1. **Wireless Generation (K-2)**
   - TRC/DIBELS has been extended to Feb. 9
2. **Acuity**
   - ACUITY Algebra has been extended to Feb. 17

Curriculum

**Interactive Read-Alouds** (recommendations)
- **K-G1**: At least 3 Read Alouds daily (10 min. each)
- **G2-G5**: At least 2 Read Alouds daily (10 min. each)
  - can be any form of text: picture book, magazine, poetry, or parts of a chapter book, etc.
- **G6-G8**: At least 1 Read Aloud daily (5-10 min. each)
  - can be any form of text: picture book, magazine, poetry, or parts of a chapter book, etc.


News and Notes

**Dynamic Teaching Series**
- **Sessions 1, 4, 5, 6, and 10** have been CANCELED. If you have signed up for any of these sessions, please be sure to take note. (Due to inclement weather Session 1 and 5 will not be rescheduled).

**Professional Development Calendar**- just a reminder to frequently check the updated professional development calendar located in the district shared drive (professional development folder)

**EACS Book Drive**- The book drive was a huge success. We collected over 10,200 books and over $230.00 in donations. Thank you to all staff members for encouraging students to participate in the drive!!!

**6th-8th Grade Balanced Literacy Training**- the Wednesday, Feb. 2 training has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 15 from 12:30-3:15 P.M.

G-G8 Collaboration Topics

Mid-Year Data Meetings, Balanced Literacy Framework, Gradual Release Model
Midterms and Report Card Dates – 2010 - 2011

1st quarter ends: Friday, October 22nd (45 days)
• Special area grades entered electronically – 9/24/10
• Mid-terms sent home – 9/29/10
• Special area grades entered electronically - 10/25/10
• Report cards given at parent/teacher conferences

2nd quarter ends: Friday, January 7th (44 days)
• Special area grades entered electronically – 11/22/10
• Mid-terms sent home- 12/1/10
• Special area grades entered electronically - 1/10/11
• Report cards sent home- 1/13/11

3rd quarter ends: Friday, March 25th (48 days)
• Special area grades entered electronically – 2/18/11
• Mid-terms sent home- 2/24/11
• Special area grades entered electronically - 3/28/11
• Report cards sent home- 3/30/11

4th quarter ends: Wednesday, June 8th (46 days)
• Special area grades entered electronically – 5/6/11
• Mid-terms sent home- 5/11/11
• Special area grades entered electronically - 6/3/11
• Report cards sent home- last school day 6/8/11

Rev. 2-8-11
+ CLASSROOM CONTEST
WIN A VIDEO CAMERA FOR YOUR CLASS!

CURTIS’

TOP 10

REASONS TO VISIT

TALENTMADEHERE.com
FOR EDUCATORS
Hey everybody, it’s Curtis from Talent Made Here.

By this point, you’ve probably seen me on TV or out at an event in your area. I’ve been all over Northeast Indiana motivating kids to get the education they need to succeed and spreading the good word about amazing opportunities here in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Of course, I wanted to make sure I kept you in the loop and make sure you knew about our website, TalentMadeHere.com. This massive website is customized for every visitor, and it offers a ton of information and resources for your students, their parents—and you. Need more reasons to visit? Well, let me share my Top Ten list with you...

1. **Talk nerdy to us.**
   “Check out the back of this brochure. We’ve got a really sweet contest that’s going to allow students to use technology, show their creativity—and win some great prizes.”

2. **Parents will thank you.**
   “Show the parents the resource sections just for them and instantly become a hero.”

3. **Professional development for you.**
   “Check out the professional development section of our website for info on project-based learning and best practices in the region,” Coming Soon!

4. **Higher-ed options, right here.**
   “We’ve gathered the higher-ed STEM opportunities in NE Indiana in one handy place so your students can start planning now.”

5. **If a four-year degree isn’t a good fit.**
   “A four-year college may not be the right choice for all of your students. Not a problem! We’ve got info for you on two-year degrees and free job training to help your students get the skills to pay the bills.”

6. **Educators unite!**
   “From our Teacher-to-Teacher blog to a ‘teacher’s toolbox’ full of dozens of resources and assets—we’re ready to partner in your success.”

7. **Exciting industries need future talent.**
   “From defense and aerospace to advanced manufacturing, NE Indiana is home to some cool careers. Check out our company profiles section and your students will be in the know and ahead of the game.”

8. **Inspiring videos from NE Indiana.**
   “I grabbed a camera crew and visited schools, businesses and industries all over our region. Trust me—these videos are pretty sweet. Your students can learn about great people—with great jobs—right here in the region.”

9. **The roadmap to success.**
   “TalentMadeHere.com features a huge resource section—find scholarship and financial aid info, workshops and competitions, grants and even homework help!”

10. **And the number one reason… ME, CURTIS!**
    “Seriously, I’m here for you and your students. This stuff is fun—and important. Stop by for an online visit any time!”

“Hey Everybody, It’s Curtis from Talent Made Here. By this point, you’ve probably seen me on TV or out at an event in your area. I’ve been all over Northeast Indiana motivating kids to get the education they need to succeed and spreading the good word about amazing opportunities here in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

Of course, I wanted to make sure I kept you in the loop and make sure you knew about our website, TalentMadeHere.com. This massive website is customized for every visitor, and it offers a ton of information and resources for your students, their parents—and you. Need more reasons to visit? Well, let me share my Top Ten list with you...”
We’ve built our entire site to show students how studying STEM will open doors of opportunity to them for the rest of their lives. Have your students considered how STEM subjects are behind the cool and the crazy, the wild and the wacky in their everyday lives? From giant aircraft to tiny MP3 players, STEM is making it happen. We want to hear your students creatively tell that story: How is STEM making a difference in your lives, every day, right here in Northeast Indiana?

Have your students submit a video answering this very question, and your classroom could win a brand new Flip video camera, a visit from the man himself, Curtis—and maybe even a walk-on part in our next video!!

This is a great chance for your students to get creative with technology, show what STEM means to them, and showcase their hometown or school. Finalists will be featured on our website and everyone will be encouraged to vote!

Don’t miss this sweet opportunity to get your students engaged and give your class and school some major props. Get moving—the deadline is March 18, 2011!

For an entry form and full contest details, go to TalentMadeHere.com/contest.

THE TALENT INITIATIVE
The Talent Initiative, established by a $20 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., is a 10-county regional program in Northeast Indiana focused on accelerating education and training initiatives in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The primary goals of the Talent Initiative are to increase the base of highly skilled workers to meet the needs of the defense/aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries, while increasing job quality and reversing the current decline in regional per capita income. The program receives financial oversight from Community Partnerships, Inc., a supporting organization of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and operational oversight from the Northeast Indiana Fund, a supporting organization of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership.
1. **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST WINNERS**

Congratulations go out to those New Haven Middle School instrumentalists who participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. Overall, New Haven Middle School brought home 25 gold medals, and 6 silver medals.

Those receiving silver medals were: Brittanie Wilson, Alexis Martinez, Chai Wang – Clarinet Trio; Beth Needham – Flute Solo; Brittanie Wilson – Clarinet Solo; and Abi Wilson – Clarinet Solo.

Special recognition goes to gold medalists:

Katie Watson, Brianna Rhodes, Sierra Quinn, Autumn Quinn – Woodwind Quartet; Michelle Same, Abi Wilson, Morgan Purk – Woodwind Trio; Morgan Purk – Alto Sax Solo; Victoria Hockemeyer – Trombone Solo; Tim Martin – Trumpet Solo; Jada Gregory – Clarinet Solo; Autumn Quinn – Clarinet Solo; Angel Chaney – Flute Solo; Zack Watson – Trumpet Solo; Michelle Same – Flute Solo; Alexis Martinez – Clarinet Solo; Alex Hutchins – Trumpet Solo; Kate Watson – Flute Solo; Joey Shell – Trumpet Solo; Sophia Franco, Jacob Snodderly, Leo Soe – Brass Trio; and Alex Hutchins, Rachel Nishon, Victoria Hockemeyer – Brass Trio.

**WAY TO GO NEW HAVEN MIDDLE!**

2. **PAUL HARDING WRESTLER SEMI-STATE BOUND**

Tommie Lockett, Paul Harding High School junior recently placed 2nd in Wrestling Regional's and has qualified for Semi-State scheduled for Saturday, February 12th at the Memorial Coliseum. Tommie wrestles in the 112 weight class. His current record is 24-9.

**GOOD LUCK TOMMIE!**

3. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

With a 2 day work week, the following schools had excellent teacher attendance January 31- February 4, 2011:

- √ Monroeville - 100%
- √ Prince Chapman Academy - 95.1%

**GOOD JOB!**