1. ISTA WELFARE BENEFIT VEBA

Participants in the ISTA Welfare Benefit VEBA plan received a statement in the mail for the period of January 1, 2011 to January 28, 2011. The statements reflect a balance of zero due to the transition from the ISTA Welfare Benefit Plan and Trust to the Security Benefit Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Indiana VEBA Plan, which occurred on January 28, 2011. The statement reflects an incorrect message in the **IMPORTANT** section. The correct **IMPORTANT** information is:


Participants may continue to access their account via the participant website at: [https://emjay.gwrs.com](https://emjay.gwrs.com). Participants will be receiving an additional letter in the mail within the next 2-4 business days with this information. For additional account information please contact our service center at 866-740-7677. For additional information regarding claims, please contact our Indiana VEBA service center at 866-747-3416.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

2. NEW VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

This is just a reminder that if your school has any new vocational programs for 2011-12 that will be submitted in the fall for reimbursement, the forms for a New Secondary Program must be submitted this spring. These forms used to be submitted at any time and were accepted. This is no longer the case and I will need them in my hands by May 1st.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

3. NEW EACS WEBSITE

EACS has released a web based product for anyone to look up their school information based on a residence address.

On the front page of the EACS website, look for the "Find My School" box in lower center of page. Brief instructions are shown after clicking the link; full instructions are available on the actual site. The direct link to the webpage is [http://www.acimap.us/eacs/](http://www.acimap.us/eacs/).

The feedback from the select staff that have used this product internally for the last month has been very positive. A new feature, which displays our new district boundary map, has been added under the District Boundary Map tab, available
after you locate an address. This is a great source for immediately answering the questions "Where do my children go to school next year?", or "What grades are in located in my school building?"

Roger Miller, ext. 2004

4. CYBER BULLYING SEMINAR

On April 18, 2011 9 am – 3 pm there will be an intensive one-day seminar for participants to learn very valuable school-based solutions for resolving cyber bullying incidents. Participants will be introduced to specific guidelines based on student rights and legal protocol, the school’s role and responsibility, and the sanctioning process. Presenters will be Jill Joline Myers, Associate Professor of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, Dr. Leaunda Hemphill, Associate Professor of Instructional Design and Technology, and Dr. Donna McCaw, Professor of Educational Leadership at Western Illinois University. The seminar will be held at the NWIESC. The cost is $85 for ESC members, Lake County Safe Schools Commission Members, and law enforcement officials; $125 – non-members. Fee includes materials, a $35 book, and meals.

Tammyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. MY FAVORITE PLACE IN INDIANA ESSAY CONTEST

Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) announce the second annual "My Favorite Historic Place in Indiana" Essay Contest, open to all Indiana fourth graders. Students may pick any historic place or structure (over 50 years old) and write a 100-400 word piece on why that place is special to them. All submissions must be in to the DHPA office by Friday, April 29, 2011 with winners announced mid-May. For questions please contact Jeannie Regan-Dinius, DHPA Special Projects Coordinator, at DHPAConnect@dnr.in.gov or (317) 234-1268. See Enclosure # 1.

Tammyra Kelly, ext. 1050

6. PURDUE-CALUMET MASTER’S ON-LINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Purdue-Calumet University announces the opportunity for teachers to access a, fully online Master’s Degree Program in Educational Administration. For more information visit http://degree.purduecal.edu/jg. See Enclosure # 2.

Tammyra Kelly, ext. 1050

7. LEARNING FORWARD CONFERENCE

Indianapolis will be the host city for the national Learning Forward conference on July 17-20, 2011 at the new JW Marriott Hotel. Save $50.00 on registration for a 3 or 4 day registration when you register by April 30, 2011. Learning Forward was formerly the National Staff Development Council. Detailed information can be found at their national web site, www.learningforward.org.

Tammyra Kelly, ext. 1050
8. SUMMER LITERACY INSTITUTE

The Center for Literacy Education and Research (CLEAR) invites you to the annual Summer Literacy Institute, *Literacy Matters: Fostering Learning in Reading and Writing*, at Purdue University’s West Lafayette campus from **July 19 – 20, 2011**. This summer’s institute will feature researcher and author Katie Wood Ray & author and current practitioner Kelly Gallagher who will share stimulating theoretical and highly practical information concerning reading and writing instruction in K – 12 classrooms. If interested, review the brochure for registration information or contact Elizabeth Hopper at hoppere@purdue.edu or (765) 494-2356 for content information. See *Enclosure # 3* for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

9. WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Mother Goose Club is a series of 1-minute educational programs for preschoolers promoting early literacy. The live-action series features six colorful characters from the Mother Goose world: Teddy Bear, Jack B. Nimble, Little Bo Peep, Baa Baa Sheep, Mary Quite Contrary, and Eep Mouse, whoinvite viewers to sing and dance along to favorite nursery rhymes. 
http://www.mothergooseclub.com/about.php.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

10. 2011 CONN-SELMER INSTITUTE

The Conn-Selmer Institute would like to invite all music educators to take to register for the 2011 Conn-Selmer Institute. Educators will be in store for a positive educational experience guaranteed to support excellence in their professional journey and personal life. They will be treated to the “world class” faculty members Robert Gillespie, David Gregory, Marcia Neel, Paula Crider, William Gourley, Beth Sokolowski, Dean Westman, Johanna Siebert, Frank Tracz, Ron Hufstader and of course, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser!

The Institute is the most unique-and-powerful learning environment of its kind. Visit http://www.csinstitute.org/ to take advantage of special pricing until March 15th! The 2011 Conn-Selmer Institute will be held at BETHEL COLLEGE in Mishawaka, Indiana. See *Enclosure # 4*.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

11. PRINCIPAL MEETINGS

- Elementary - Tuesday, March 15, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Secondary - Thursday, March 17, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

The meetings will be held at the Administration building – board room.

Assistant Principals Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2011 has been CANCELED!

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002
12. CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Enclosure # 5 lists opportunities for teacher professional development sponsored by CORE and Fort Wayne City Utilities.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

13. STOP CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (SCAN) BROWN BAG LUNCH

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011 SCAN and Casa Restaurants are partnering to host the annual brown bag lunch fundraiser to benefit SCAN programs. To order lunches go to www.scanfw.org. Lunches will be delivered to your building. See Enclosure # 6 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

14. DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AUDIT

East Allen County Schools has hired Chapman Kelly, an audit firm, to verify that only eligible dependents are on the East Allen County Schools' Group Health Insurance Plan. Employees who have dependents contained on their EACS group health plan have received documentation from Chapman Kelly regarding the audit. As of March 9th, there are still 36.5% of the participants that have not yet submitted the required documentation to Chapman Kelly, which could result in the removal of their dependents. All documentation is to be submitted to Chapman Kelly by March 24, 2011.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

15. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure # 7 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

16. 3 HOUR DELAYS

After the unusual number of weather cancellations we've had this school year, it is important to try and prevent further cancellations. To that end, there have been discussions to plan implementation of a 3 hour delay in EACS as a way to prevent a cancellation yet this spring. Concerns have been discussed and we believe that any difficult individual situation can be addressed by communication with building administration to resolve such issues. Athletic directors are aware of the possible alterations in schedules should a three hour delay be called. Please note that a three hour delay process will be instituted this spring. If a three hour delay is called, an additional hour will be added onto the end of the school day. If you have any questions, please discuss them with your building principal.

Karyle Green, ext. 1001
“My Favorite Historic Place in Indiana”
Fourth Grade Student Essay Competition

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is sponsoring an essay competition to celebrate Indiana’s great and interesting historic sites.

**Competition Rules:**
- The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private, or home school student.
- Essays should tell about a historic place (50 years old or older) in Indiana and why it is his/her favorite historic place.
- Essays need to range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed and must be student’s original work. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- Essays must include student’s name, teacher’s name, and the school’s name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Essays must be submitted by **Friday April 29, 2011**.
- Send essays to:
  - Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives
  - Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
  - 402 W. Washington Street
  - Room W274, IGCS
  - Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739
  - DHPAConnect@dnr.in.gov
- Judges will choose first, second, and third place winners which will receive prizes.

**The first place winner’s essay will be printed in the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology’s e-newsletter Eavesdropping.**

For more information about the contest call 317-234-1268.
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CURRENT OFFERINGS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES FOR EDUCATORS:

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GRADES K-6
Helping Readers Who Struggle

**Summer 2011**
GRADES K-12
Summer Institute
July 19 & 20, 2011
Literacy Matters: Fostering Learning in Reading and Writing

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Summer Institute 2011**
Literacy Matters: Fostering Learning in Reading and Writing, Grades K-12
July 19-20, 2011

Katie Wood Ray  Kelly Gallagher

(see more)

NEW! Registration brochure available!

（more）

2011-2012 Professional Development Offerings

Topics include:

1. Interactive Read Alouds and Shared/Performance Reading
2. Guided Reading, Independent Reading, and Writing About Reading
3. Writing
4. Differentiated Word Study
5. Teaching for Comprehension
6. Coaching
7. Small Group Interventions

Offerings will be available in a variety of methods including 3, 4, or 5 day sessions on Purdue’s campus, online, and hybrid (combination of sessions on campus and online). Details and registration brochures are coming soon! Join our email list to receive updates.

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“Using Rain Gardens as a Teaching Tool”

Free Hands-On Workshops for K – 12 Teachers

Attendees will earn 2.5 Professional Growth Points (PGP) toward accreditation and license renewal.

As part of Fort Wayne’s rain garden program, the City has developed several teaching modules that will help you use an actual rain garden, or the concept of one, to teach a variety of topics in your classroom including:

- Science (modules are correlated with state standards)
- Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Water Resources

Each workshop is a stand alone opportunity for you to see how the teaching modules can be used in your classroom and to try the activities that have been created specifically for this program. Participants receive copies of five modules with associated activities in a binder and on CD along with many of the supplies needed to teach the modules.

Select from the following dates:

- **Saturday, February 26, 2011** 8:30 – 11:00 AM
- **Saturday, March 12, 2011** 8:30 – 11:00 AM
- **Saturday, March 26, 2011** 8:30 – 11:00 AM

*Workshops will be held at CORE*

1726 St. Joe River Dr.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46805
[www.coretheteacherstore.org](http://www.coretheteacherstore.org)

*You do not need to be a member of CORE to attend this FREE workshop*

Workshops are free, but reservations are requested.
To reserve a space in a workshop or for more information, please contact:
Mary Jane Slaton
Fort Wayne City Utilities
(260) 427-2683
mary.jane.slaton@ci.ft-wayne.in.us

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What is CORE?
Now Open
Mon., Tues., Wed. 3-5pm
Saturday 9am-1pm

CORE is a combination between a membership club and a donation facility. Anyone can join CORE for only $25 annually. Join with a friend until April 1, 2011, and receive a FREE Punch It Card worth more than $105. CORE members can shop for much needed educational items for little to no cost. Each CORE member will receive a CORE card which can be loaded with funds by anyone via the internet, and be used like a gift card when shopping at CORE.

Punch It Cards
Punch It cards are now available for FREE (normally $25) when you join CORE with a friend, thanks to our friends at Frontier. Each Punch It card can be redeemed for over $105 of brand new merchandise and it never expires. A Punch It card will enable members to pick out 3 large, 9 medium, and 30 small, brand new items. Items in this program will change every few months, so if you don’t see what you want today, come back and look again later.

Questions? Email julie.coreinc@yahoo.org

The brand new ProFed Green Room is provided by our generous, leading sponsor, Professional Federal Credit Union. A FREE benefit exclusively for CORE members, educators have access to a fantastic work area equipped with all the tools and workspace needed to create wonderful lessons. Die Cutters, paper cutters, a button maker, a laminating machine, and other tools are available to use while collaborating with all types of Indiana educators. The Rain Garden Workshop will be held in the ProFed Green Room.

Idea Sheets & Kits
CORE Idea Sheets are available free for members who don’t have time to create their own hands-on lessons. CORE has done the hard work for you! CORE Idea Sheets utilize many donated items and are aligned to the Indiana state standards. Kits are pre-packaged for use by 10 or more students. These kits promote hands-on learning with manipulatives for the whole group.
# 2011 Brown Bag Lunch

**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

Just 2,800 meals available, Order early to participate! All proceeds benefit SCAN programs.

Order NOW via Fax (260-421-5003) or website (www.scanfw.org)

Or take a chance and order by phone 260-750-8032 or 260-750-8033 on March 2 & 3 from 10am-3pm.

## Brown Bag Lunch Order Form

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This order is for (choose one):
- [ ] Pick-up**
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**Pick-up Time (11am-1pm)**

**Delivery Time (11am-1pm)**

(please indicate 3 different delivery times as those reservations are first-come, first-served)

**Time**

**1st Choice**

**2nd Choice**

**3rd Choice**

**Delivery information (delivery requires at least 5 individual orders or 1 family-style order)**

**Delivery Address (please include suite, floor, etc.)**

Delivery limited to within 1 mile of I-69/469 boundaries and north to Huntertown.

What is the nearest intersection or landmark to your business?

Every attempt is made to deliver your meals at the requested time.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS package and deliver your food.

For more information about SCAN or this fundraiser,

Call 260-421-5000.

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  Delivery times are first-come, first-served.
- Internet & fax orders may prepay with Visa or MasterCard.
  Payment on all other orders is due at delivery by CASH (drivers cannot make change) or CHECKS payable to SCAN.
- All orders and delivery times will be verified prior to March 24, 2011. If you do not receive a confirmation by this date please call 260-421-5000 x2294

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Curriculum

Bundle Calendars- These serve as “suggested guidelines” and are flexible. This is important as we lose instructional time due to inclement weather. Teachers feel free to adjust as needed.

Curriculum Resources Shared Drive:
1. ISTEP+ Applied Skills (past assessments)
2. Updated K-G5 Read-Aloud List
3. Guided Reading Lesson Plan Template
4. Gradual Release Model- Guided Reading
5. Guided Reading Self-Assessment Rubric
6. Guided Reading Report Form

Internet Resources

BrainNook- a new online game that helps kids develop Math and English skills while exploring and playing safely with others. BrainNook contains over a hundred educational games based on fundamental concepts in Math and English Grammar. The games cover Math concepts ranging from single-digit addition to 3D spatial visualization, and English concepts ranging from building simple sentences to counting syllables. These games are embedded within colorful virtual worlds that children can unlock and explore.

Reading
The International Children’s Digital Library hosts thousands of books in 54 languages from more than 60 countries. Visitors are free to browse the library and read books without having to register. If you choose to register you can save your page while reading a book and create a personal bookshelf. ICDL offers free iPhone and iPad apps for reading books on those devices.

You can browse the ICDL by age group, by genre, by language, by book length, and even by the color of the books’ covers. Once you’ve found a book you can flip through it page by page or select an individual page from the grid display of the book’s contents.

K-G2 Collaboration Topics
- Bundle Performance Task

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Data Integration

1. ISTEP+
   - Writing/ open ended
2. Acuity
   - Diagnostic 3

Technology

Interactive whiteboards- Whiteboard Blog
(http://www.whiteboardblog.co.uk/)

On the Whiteboard Blog you can find dozens of video tutorials and printable help sheets for learning to use your IWB to develop lessons. And if you’re interested in a collection of resources for your IWB that you can hold in your hand, Danny offers a 200 page book through Lulu.

News and Notes

Professional Development Calendar- Just a reminder to frequently check the updated professional development calendar located in the district shared drive (professional development folder)
- Dynamic Teaching Series (dates and sign up sheets are posted)

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)

G3-G8 Collaboration Topics
- Bundle Performance Tasks
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent teacher attendance Feb. 28 – Mar. 4, 2011:

- √ Hoagland Elementary – 96.1%
- √ Woodlan Jr. Sr. High – 97.7%

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

2. **REGIONAL BOUND**

Congratulations to Paul Harding High School boy’s basketball team for winning sectionals. The team is regional bound! On Saturday, March 12th at 12 noon they will go up against Norwell High at 12:00 Noon vs. Norwell H.S.

**GO HAWKS…..BEAT NORWELL!**

3. **FOUR STAR SCHOOLS**

Congratulations to Cedarville and Leo Elementary for being selected to Indiana’s 2009-10 Four Star Schools. The award requirements for Elementary & Middle Schools include:

- Combined Passing Percentage (English/Language Arts and Math)
- Percentage Passing Both English/Language Arts and Math
- Adequate Yearly Progress

**Way to go Cedarville and Leo Elementary!**