1. **CHANGE OF DATES FOR CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR TRAINING UPDATE**

All guidance counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists and STAY teachers are required to attend the Functional Behavior Assessment/Challenging Behavior Training now scheduled for OCT. 15 and NOV. 16. Dr. Van Acker will demonstrate how to conduct an FBA and develop a meaningful Behavior Intervention Plan. The training will be held in Park Hill Auditorium from 7:45-3:00. Principals are welcome to attend. Please disregard the announcement from last week’s bulletin.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

2. **BALL STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHERS COLLEGE**

Ball State University Teachers College presents international education expert Andreas Schleicher, who will speak about the status of the American education system in a global context at **8 p.m. Thursday, September 9, at the Ball State University Alumni Center Assembly Hall.**

A senior education official at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Schleicher will discuss "Is the Sky the Limit to Educational Improvement--Lessons from the World on Successful Education Systems."

Ball State University Alumni Center Assembly Hall
2800 West Bethel Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47306
Free parking available at the Alumni Center. No RSVP required

For more information, please contact 765-285-5251 or tcdeanst@bsu.edu or visit www.bsu.edu/teachers. For directions to campus, please visit www.bsu.edu/map.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

3. **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS OF RECORD**

It is a legal requirement for Special Education Teachers of Record to hold a move-in case conference within the first ten days of a new student's arrival to your school. This does not need to be a lengthy meeting for most. It is to simply review the IEP in order to clarify any necessary issues.

Another legal requirement of the Teachers of Record is to immediately notify the appropriate related service staff when a new student's IEP lists OT, PT, APE, VI, or HI services. This will ensure that you receive information that will assist with the move-in conference and will allow for prompt initiation of services.

Following all legal requirements protects the teacher from disciplinary action and safeguards both the district and the teacher from potential lawsuits.

Connie DeLong, ext. 3109
4. **NEW ENROLLMENTS**

Registrars are reminded to input all new enrollments into the AS400 on a daily basis. Also, accurate identification of students with special services (including speech services) is critical. As we approach the membership count date it is imperative that all the student information in the AS400 is 100% correct.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

5. **TEACHER APPRAISAL SYSTEM**

Any staff member that receives a teacher contract should be evaluated on teacher appraisal system. This would include teachers, media specialist at the high school level, guidance counselors, instructional coaches, reading specialists, etc. Teacher contracts will be coming out in the next month and examining that list would be a great way to determine if a person in question should have a yearly evaluation using the teacher appraisal system.

Any staff member who does not receive a teacher contract should be evaluated on a classified evaluation form. This would include secretaries, all classifications of paraprofessionals, student assistant specialists, CRT’s, etc. Employees not receiving a teacher contract should have a yearly evaluation using a classified evaluation form.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

6. **HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

Principals are reminded to ensure that teachers who are assigned different subject area courses than were taught last year are required to complete and submit a new Highly Qualified Assurance Form to the Department of Human Resources. The requirement of Highly Qualified status includes the subject areas of Elementary, Elementary Special Education, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music and Foreign Language. In order to be considered Highly Qualified teachers must have one of the following:

- completed 24 hours in the subject area,
- passed the National Teacher Exam for the subject area
- passed the Praxis II in the subject area.

The HOUSSE rubric is no longer an acceptable method for becoming HQ for those teachers with new assignments.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

7. **PUPIL ENROLLMENT COUNT**

The Department of Education will be capturing Pupil Enrollment Counts from the Real Time (RT) weekly submissions that Shari Hegerfeld uploads each Wednesday afternoon. Principals and registrars MUST ensure that the AS/400 enrollment data are 100% accurate each Wednesday by 2:00 pm.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002
8. LILLY TEACHER CREATIVITY AWARD PROGRAM

Teachers, principals, assistant principals, library / media specialists or guidance counselors are eligible to apply for one of approximately 120 awards that Lilly will be granting to educators in Indiana through the Lilly Teacher Creativity Award program. Teacher Creativity Awards provide funding to help refresh and renew the educators who are selected by Lilly’s review committee. Application details are available at http://www.teachercreativity.org/. The deadline is November 5. After reviewing the materials, if you are interested in completing an application, contact Rose Fritzinger by October 1st. See Enclosure # 1.

Rose Fritzinger, ext. 3161

9. EACS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

It is that time of year to consider making a payroll deduction to our East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation (EACS EF). This is a voluntary request for your support. As you may know, the primary purpose of our Educational Foundation is to provide support for our students who are taking dual credit courses (i.e. paying their tuition and, in some instances where the funds allow and the need exists, providing for the cost of travel to / from college and book fees) for our five high schools at a rate of $5,000 annually. That is a total annual obligation of $25,000! To the $5,000 per building, each school adds $2,000 to help provide for students. As you can see this is a tremendous benefit for our students and well over 400 students have benefitted since our program began. We need your assistance to help provide this program.

Enclosure # 2 is a payroll deduction form for your use. If you would like to make a donation or a payroll deduction at this time, please return this form by September 9th. You may scan an email attachment or provide the original to Rose Fritzinger, Director, EACS Education Foundation, at Park Hill. If you have any questions about donating, payroll deduction, or the Foundation, please contact Rose Fritzinger.

Rose Fritzinger, ext. 3161

10. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

As final modifications to School Improvement Plans throughout the district are completed, I want to thank everyone who had a part in making these instruments of change come to fruition. Our district goal and the state expectation is to have the process be broad-based and represent the combined efforts of as many shareholders as possible. Your School Improvement Plan should reflect the current state of your school, targeted achievement goals/benchmarks, and specific interventions to attain those goals. It represents your collaborative formula for academic achievement and a successful school year. Please plan on reviewing, monitoring, and assessing progress of your School Improvement Plan on a regular basis. Remember we are Focused for Success!

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125
11. SOFTWARE AND ASSESSMENT PRICES

As you are aware, we have several new (to most schools) software/assessment pieces this school year including Wireless Gen, Compass Odyssey, SRI, Acuity, and the return of NWEA to some schools. Each one of these pieces has an integral role in the delivery of state and federally mandated data-driven instruction. Most of these programs do require additional time in our computer labs reducing time for other valuable programs/activities. We have increased capacity to accommodate these additional demands in several schools and will continue to work with all schools to align assets for greater utilization of our current capacity. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this effort and look forward to seeing additional student growth, from the use of these programs.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

12. ELEMENTARY 1 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2nd Annual Allen County Elementary 1 Mile Championship is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2010. The cross country course covers 1 mile (1,600 meters). Any child in the 5th grade or younger may participate. The race will be held at Havenhurst Park, New Haven. See Enclosure # 3 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
Deadline for proposals: November 5, 2010
Notification of grant recipients: February 25, 2011
Payments: After March 15, 2011

**Individual grants of $8,000**

**CONTACT**
Send proposals to:
Barbara S. DeHart
Program Director, Education
Lilly Endowment Inc.
P.O. Box 88068
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208-0068
317/924-5471

*For more information go to lillyendowment.org or teachercreativity.org*
Mission

East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to the mission of East Allen County Schools. Foundation activities will be compatible with the EACS mission and may include:

• Student scholarships – to local colleges and universities through the dual credit initiative: Collegiate Connection.

• Recognition of students and staff for excellence and other individuals who go above and beyond expectations.

• Engaging in activities that lead to EACS excellence – recognize programs that put EACS on the cutting edge, in the forefront as a leader in the region, state or nation.

EACS Educational Foundation – Donation / Authorization

EACS Employee Information:

1. Your Full Name (please print): ____________________ ______________________
2. Your EACS Extension: ________________________________
3. School(s) Where You Work (SY10/11):______________________________

Please identify your donation option (Select “✓” one):

☐ Payroll Deduction:

$_____/pay for SY10/11 contract year (20 pays) for a total gift of $_______

☐ Donation: $_____________ (please attach)

Select “✓” one:  ☐ Cash ________  ☐ Check #: __________

Make checks payable to: EACS Educational Foundation, Inc.

Please list my donation in any EACS Foundation materials as follows:

(select “✓” one from these options)

☐ ____________________________________________ (please print)

☐ Anonymous

Please designate my gift as follows (select “✓” one preference):

☐ I have no preference (unrestricted)  ☐ Above & Beyond Awards

☐ Collegiate Connection (dual credit)  ☐ Cutting Edge Awards

I select to provide my donation via payroll deduction. As such, I am signing below to authorize East Allen County Schools to perform the payroll deduction(s) I have selected above:

________________________________________  Date: ___/____/2010

Your Signature

Please return this completed form to Rose Fritzinger (Park Hill Learning Center.)

If participating, this completed Payroll Deduction form must be returned by 09/10/10.

Gifts to the Foundation may be deductible. East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. does not provide goods or services as whole or partial consideration for contribution. Consult your financial planner / tax preparer for details.
2nd Annual Allen County Elementary 1 Mile Championships

When: Friday, October 8, 2010

Where: Havenhurst Park, New Haven, Indiana

Course: Cross Country course – 1 mile (1,600 meters) – spikes are allowed

Who: Any child in the 5th grade or younger (you do not have to be a resident of Allen County to participate)

Divisions: 3rd grade girls, 3rd grade boys, 4th grade girls, 4th grade boys, 5th grade girls, & 5th grade boys (those younger then 3rd grade may participate, but will race in the 3rd grade division)

Registration and Check-In: 3:30 p.m. opens 4:30 p.m. closes
Registration will be held at the pavilion by the basketball and tennis courts

Race Schedule:
4:45 p.m. 3rd grade girls – awards at 5:00 p.m.
5:10 p.m. 3rd grade boys – awards at 5:25 p.m.
5:35 p.m. 4th grade girls – awards at 5:50 p.m.
6:00 p.m. 4th grade boys – awards at 6:15 p.m.
6:25 p.m. 5th grade girls – awards at 6:40 p.m.
6:50 p.m. 5th grade boys – awards at 7:00 p.m.

Entry: $10 if pre-registered* by Friday, October 1st or $15 from Saturday, October 2nd until race day

*A every pre-registered runner is guaranteed a t-shirt, those on race day will be given t-shirts until we run out. Entries must be received by Friday, October 1st to receive the pre-registered price.

Awards: Individual – Medals to the top 3 runners in each grade division
Ribbons to all other runners in that grade division
School – Team trophies to the top 2 teams in each grade division*
* schools must have 5 runners of the same sex and grade to score as a team

Contact: Larry Stemmler (260) 446-0220 x.7281 or lstemmler@eacs.k12.in.us

Make checks out to New Haven High School and mail to: New Haven High School
Attn: Larry Stemmler
1300 Green Road
New Haven, IN 46774
2nd Annual Allen County Elementary 1 Mile Championships

Entry Form

Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: ___________ Gender: _________

Address: _________________________________________ City: _____________ Phone #: _____________

School: __________________________________________ City: _____________

Shirt Size* (circle): X-Small  Small  Medium  Large  X-Large
* Youth sizes

Reminder that only pre-registered runners are guaranteed a t-shirt

If anything happens to me before, during, or after this race, neither I, nor anyone else will make any claim of liability against the race organizers or sponsors of the Allen County Elementary 1 Mile Championships.

Signature of participant: _____________________________________________

Signature of parent/guardian: __________________________________________

Date: ____________________________

Mail this entry form and entry fee to: New Haven High School
Attn: Larry Stemmler
1300 Green Road
New Haven, IN  46774

Make all checks out to New Haven High School

Cost: $10 if pre-registered* by Friday, October 1st or $15 from Saturday, October 2nd until race day

* entries must be received by Friday, October 1st to receive the pre-registered price.
1. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL LEO OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

Laurel Dispenza, senior at Leo Junior Senior High School was recently named Leo of the Year by Lions Clubs International. Laurel has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, high ethical standards and personal integrity. She was actively involved in the Burn Room project at St. Joseph Hospital. She helped raise the $120,000 for the room. The Burn Room construction has begun, the room is for the burn victims families.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.35 million members in about 45,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographic areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

CONGRATULATIONS LAUREL!