Happy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

1. AMERICA ON THE MOVE IN FORT WAYNE

Join the journey for a healthier YOU and a healthier Fort Wayne! Learn more about America on the Move and the great local tools to help you succeed in your quest for improving your health! FUELING YOUR FAMILY: FOOD, FUN & FITNESS FAIR - JANUARY 29, 2011 - 11 am - 3 pm Glenbrook Square, Macy’s Wing.

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Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

2. MID-CAREER DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Penn’s Mid-Career Doctoral Program invites you to join a select group of experienced leaders from across the U.S. in a cohort-based, intensive 3-year program. In executive format, we gather at Penn one weekend each month, one week each summer, and work together to ratchet up our work to change American education.

Now celebrating its Tenth Anniversary, the program draws on top faculty, leading practitioners and the broad resources of an Ivy League institution. Our expanding alumni network across 23 states participates actively in the program, and all alumni have access to weekend sessions and program resources for life.

Penn provides dedicated writing and research coaches, cohort-dedicated coordinator and unmatched dissertation support integrated from year one. All inclusive tuition includes, books, all course materials, all meals, and hotel accommodations for class weekends and summer semester.

We’re excited about changing what happens to kids, and serious about the difficult work it entails. We invite you to join us.

The application deadline for the July 2011 cohort is February 1, 2011. For more information, see www.gse.upenn.edu/midcareer or contact Jessica Lundeen at mlundeen@gse.upenn.edu or 215-573-0588.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
3. THE CURRICULUM CONNECTION
The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #2 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

4. CURRICULUM TRAINING
The Curriculum Training for language arts grades 6 - 8 on January 19, 2011 has been canceled. Language Arts teachers in grades 6 - 8 should plan to attend training on Tuesday, February 2, 2011 from 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. in the staff development room at Park Hill. Please complete a "Leave Form" for this training and send to Marilyn Hissong at Park Hill.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. DYNAMIC TEACHING SERIES
The following sessions have been canceled:

Session 4: Bunting Books and Ryant Read Alouds (Grades 4 -5) on January 27th

Session 6: Love Your Literature Study, So Your Students Will TOO! (Grades 6-8) on February 3rd

Session 10: Spicing Up Reading and Writing with Poetry (Grades 2-3) on March 10th

*If you need to check which sessions that you registered for, please visit the District Share Drive. Once in the District Share Drive, click on the Professional Development Folder. (A complete list of the sessions and the attendants is located there.)

*If you have any additional questions or comments, please speak with an instructional coach or Marilyn Hissong.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

6. WEBSITE OF THE WEEK
http://www.bookwink.com/ Bookwink's mission is to inspire kids to read. Through podcasting and web video, we hope to connect kids in Grades 3 through 8 with books that will make them excited about reading. The videos are approximately 3 minutes long and are updated monthly. Each video book talk is about a different topic, and additional read-alikes can be found on the Bookwink website. You can look for books by subject, grade level, author or title.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125
7. UNDERSTANDING & RESPONDING TO STALKING

This training is geared towards educating batterer intervention programs, probation, community corrections, and victim advocates regarding stalking.

- What is Stalking?
- Stalking Behaviors
- Screening Offenders
- Protective Orders
- Patterns of Abuse
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Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
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America On the Move in Fort Wayne continues its collaborative efforts with Fort 4 Fitness by actively promoting healthy lifestyles for our community! Fort Wayne partners who will be demonstrating and exhibiting are Fort Wayne Cardiology, Parkview Health System, Fort Wayne Community Schools, IPFW, Lutheran Hospital, YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, McMillen Health Center, the City of Fort Wayne, and many more.
Balanced Literacy

New to the Curriculum Shared Drive:

**Kindergarten:**
- Language Arts- Q3 Spelling (Submitted by Char Parks – Meadowbrook Teacher)
- Curriculum Core Vocabulary (Submitted by Mary Franco-New Haven El)

**Balanced Literacy**
- Whole Group Reading

**Resource Spotlight**
*Teaching for Comprehending and Fluency* (Fountas and Pinnell) – DVD located in front pocket

**Topic:** Whole Group Teaching: Book Talks
1. Overview (0:30)
2. *Out of Darkness* by Russell Freedman (1:50)
3. *My Louisiana Sky* by Kimberly Willis Holt (1:26)

Math

New to the Curriculum Shared Drive:

**Math Fact Strategies**
- Curriculum Resources- Balanced Math-Math Fact Strategies

**K-G2 Collaboration Topics**
Dibels/TRC, District Writing Prompt, Treasures Assessments

**G3-G8 Collaboration Topics**
ACUITY, District Writing Prompt, Treasures Assessments

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**Data Integration**

1. **Wireless Generation (K-2)**
   - Middle of Year Benchmark Testing
2. **Acuity**
   - Diagnostic 2 Testing
3. **NWEA**
   - Frequently Asked Questions- Curriculum Resources-Assessments- NWEA

**Curriculum**

**Treasures Assessments: ISTEP+ Format Weekly Assessments**

1. Suggested that all grade levels MODEL the first two assessments (January), focusing on test-taking skills for reading questions, eliminating choices, highlighting information, etc.

2. Administering the Assessments
   - 2nd Grade: we suggest beginning in February, students need to be reading the passages and answering the questions on their own.
   - 1st Grade: we suggest that teachers read the questions and the passages to the students.

**Dynamic Teaching Series**

- Sessions 4, 6, and 10 have been CANCELED. If you have signed up for any of these sessions, please be sure to take note.

- If you need a reminder of which session you have signed up for, the session attendance sheet is on the shared drive under the Professional Development folder.

**Report Cards**

Reminder that the reading level should be marked on report cards. (This level can be obtained from a combination of sources: SRI, NWEA, Wireless Generation, and Guided Reading Groups).
You are invited to a FREE TRAINING

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JANUARY 2011 IS NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH. It is a time to focus on a crime that affects 3.4 million victims a year. Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Communities that educate & understand stalking, however, can support victims and combat the crime.

Friday -- January 28, 2010
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
OMNI ROOM
2nd floor, City - County Building
One Main Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Please distribute to your staff. We hope that you will join us.

Please R.S.V.P. to Cathy Maggart, Domestic Violence Coordinator, Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
BY MONDAY - JANUARY 24TH.
Office: (260) 449-7741 OR E-Mail: catherine.maggart@co.allen.in.us

*Light refreshments will be provided*
1. COCA-COLA SCHOLAR WINNER

Laurel M. Dispenza, Leo High School student has been named a semifinalist for the 2011 Class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. With the 2011 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 4,700 young scholars nationwide with over $44 million in scholarships. Laurel ranks with approximately 2,100 high school seniors who are running for $3 million in college scholarships that the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will award in spring 2011.

If advanced, Laurel will be among 250 finalists who will travel to Atlanta to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend. The 50 National Scholars will each receive a $20,000 scholarship award, while the 200 regional Scholars will receive a $10,000 scholarship. Two additional $20,000 scholarships are awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, including the Coca-Cola Emory Scholarship and the Sandy Williams Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOODLUCK LAUREL!