1. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BREAKFAST

EACS Educational Foundation, Inc. - - Announcing the 2011 EACS Educational Foundation, Inc. Breakfast / Silent Auction! That's right, the 3rd Annual EACS Foundation Breakfast / Silent Auction will be held on May 4, 2011 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Park Hill Learning Center see Enclosure # 1.

Again this year, many, many area businesses and individuals have stepped forward to donate items for our silent auction, and everyone has an opportunity to bid on silent auction packages. Additional details will be provided in upcoming issues of the EACS Admin Bulletin. For now, if your schedule will allow, please take a moment to put this fun event on your calendar. Over the past several years, our Foundation has provided support to over 570 students to benefit from the EACS Dual Credit initiative and we cannot do it without you. We appreciate your support. On behalf of the EACS Educational Foundation board, we thank you for all you do for our students!

Rose Fritzheimer, ext. 3161

2. 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

3. WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

A Scholastic site that has over 200 study jams on different topics. It has math and science topics. Each one has a video, possibly a song and a test that goes with it. I think it is an excellent way to introduce a topic or review work. http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/index.htm

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

4. ATTENTION ALL STAFF

We are please to announce that we have received a grant to support our students who live in the Harding attendance area. This grant fosters a partnership with Fellowship Missionary Church (FMC). Through this collaboration, our 21st Century Scholar students residing in the PH attendance area are eligible to receive a mentor who will work with eligible students to build a relationship with our students and encourage them as they make preparations to succeed in college and their subsequent careers. This mentoring program will seamlessly mesh with our Seven Keys for College and Career Preparedness. Through this award, FMC will employ the program director (Karen Mititu) and EACS looks forward to building this program to benefit our eligible students.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143
5. LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT Q & A SESSION

IPFW is hosting an information session regarding teacher license renewal requirements. James Beard, M.A., Director of Licensing and Advising, IPFW School of Education, will moderate a video presentation from the Indiana Department of Professional Standards followed by questions and answers. Discussion will include:

- The difference between a Rules 2002 license vs. Rules 46/47 license
- The IMAP process
- The process for submitting the paperwork
- What to do if the IMAP is not completed by the expiration date of the license
- Steps to renew a Proficient license using the Professional Growth Plan
- Bring your questions!

All educators are invited to attend at no charge.

The sessions are scheduled to be held March 30, 2011 at the IPFW Campus, Walb Student Union Room 222 from 4:30–5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Holly Hartzell, Program Assistant, Division of Continuing Studies Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd. - Kettler Hall Room 145 (260) 481-6321 (voice) or (260)481-6959 (fax).

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

6. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Your input is requested on a survey by 2-22-11 - Please refer to Enclosure #3 entitled Ball State University’s Planting Healthy Seeds Immersive Learning Survey to learn how you may complete a quick, 20-question, multiple choice survey using the link provided on the enclosure to help BSU with their regional “Planting Healthy Seeds” project. The project is being lead by Parkview Hospital, and they are working with collaborating school districts and educational organizations to design a Health Education curriculum to be implemented in area schools to help combat childhood obesity. The focus of the team's efforts will be to "determine what type of curriculum would be most appropriate and how we can make it easier for the teachers to implement it in their [elementary] classrooms." Thank you for taking 7-10 minutes to complete this survey by 02/22/11 which will provide valuable feedback to the regional team working to combat childhood obesity.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

7. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

This is your special invitation welcoming you to the 100th Anniversary of International Women’s Day and the best IWD Celebration scheduled for March 3, 2011 from 5-9 pm at IPFW Walb Ballroom. The purpose of IWD is to mark the achievements of women and to shine a light on the barriers still in place,
prohibiting women from realizing their potential and, in the process, contributing to society in meaningful ways.

The members of the IWD Planning Committee have been diligently working to make this 100th Anniversary one that you will remember. You will enjoy:

- International hors d'oeuvre buffet sponsored by AAUW and Parkview Health
- Table massages and hand massages by Masters of Cosmetology College (come early - this is a favorite!)
- 100 Women Processional of women dressed in traditional and First Nation Clothing (Can you volunteer to walk?)
- Dr. Linda Malkas, Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Research
- Door prizes including beautiful bracelet from DK Jewelry Design, a signed copy of Greg Mortensen's book, "Stones Into Schools", plus coupons/gift cards from local businesses who support the IWD Celebration
- Arts entertainment featuring dance, music, poetry and much more!

The IWD celebration is free to everyone. Go to www.IWDEvents.com for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
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.

• 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.

Board of Directors
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Ted Williams

Thank you to our sponsor for this event . . .

You are cordially invited to attend our 3rd Annual Breakfast / Silent Auction to benefit the East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Time: 7:15 a.m. (registration and silent auction)
       7:30 a.m. (buffet breakfast served)
       9:00 a.m. (event concludes)

Location: Park Hill Learning Center
          1000 Prospect Avenue, New Haven, Indiana

Purpose: To educate our community about the East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation

Cost: $10/person, includes breakfast
      $75/table of 8 people, includes breakfast

Donations: Please contact the Foundation by 04/15/2011 with items you will donate to this silent auction or as door prizes for this event

RSVP: Yes, please RSVP by 04/25/2011 (RSVP enclosed)
      Seating is limited – RSVP soon to reserve your place

Acceptable forms of payment for breakfast, silent auction items and/or donations are:

☑ Cash
☑ Checks made payable to EACS Educational Foundation, Inc.

To keep our costs low, no credit cards will be accepted.

Thank YOU! Your generosity is most appreciated.

Gifts to the Foundation may be deductible.
Consult your financial planner / tax preparer for details.
RSVP: Please complete the appropriate information below and return this form with your payment on or before 04/25/2011:

Please print

Your Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Telephone: __________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________

Guest Name: ___________ Guest Name: ___________
Guest Name: ___________ Guest Name: ___________
Guest Name: ___________ Guest Name: ___________
Guest Name: ___________ (please use additional sheets, if necessary)

We plan to have tables to seat eight (8) individuals. If you would like to RSVP for an entire table of 8 individuals, the rate will be reduced from $10 / person to $75 / full table to seat 8.

_____ Yes, I plan to attend (_____ # attending) x $10 / person = $_____
    (check/cash enclosed)

_____ Yes, I plan to attend and would like to reserve ___ (# of tables) table for eight (8) individuals (names provided above) x $75 / table = $_____
    (check/cash enclosed)

_____ No, I am not available to attend

_____ I would like to make a donation to the Foundation: $_____
    (check/cash enclosed)

Return RSVP by 04/25/2011 to: East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Rose Fritzinger
1240 State Road 930 East
New Haven, IN 46774

Please make checks payable to: East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Fritzinger:
Email – rfritzinger@eacs.k12.in.us       Phone: 260/446-0100, ext. 3161

Gifts to the Foundation may be deductible.
Consult your financial planner / tax preparer for details.
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Data Integration

1. **Wireless Generation (K-2)**
   - mClass Math
2. **Acuity**
   - ACUITY Algebra has been extended to Feb. 17

ISTEP+ Blitz

**ISTEP+ Past Questions - Curriculum Resources Share Drive** - Right now we have G4-G6 math. We will be adding G3-G6 math and G3-G8 LA.

**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) - This is a great resource for teachers.

**Treasures: ISTEP+ Format Weekly Assessments**

Curriculum

**Reminder** - Please fill out the curriculum survey by 3:15 P.M. today. Thank you to all the teachers who have already taken the time to fill out the survey.

**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

Internet Resources

**Math**

**Reading**
- [http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/SCAindex.shtm](http://www.fcrr.org/curriculum/SCAindex.shtm) - The K-5 Student Center Activities (SCA) and K-3 Instructional Routines search tool provides teacher's access to the 522 individual SCA and the instructional routines from Empowering Teachers. Use this search tool to find and print specific instructional routines or student center activities and their accompanying activity masters by grade level, reading component (PA, P, F, V, C), subcomponent, DIBELS measure, or Florida Sunshine State Standard.

**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

**G3-G8 Collaboration Topics**
Mid-Year Data Meetings, Balanced Literacy Framework

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)

**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. in the Staff Development Room. Please bring your *Guiding Readers and Writers* book and LA Bundle 6.
Ball State University’s Planting Healthy Seeds Immersive Learning Survey

**Why:** Parkview Hospital has recruited our group to design a Health Education curriculum to be implemented in the Fort Wayne schools to help combat childhood obesity. We are currently trying to determine what type of curriculum would be most appropriate and how we can make it easier for the teachers to implement it in their classrooms.

**Who:** The survey would be distributed to all elementary teachers at the Fort Wayne Community Schools, East Allen County Schools, and Northwest Allen County Schools.

**How:** The letter below would be sent to all teachers participating via e-mail. Included in the letter are an explanation of the project and a link to the survey. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We have used Survey Monkey online to collect the results (follow the link provided below), so as soon as a survey is submitted, the responses are stored in a private, secure online database that only we can access.

Dear Classroom Teacher,

Parkview Hospital has recruited our group to design a Health Education curriculum to be implemented in the Fort Wayne schools to help combat childhood obesity. Our group consists of undergraduate and graduate students from Ball State University participating in an immersive learning project called Planting Healthy Seeds. We are currently trying to determine what type of curriculum would be most appropriate and how we can make it easier on you, as the teacher, to implement it in your classroom. We ask you to participate in a survey we have created. It will only take a few minutes and will provide us with valuable information!

To access the survey copy the following link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WLFSFGY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WLFSFGY). In order for us to use this information to guide our planning this semester, please make every effort to complete this as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your help, your responses will provide us with valuable feedback about the direction of our project!

Sincerely,

Planting Healthy Seeds Team
Building Better Communities
Ball State University
1. EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

The following schools had excellent teacher attendance February 7 – 11, 2011:

√ New Haven Elementary – 99.2%

√ Woodlan Jr. Sr. High - 96.1%

GREAT JOB!