1. **ALLEN COUNTY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP/ITT EXCELLENC IN EDUCATION AWARD PROGRAM**

This program is available to all K-12 Teachers. A number of EACS teachers have benefitted from this exceptional opportunity in the past. And, YOU are invited to submit an application for this highly-competitive award. Just go to the ACEP home page [www.abouteducation.org](http://www.abouteducation.org) click on “applications” (left side), and then the ITT app is the third one down. The focus of these limited funds is upon math, science and technology projects and you may submit an application as part of a group or individually. ACEP and ITT are to be commended for this tremendous collaboration and the number of opportunities that this award provides.

Contact Rose before August 19, 2011 if you believe you may be interested in submitting an application so that she may help you prepare the documentation for submission by the September 2011 deadline.

Rose Fritzinger, ext. 3161

2. **WEB SITES OF THE WEEK**

Reading Rockets is national multimedia project offering information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. [http://www.readingrockets.org/](http://www.readingrockets.org/)

The mission of the Skype an Author Network is to provide K-12 teachers and librarians with a way to connect authors, books, and young readers through virtual visits. [http://skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com/](http://skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com/)

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

3. **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMIC CAMP**

We are writing to share information about “Adventures in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math,” a two-week residential academic camp located on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington from July 10-22, 2011. Applicants must be current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders who are Indiana residents and who are currently enrolled in a school within the state of Indiana. The program offers a healthy, safe, and fun learning environment for students to develop skills and knowledge that will be helpful in their school career and later in life. In addition to academic enrichment, campers also engage in activities and events which help prepare them for high school and beyond. Some camp activities include career exploration and college life preparation. The attached documents offer detailed information about the camp for students, parents, teachers, and other interested parties. An updated version of Adobe Reader may be required to view these, and it is available at: [http://get.adobe.com/reader/](http://get.adobe.com/reader/). See *Enclosure # 1*.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002
4. "PROTECTING CHILDREN THROUGH MANDATED REPORTING” WEBINAR

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (EDT) there will be a free webinar presented by Amy Russell, of the National Child Protection Training Center will be the presenter. Every adult in Indiana is a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect. This Webinar will equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively report child abuse or neglect, evaluate situations to determine if there is reasonable cause to suspect child abuse, maintain relationships with the child and family, and identify the indicators associated with child abuse. Go to the National Child Protection Training website to register prior to Monday, April 25.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

5. 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

6. ATTENTION ALL PRINCIPALS

Please be advised that the CPI training scheduled for April 25th has been cancelled. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Studebaker at ext. 3206.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

7. 2011 CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled to be held May 14th, 6-9 pm and May 15th, 12-6 pm at the Downtown Allen County Public Library. Save the date! See Enclosure #3.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

8. DISTRICT-WIDE FUNDRAISER

Cartridge City will donate $1 to our district for every ink cartridge purchased at Kroger stores in New Haven and Southgate Plaza (Fort Wayne). See Enclosure #4 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

9. UNITED HISPANIC AMERICANS EXTRAVAGANZA

Cinco de Mayo Extravaganza is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 7th from 6-11:30 pm at the Hall’s Guesthouse (1313 W. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne). See Enclosure #5 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
10. **THE SCHOOL CHOICE DEBATE LECTURE**

On Tuesday, May 10th, the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne, in conjunction with the Alumni Association of the University of Notre Dame, will host a brief lecture followed by a panel discussion on topics surrounding school choice. See Enclosure #6 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

11. **INDIANA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance of Allen County is offering two academic scholarships, valued at $3500 to students with immediate family in good standing with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. To apply, requests for application may be made to Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance of Allen County: 10307 Dupont Circle Drive W., Suite A Fort Wayne or by calling (260) 489-0709. Applications must be postmarked by Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

12. **GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY**

The City of Fort Wayne’s Great American Cleanup day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. To register you group online go to www.cityoffortwayne.org or contact the Solid Waste Department at (260) 427-1345.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

13. **HEALING THROUGH THE ARTS**

Erin’s House is sponsoring a special week of events entitled *Children Grieve, Too!* These events will promote awareness about how children grieve differently from adults and how Erin’s House programs address their unique needs. The event entitled ‘Healing Through the Arts’ will be at the Ft. Wayne Museum of Art on Thursday April 14. There will be workshops focusing on how the arts can help a child through his or her grieving process. For more information contact Erin’s House.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

14. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE**

Fort Wayne Allen County Department of Health and the American Association of Poison Control Centers reported an increase in the number of people trying the new drug called bath salts. Below you will find some updated information: See Enclosure #7 for more information.

- There were 292 calls in 2010 and 1,241 calls in 2011 regarding bath salts.
- Indiana has reported 59 cases in 23 counties since November.
- Age (years): 13-19: 12 (20%); 20-29: 26 (44%); 30-39:10 (17%), 40-49: 10 (17%);
- Gender 70% male
- Common symptoms: agitation/irritability, hallucinations/delusions, tachycardia, confusion, hypertension.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143
What Are YOU Doing This Summer?

How about learning...

- How to protect our natural environment
- How to build and program robots
- Math, science, and computer skills that can help you in school and later in life
- How to design and create video games
- Leadership skills and test taking tips
- About scholarships and paying for college
- About exciting careers in health, science, technology, engineering and math

Application Deadline is April 15th!

Please see website for program details and application: www.indiana.edu/~demastem

Email us: demastem@indiana.edu • Or call us: (812) 856-5700

Indiana University 2011 Summer Science Camp
"Adventures in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)"

When: Sunday, July 10 to Friday, July 22, 2011

Where: Indiana University, Bloomington

Who: Students currently in grades 5, 6, or 7

Cost: FREE!

Housing on campus, meals, fun field trips, help with college prep, science and math career advice
Everything is included!
Balanced Literacy

Guided Reading:

1. Reading Conference Procedures- Teachers are encouraged to hold reading conferences at the students own desk.

2. Suggested Meeting Guidelines:
   - Students below grade level meet 4 to 5 times per week.
   - Students at grade level meet a minimum of 2 to 3 times per week.
   - Students above grade level meet a minimum of 1 to 2 times per week.

* These suggested guidelines create a system whereby the teacher meets regularly with all students.

Data Integration

1. Acuity
   - Diagnostic 3 (class matrix reports- see your instructional coach)

2. Compass Odyssey
   - G3-G5 teachers are encouraged to create individual student assignments based on ACUITY results (these override NWEA lessons during ISTEP+ prep)
   - Teachers can choose indicator specific Compass Odyssey whole group/small group lessons on the SMARTBOARD based on areas of concern from ACUITY assessment 1 and 2.

Websites of Interest

Math: www.supermathsworld.com

Super Maths World is good resource offering differentiated math practice. The activities offered on Super Maths World are suitable for students in elementary, middle, and high school. The progress tracker is a good way for self-directed learners to measure their progress. The progress tracker and scores could also be used by teachers as a means of measuring a student’s development.

Language Arts:

You Are What You Read is part book recommendation service and part social network for young readers. Hosted by Scholastic, You Are What You Read is place where kids can share information about their favorite books. After creating a simple profile You Are What You Read asks participants to name the five books that mean the most to them. Members of the network can then see who else likes the same books and discover other books that might also interest them. The site offers some excellent resources that you and your students can access without joining and creating a profile. You Are What You Read has a lengthy list of famous people who have listed their favorite age-appropriate books.

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News and Notes

Summer Training Opportunities:
(Registration information will be coming soon.)

Lucy Calkins
Topic- Writing
Date: July 18-21  Time- 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Attendance open to 100 educators
- 20 PGP offered (no stipend)
- Kits will be given to those that attend

Jan Christensen
Topic- Balanced Math
Date: Aug. 1-2   Time- 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
- Attendance open to 60 educators
- 10 PGP offered (no stipend)

K-G2 Collaboration Topics
- Small/Skill/Guided Reading,
- Buddy Study Spelling
- Reading Conferences

G3-G8 Collaboration Topics
- Small/Skill/Guided Reading
- Buddy Study Spelling
- Reading Conferences
2011 Cherry Blossom Festival

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Fort Wayne, Indiana

Taiko Conference
Anime Contest
Tea Ceremony
Martial Arts
Japanese Games
Taste of Japan

And much more!

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CARTRIDGE CITY WILL DONATE $1 TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR EVERY INK CARTRIDGE PURCHASED AT KROGER.

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Kroger and Cartridge City have teamed up to bring you Book Link: Cartridges for Classroom Libraries, a charitable initiative to help promote classroom libraries at your school. Classroom libraries are extremely beneficial and important in developing the reading skills of Elementary children. They enable students to choose books specific to their age and reading level and personal interest. To help further this initiative, Cartridge City will donate $1 for every ink cartridge sold at the Kroger Store sponsoring your school! Take advantage of Book Link today and help insure a brighter future for our children!

“Research supports the notion that the books children choose to read and enjoy the most come from their classroom library. We need to recognize that the classroom library is the most significant library in children’s lives.”

Dr. Linda Gambrell, Eugene T. Moore School of Education, Clemson University President of the International Reading Association (2007-2008)
UNITED HISPANIC AMERICANS, INC

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1313 WEST WASHINGTON BLVD
FORT WAYNE, IN 46825

Saturday, May 7, 2011  6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by May 2nd, 2011... (260) 456-5000

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CASUAL ATTIRE...
The School Choice Debate

What: Lecture and panel discussing issues regarding school choice
When: Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 PM
Where: Allen County Public Library (Theater, Lower Level)  
900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

On Tuesday, May 10th, the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne, in conjunction with the Alumni Association of the University of Notre Dame, will host a brief lecture followed by a panel discussion on topics surrounding school choice. The event will include a scholar from the University of Notre Dame and two local leaders from the education sector. Attendees will have an opportunity to interact with panel members during a Q&A session. Panelists include:

**Professor Richard Garnett** – Professor Garnett is the Associate Dean and Professor of Law and Concurrent Professor of Political Science at Notre Dame. Professor Garnett teaches and writes about the freedoms of speech, association, and religion, and also about constitutional law more generally. He is the author of dozens of law-review articles and book chapters. Professor Garnett has been involved with a number of efforts to improve and strengthen Catholic schools and to reform education policy more generally. He served on the Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education, is a Fellow of the University’s Institute for Educational Initiatives, is a founding Associate of the American Center for School Choice, and consults regularly with the Alliance for Catholic Education. Professor Garnett received his B.A. from Duke University and his J.D. from Yale Law School.

**Jonathan Hancock** – Mr. Hancock has been the Headmaster at Canterbury School, an independent, college preparatory day school for students age 2 through Grade 12 located in southwest Fort Wayne, since 1982. During his tenure, he has overseen the establishment of the high school and the expansion of the campus. Mr. Hancock has taught English and Latin and coached soccer and tennis. He received both his B.A. and M.A. from Oxford University and his Ed.M. from Harvard University.

**Mark GiaQuinta** – Mr. GiaQuinta is an attorney with Haller & Colvin. He served four terms on the Fort Wayne City Council as well as on numerous state and local boards and commissions. He currently serves as the President of the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board of Trustees. Mr. GiaQuinta received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University with Highest Distinction and his J.D. from Indiana University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The panelists will discuss their views on various aspects of the school choice debate. The event is free and open to the public.

If possible, please RSVP by emailing Jacob Benedict at jacob@amiinvestment.com. Our goal is to make the event as interactive as possible. We encourage you to submit any questions or discussion items that you would like to present to the panelists beforehand with your RSVP.

**Blue Sponsors:**

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Allen County Farm Bureau Insurance
Scholarship Application

Available To: Applicant or applicant’s immediate family (legal guardian) must be a member in good standing with Allen County Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

GPA Requirement: 2.7

Application Deadline: May 1st, 2011

Amount: $3500

Number Awarded: 2 scholarships will be awarded

Criteria:

- Must be a resident of Indiana.
- Applicant must be enrolled in one of the following courses of study:
  - An accredited high school program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full-time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
  - A course of study leading to completion in an accredited GED program, with personal plans to pursue a degree as a full-time student in an accredited two-year technical school or four-year college or university program.
  - An accredited two-year technical school.
  - An accredited four-year college or university program.
- Aware of the scholarship contingent upon acceptance for fall enrollment as a full time student (minimum 12 credit hours).
- The award will be paid directly to the institution the applicant is enrolled.
- The award will be given after the successful completion of the first term and enrollment for the second term at an accredited technical school, college or university.
- Please enclose most current transcript.
- A certificate will be presented to the scholarship recipient at the students’ high school spring awards ceremony.

Renewable: Applicant may reapply annually but only receive the award one time.

Contact: For additional information or questions please contact: John Alexander or Kate Keefer at 260-489-0709

Details: Applications must be post marked by May 1 to the Allen County Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance office; 10307 Dupont Circle Dr. W, Suite A, Fort Wayne, IN 46825-1607 or received in the office by 4:30 pm on May 1.

All applications must be typed; Application includes a copy of your transcript, two letters of reference and an essay (500 words or less).
Date: April 12, 2011

We are hearing that there are an increased number of people trying the new drug called bath salts and they are not just teens. Below you will find some updated info, courtesy of Dr. Mowry at Indiana Poison Center.

**Epidemiology:**

**US**
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**Age (years):**
13-19: 12 (20%); 20-29: 26 (44%); 30-39: 10 (17%); 40-49: 10 (17%);

**Gender**
70% male

**Common symptoms:** agitation/irritability, hallucinations/delusions, tachycardia, confusion, hypertension.

**Diagnosis:**
Basically by history and physical. No field test. Commercial labs can test for mephedrone. Research labs have developed a GC/MS analysis for MDPV. MDPV cross-reactivity with standard amphetamine analysis is unknown.

**Medical Outcomes:**
No effect (3), Minor (17), Moderate (24), Major (6)

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**Basic Info about Bath Salts**

**What Is It?**
A powder/crystalline substance that is sold as bath salts, potpourri, plant food, and/or plant growth regulators.

**What Chemicals May Be In It?**
3, 4-methylenedioxyxpyrovalerone (MDPV) most commonly. Also seen: mephedrone, methylone

**What Names is it Sold Under?**
Ivory Wave, Lunar Wave, Vanilla Sky, Ocean Snow etc.

**What Does It Do?**
Snorted, smoked, ingested or injected to get a stimulant high similar to MDMA, methamphetamine or cocaine (stimulation, euphoria, increased sociability, enhanced creativity, feeling of empathy and sexual arousal). Effects typically last 2-4 hours when snorted and up to 7 hours when ingested.

**Is It Harmful?**
The likelihood of side effects increases with higher doses and include loss of appetite, disturbed sleep patterns, trismus, bruxism, twitching, lip-smacking, increased muscle tone, residual depression, nystagmus, anxiousness / nervousness, fiending (harsh comedown leading to re-dosing repeatedly without planning to do so), excessive excitation / hyperactivity, headache, tachycardia, hypertension, confusion, delusions and extreme paranoia with the potential to harm self or others. The paranoia has been reported to be refractory to standard doses of benzodiazepines / antipsychotics. Side effects may last up to 48 hours after using.

**How Is It Obtained?**
Legally sold in head shops, mini-marts, gas stations, and online. Labeled as “not for human consumption”.

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**PLEASE CALL POISON CONTROL WITH ANY SUSPECTED CASES 1-800-222-1222**

Thanks, Deb McMahan, MD
1. ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL WINNERS

Congratulations to New Haven Middle School for an outstanding showing at the Academic Super Bowl that was recently held. The math and social studies teams each came in first place, science came in second, and English was third. The team brought home the overall first-place trophy.

GREAT JOB BULLDOGS!