NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK – NOVEMBER 14-18
Thank you educators for all you do!

1. **FUEL UP TO PLAY 60: EAT HEALTHY – GET ACTIVE – MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The National Dairy Council has joined with the NFL and the USDA to provide an opportunity for schools to support children being active for at least 60 minutes per day. Visit [www.FuelUpToPlay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com) to learn how your school may be included in this program. Through this program, there is an opportunity for schools to receive up to $4,000 per school where students are learning how to eat healthy and be physically active. Ask your principal if you may begin this program at your school so that your students and staff may benefit. Here is a link to the competitive funding application (for up to $4,000): [http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php](http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php)

The final on-line application deadline for this calendar year is coming up on December 1, 2011. So, if you are interested, ask your principal for approval to add your school to this program and then get started. Let me know if you decide to join and whether you are applying for the funding that is available on a competitive basis. Thank you to EACS School Board member Terry Jo Lightfoot for bringing this opportunity to my attention to share with each of you.

Rose Fritzinger ext. 3161

2. **ATTENTION CERTIFIED TEACHERS - TUTORS NEEDED**

Leslie House and Noel House (both located in the southeast Fort Wayne) currently have openings for certified teachers to serve as after-school tutors. The needs are for secondary English and/or Math assistance. The pay is through Title I support and for SY2011/2012 will be Bachelor’s + 0 rate / hour. They are looking for individuals who are willing to commit to a tutoring schedule and will be dependable.

If you (hold a valid Indiana teacher's license -grades 6-12), are interested, and available, please contact Jo Schwartz by email jschwartz@parkcenter.org or by phone 437-4067 (cell), 482-9125 ext. 2435 (office). The selected individual(s) would not need to work every day, however, interested teachers can commit to a set schedule to tutor students on a regular basis.

Rose Fritzinger ext. 3161

3. **PROJECT BASED LEARNING**

See *Enclosure #1* for Project Based Learning resources.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002
4. **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

5. **DRIVING INSTRUCTORS NEEDED**

The Driving Academy is looking for instructors who have their driver's training endorsement to help with the instruction and the actual driving time portion. Mr. Clouse stated that instructors are in high demand due to the age change. If you are interested, please contact Mike Clouse at the following numbers: Office (260-490-7005) or Cell (317-341-3549). His email address is clousemike@att.net.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

6. **MATH CONTEST**

Region 8 is sponsoring a Math contest for all students in grades K-8 in Region 8 schools. The contest will run on the Sumdog website. See *Enclosure #3* for more details.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

7. **WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

[www.extrareading.com](http://www.extrareading.com)

It has the best short stories and assessments for grades 3-8.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

8. **ATTENTION NEW TEACHERS**

You are invited to attend an informal after school series of “get-togethers” led by Central Office personnel. The purpose of the meetings is to build relationships to talk about current challenges and ultimatums, and to learn additional supports through a book study. New Teacher Support Series is scheduled to begin on November 14 at 4:00 p.m. at PHLC in the Staff Development Room.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

9. **ATTENTION CIA TEAM**

CIA Team is scheduled to meet on November 16 at 9:00 a.m. at PHLC in the Staff Development Room.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

10. **ATTENTION RESTORATIVE PRACTICE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Restorative Practice Leadership Teams are scheduled to meet on November 17 at 7:30 a.m. at PHLC in the Staff Development Room.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143
11. PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

The first Principal for a Day event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 16th. Principals have been made aware of the person who will be participating at each school. Please be sure to welcome your guest on your school marquee.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

Positive Praise:

"What ideas are you finding successful with your students? Can you share with your colleagues? 
Sharing the best means everyone succeeds!"
How To Find Projects, Make Them Your Own, And Improve Them

1. Work on an idea for a project you would like to do with your unit. Make it something that will have REAL meaning to the students. As with most brainstorming, if you have two or three ideas that might apply to a unit of instruction, you have made your work easier.

2. Research to find similar projects that have already been completed (they may not be an exact match, but similar enough to work with). Below are some good web resources, but this is not even close to being all that are available. You can also type in project based learning and your subject area into a search engine and see what comes out!

WEB SITES FULL OF PROJECTS:

The Learning Connection (LC) Community Region 8 PBL Chat for your level (Elementary or Secondary). You can find the LC at https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov
(a) You need to be registered, but registration is simple.
(b) Once Logged on, Use the “Find a Community” feature, and type in Region 8 PBL Chat. You will see several communities to choose from. Choose your level (Elementary or Secondary). ***The Elementary and Secondary Chat Communities have been made into “open communities” – that means you don’t have to wait for us to approve you before you can become a member.***
(c) Don’t be surprised if there are not a lot of projects here for now. This is a relatively new community, which is growing slowly. We grow through the voluntary submissions of teachers.

The Buck Institute for Education at http://www.bie.org

The West Virginia Teach 21 site at

http://wveis.k12.wv.us/teach21/public/project/Mainmenu.cfm

For career related projects, you may want to try The Ohio Resource Center at

http://ohiorc.org/standards_first/
3. You save the project plan in a format you can use – most of them allow saving to an MS-Word format, or you can simply copy parts of the project, and paste into a Word document. IMPORTANT: Please make sure you also save or copy the rubrics and other materials that have already been devised for this unit.

4. Change the standards shown into Indiana Standards for the unit.
***Don’t forget about Literacy and/or Mathematics standards that you may be covering! YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SKIP THIS STEP IF YOU GET ONE FROM THE LC!

5. Change the Entry Event, if necessary, to make sure it applies to your students/local area.

6. Review the rubrics, mini-lessons, mini-activities…Ask yourself if there is anything more that might be needed.

7. Double check that you have any materials that the unit plan has identified - or that you have identified - as needed.

8. Make necessary copies.


10. Finish the unit. Have all of your students reflect. You reflect. Compare those reflection comments. Don’t be surprised if the students’ reflections are totally different from yours…that’s not always a bad thing!

11. Share the unit design, implementation, and all reflections with a colleague or a Critical Friends Group (CFG). Discuss any/all potential modifications to make the unit better the next time.

12. Make any necessary modifications to project. Find a safe place and store the unit plan until four weeks before needed next.

13. Four weeks before next use, dust off the unit, and reread the entire unit, reflections, and colleague discussion notes to prepare yourself for the upcoming use of it.
Balanced Literacy
A balanced literacy program regularly provides several kinds of reading and writing.

This week’s focus: Guided Reading

After Reading: 3-4 minutes
- Teacher checks predictions. Students provide proof from text to confirm their prediction(s).
- Teacher explicitly states teaching point by citing examples from students during lesson.
- Students discuss text with a focus on meaning using critical-thinking questions.
- Teacher takes anecdotal notes. (May occur here or somewhere else during the GR lesson.)
- Other observations.

After Lesson (Optional): 3-5 minutes
- Word work relating to text
- Written response to critical-thinking question about the text
- Choral reading portion of text for fluency

Characteristics of Literature Study:
Literature study enables students to help one another learn. Our goal is always student independence.
- Teacher selects reading materials with specific focus for students to choose from based on interest.
- Group meetings are scheduled and reading roles are sometimes assigned.
- Students often meet several times to discuss the same book.
- The teacher and students generate discussion.
- The teacher shows ways of thinking about the text and responding to the text.

Resource: Guiding Readers and Writer Grades 3-6, Fountas

Honoring Our Flag
https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov/Library/FilingCabinet/ViewFileDetail.aspx?fFid=25270

K-G2 Collaboration Topics
- RtI students
- Guided Reading Groups

G3-G8 Collaboration Topics
- RtI students
- ACUI Ty matrix reports
- Guided Reading Groups – progress monitoring

Important Dates

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Technology
A leading vocabulary website worldwide with the best flash online word games is www.Vocabulary.co.il. The vocabulary games are popular for use on smart boards for word games to build vocabulary skills in classrooms.

It’s a high-energy word learning experience that’s made up of a lot of fun and exciting moving parts.

ACUI Ty
Review ACUI Ty MATRIX report
Ways to review information for strengths and weaknesses:
- Group students by tiers for overall need
- Group like indicators and note the correlating question number.
- List questions by percent correct from lowest to greatest
- Determine greatest need for remediation

How to review questions:
- Sign into ACUI Ty
- Reports>Assessment Reports>Class Assessment Report
- Subject>Assessment Type (custom)>Class (select yours)>Standards to report by (Common Core)>Get Report
- Scroll up and down to see valuable information
- Scroll down to standards and indicators
  - Click on BLUE linked indicator
- This shows you the question number that indicator was on the test
- Click on the BLUE question # and it will take you to the question (Item Detail)
REGION 8 MATH CONTEST
Dec 5 through Dec 15 2011

With the help of Region 8 ESC, we're running a math contest for all Region 8 schools.

To take part, students answer math questions on the free Sumdog website.

The school scoring highest wins a trophy, and math software worth $750.

We average the results across competing students, so all schools have a fair chance of winning.

SIGN UP NOW!
www.sumdog.com/in
Region 8 Math Contest for Students in Grades K-8- Starts December 5, 2011

Region 8 ESC would like to invite its member schools with students in grades K-8 to participate in a math contest being run on the Sumdog website to see which school can answer the most math questions. The contest takes into account of school size, so everyone has a fair chance of winning.

Students take part by playing the free multiplayer math games on Sumdog (http://www.sumdog.com) from December 5, 2011 to December 15, 2011. There is no cost for schools or students.

*Only schools with 15 or more participants are eligible for prizes.* The first prize is an engraved trophy, and a full site license for "Yenka Mathematics" software (worth $750), and there are also daily school prizes and student prizes (certificates).

In order to enter your school, please visit http://www.sumdog.com/regions. To participate, teachers need to sign up on the Sumdog website and set up free logins for their students. If teachers wish to know more about getting signed up, they should contact the Sumdog website about viewing a webinar on November 16, 2011.

- The contest begins 8:00 a.m. on December 5, 2011.
- The contest closes at 4:00 on December 15, 2011.

*If you have any questions or need help getting set up, you can email the Sumdog team at info@sumdog.com.*
1. ITT EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD WINNERS

ITT Exelis has chosen to fund five projects totaling over $15,000 for the 2011-2012 school year. The funds reward innovative classroom projects that are designed to strengthen students’ science, technology, engineering and math skills. Excellence in Education winners for EACS are John Filutze from New Haven High School for his “Graphing Calculator” project; In addition, two projects from Leo Jr./Sr. High School were selected to receive grants: William Copeland and Jeff Kosmoski for “Lead the Way Technology” and Benjamin Shappell for “Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences.”

CONGRATULATIONS EACS TEACHERS!

2. EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

The following schools had excellent teacher attendance the week of October 31 – November 4, 2011:

- Leo Elem - 97%
- Woodlan Intermediate - 97%
- Prince Chapman - 97%
- Highland Terrace - 96%
- Heritage Elem. - 95%
- Paul Harding Jr. - 95%
- Woodlan Primary - 95%
- Southwick - 95%

Classified Staff Attendance (October 24 - November 4, 2011)

- EACS Alternative - 100%
- Leo Elementary - 99%
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. - 99%
- Leo Jr./Sr. - 99%
- Paul Harding Jr. - 98%
- Prince Chapman Academy - 98%
- Heritage Elementary - 97%
- Woodlan Primary - 97%
- Southwick Elementary - 96%
- New Haven Middle - 96%
- Cedarville Elementary - 96%
- New Haven High - 95%

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK TEACHERS AND CLASSIFIED STAFF!

3. NEW HAVEN MIDDLE SPELL BOWL CHAMPS

The New Haven Middle School Spell Bowl team won their conference championship for the 4th year in a row. They will be competing in West Lafayette on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Susan Houck and Sheril Miller are the coaches.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK SPELL BOWL TEAM!