1. **LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Due to a misprint in the district (information) calendar, the last day of student attendance is **Tuesday, May 22, 2012** if there are no more weather related school closures.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

2. **TEACHER SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES**

If you are a teacher of grades 6-8, you may be interested in the following summer workshop opportunity. Key Issues Institute is for Educators of grades 6-8 who previously have participated in an AEP-sponsored workshop, NEED Project energy education workshop or are otherwise affiliated with AEP or one of the operating companies are eligible to apply individually or as part of a team for a week-long program. This program is to learn ways to lead students through a non-biased and science-based investigation of environmental and sustainability issues. For more information go to [www.AEP.com/go/education](http://www.AEP.com/go/education) or email questions or call blschumann@aep.com or call 614-716-1668. See **Enclosure #1** for the application process.

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3. **WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**


*We Give Books* is a fantastic initiative from Pearson. Here, you will find award winning digital picture books for students through age ten. There is a mix of fiction and non-fiction, a variety of authors, and a balance of read-aloud books and independent readers. New books are added every month along with special, seasonal books. Now any student with internet access also has access to high-quality picture books! Even better? The more books you read, the more books that are made available for everyone. Choose a book to read, choose a literacy partner campaign to support through your reading, and the more that you read, the more books that are shared with those that need them.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

4. **NOTICE: USED SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS COMING UP**

EACS will be holding a public auction for surplus used items currently in storage. A Public Auction is open to EACS staff as well as the general public. Both auctions will be held at New Haven Elementary School. March 8, 2012 at 10 a.m. Public Auction for Food Service Equipment March 17, 2012 at 10 a.m. is the Public Auction for miscellaneous/classroom furniture and equipment.

Lois Goeglein, ext. 1006
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. **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY**

Celebrate U.N. International Women’s Day, Saturday, March 10, at 2:00 P.M. at the Hessen Cassel Branch of the Allen County Public Library. This event is part of a global celebration of women – past, present and future.

**THEME:** For the Well-Being of Human Societies: Female Equity a Must!

**WHERE:** ACPL-Hessen Cassel Branch, 3030 E. Paulding Rd.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 10, 2012
2:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M.

A distinguished panel will be addressing the topic “Exploring the Lives of Women Living in Fort Wayne in 2012.” The panel will include women from a variety of ethnic communities (Japanese, Burmese, African, Indian, South American) who live & work in the ‘Summit City’- Minn Myat Han Tin, Mindy Walker, Kei Quinn, Kabala Mboboshi, Ruby Cain, Khin Wang and Nilar Maung, Elaine Klappel. They will discuss concerns and share their experiences of living in urban Fort Wayne. An arts program is also planned for the celebration. Included, will be a dramatic presentation by Emily Guerrero entitled, ‘Las Abuelas’ (The Grandmother’s) - storytelling conversations across three generations, touching the multicultural and multigenerational aspects of an American family that celebrates its intertwined heritage of both North & South America.

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7. **MARKETING OF THE DISTRICT**

We are looking for creative ways to market EACS Educational Opportunities to the public. We are already utilizing posters, billboards, and TV/radio commercials. We are seeking ideas from all employee groups, parents, and community/business leaders. If you have other ideas or would like to serve as a PR representative for your school please contact Tamyra Kelly by email or phone.

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!”
Remember….RESPECT IS THE ‘BUZZ’ WORD FOR 2012!
2012 Application for Sponsorship

*All Institutes held in Silverthorne, Colorado*

You must choose your session preference (indicate first, second, third)

I: June 26 – July 1
II: July 10 – 15
III: July 24 – 29

Gender: M F (circle one)

First Name________________________________________ Last Name________________________________________

(Please write your name as you prefer it to appear on a nametag – not your entire formal name)

School Name_______________________________________

School Address_____________________________________

City, State, Zip_____________________________________

Home Phone________________________________________ Cell Phone________________________________________

School Phone and ext.________________________________ Fax________________________________________

Email address(s)_____________________________________

Current Teaching Position (grade level AND subject area)______________________________________________

Current/former relationship(s) with AEP_______________________________________________________________

Short Answer Questions: please answer on additional sheet(s) of paper

1. Have you previously addressed environmental topics with your students? In what ways?

2. Regarding environmental topics, do you feel you are adequately supported in terms of curriculum availability and necessary equipment (labs, technology, professional network)?

3. It is expected that attendees will share the Key Issues experience with their funder. Are you willing to communicate with your funder about your Key Issues experience? Will you work with your funder to publicize this sponsorship/experience? How will you offer your funder tangible feedback on student outcomes, once you implement the Key Issues curriculum?

Upon completion of the Key Issues Institute, participants are asked to implement an issue investigation with their students, to conduct one in-service training, and to provide feedback to Keystone. Participants must have the support of their school administrator to attend Key Issues and to implement the above in the following year. **Please enclose an endorsement letter from your school administrator with this application.**

Email application to blschumann@aep.com, fax to 614-716-2699 or mail to AEP Community Relations, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, to be received by midnight EST, Friday, March 9, 2012.
Mental Math Part of DMR

How are you providing students daily mental practices with number sense?

Helping students use number strategies that they find comfortable and accurate is an effective way to develop number sense. Students need daily mental practice to develop and retain strong number sense and effective computational skills.

- Select one or more themes for MM
- Dictate orally a corresponding number string
  - Pause briefly after each operational step
- Students don’t write anything down until the final answer
- Don’t give the answer yet! Repeat the problem to allow students who need a second chance the time
- Those students who think they know are asked to calculate again “just to make sure”
- Students say the answer aloud together
- Verify the correct answer by computing the problem aloud in increments to help those who were unable to do it
- Classes can usually accomplish three Mental Math problems in about five minutes once familiar with the process. Choose the number of problems appropriate for your class.
- **NOTE:** Be sure to write your problem down for review and reference.
- Mental Math problems can be done right after the DMR or at convenient times throughout the day; i.e. before recess.
- **Five Easy Steps to Balanced Math,** pgs. 24 – 27

Technology

Mental Math Problems: You will like THIS!
District Share>Curriculum Resources>Balanced Math>Mental Math>edocs. for G1-2, G3-4, G5-6

The Parents’ Guide to Student Success developed by the PTA in response to the Common Core State Standards. Scroll down to find your grade level.

http://www.pta.org/4446.htm

Integration of Marzano’s Vocab Strategies

1. **Provide a description, explanation, or example of the new term.**
   - Looking up words in dictionaries is not useful for teaching vocab
   - Provide a context for the term
   - Introduce direct experiences that provide examples of the term
   - Tell a story that integrates the term
   - Use video as the stimulus for understanding information
   - Ask students to investigate the term and present the information to the class (skit, pantomime, poster, etc.)
   - Describe your own mental picture of the term
   - Find or create pictures that explain the term

Dynamic Teaching Series

**Positive Behavior for Tier One Interventions**

Presenters: Britt Magneson, Deb Gibson, Nicole Singer, Jeff Studebaker

K – G2 Tuesday, March 13
G9 – G12 Thursday, March 15
G3 – G5 Thursday, March 22
G6 – G8 Tuesday, March 27

Contact your administrator to sign up, limited space

Math Adoption Training

G3 – G5 **FEBRUARY 28**- 4:00 – 5:15  Park Hill SDR

**Rescheduled Date**

Bundle 6 Completion Dates

GK -G8 – March 9th (approximate date)
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent teacher attendance the week of February 20-24, 2012:

- Woodlan Primary - 96%
- Leo Jr./Sr. - 96%
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. - 96%
- Heritage Jr./Sr. - 95%

**Classified Attendance the week February 13-24, 2012**

- Park Hill Preschool - 100%
- EACS Alternative - 100%
- Leo Jr./Sr. - 98%
- New Haven High - 97%
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. - 97%
- Cedarville El. - 96%
- Highland Terrace - 96%
- Prince Chapman - 96%
- Woodlan Primary - 96%

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK TEACHERS AND CLASSIFIED STAFF!**

2. **ANNUAL KNOWLEDGE BOWL WINNERS**

Approximately eight Woodlan Jr. Sr. high students competed in the **19th Annual American History Knowledge Bowl** hosted by Union Baptist Church - World Changing Ministries. The Woodlan teams placed 1st and 4th. The first place team included Zac Haydock, Myrich Thieme, Sun Sun Htay, and Cassondra Hogdkins. The fourth place team included Dakota Hotchkiss, Jordan Hall, Danny Roller, and Bailey Berning. This is the second year EACS has been represented and place first!

**WAY TO GO WOODLAN JR. SR. HIGH!**

3. **FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED**

Emma Frederick, junior at Heritage Jr/Sr High, has had her first book published! The title of her book is **Rediscovery**. Her book is now listed in DESTINY, the school's library catalog.

**CONGRATULATIONS EMMA FREDERICK!**