1. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #1 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

2. READING TEACHERS AND COACHES CONFERENCE

This conference is a special opportunity for K-6 reading educators in Indiana and also a resource for middle and high school special education teachers.

The “Teaching Reading IS Rocket Science” conference with Dr. Louisa Moats

LETRS Conference is scheduled:

Date: Monday, October 24, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Indianapolis Convention Center Auditorium
Cost: Complimentary, but Seats Are Limited
Register: http://wesc.k12.in.us/rconf.html

This program provides a deep foundational knowledge based in real-world experience and Scientifically Based Reading Research (SBRR). The day’s topics include:
• Why Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science
• Code-based Instruction and Spelling Phonology
• Teaching Vocabulary

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

3. PURCHASE ORDER – CLOSURE DATE

This year the closure date for CY 2011 Purchase Orders (tax supported funds: General, Capital Projects, Transportation, etc.) to be entered into the system will be November 18th. The entry of 2012 Purchase Orders will be possible during the 3rd week of January.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

4. NATIONAL BLACK GENEALOGY SUMMIT

On Thursday, October 20- Saturday, October 22, 9:00 – 5:00 pm at the Allen County Public Library and Grand Wayne Center the Allen County Library Foundation and African/African American Genealogical Society of Fort Wayne will host a National Black Genealogy Summit. For more details go to http://www.blackgenealogyconference.info/ and http://www.facebook.com/NationalBlackGenealogySummit.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050
5. WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

http://pbskids.org/designsquad

The site targets kids ages 8 and older and features interactive games, engaging video and creative activities. The goal of the website is to give kids a stronger understanding of the design process, and the connection between engineering and the things we all use in everyday life.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

6. ATTENTION PBIS TRAINING

The PBIS Training is scheduled to meet on October 25 at 8:00 a.m. at PHLC in the Staff Development Room.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

7. ATTENTION RESTORATIVE MANAGERS AND FAMILY GROUP SPECIALISTS

Restorative Managers and Family Group Specialist are scheduled to meet on October 27 at 7:45 a.m. at PHLC in the room 202.

Britt Magneson, ext. 3143

Positive Praise:

"What ideas which you are finding successful with your students can you share with your colleague? Sharing the best means everyone succeeds!"
Important Dates

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Literacy Instruction

This week’s focus:
- **Guided Reading** – Lesson Planning
  Now that you have student data, you can group students by need into flexible groups. Always keep in mind, what does the student need to get to the next Guided Reading level?

Guided Reading groups should be in progress
Sample Lesson Plan Template Forms (A-Z) are available on the District Share. These are sample templates that can be used should you not have something available or should you like them better. **These forms are not required.** Please try developing your GR lesson plan for at least one group you are meeting with. Should you have questions about what you are using, please contact your principal.

District Expectations for meeting with GR groups:
- **Intensive** – 3-4 times per week
- **Strategic** – 2-3 times per week
- **Benchmark and above** – once a week

Update: DIBELS skills can be taught during the Word Study portion of your Guided Reading lesson providing it is only for 2-3 minutes. Lengthier lessons can take place during intervention.

Reminder: The portions of Buddy Study to be included during the 90 minute reading block are Mix, Fix, Mix and Making Connections, per John Wolf at IDOE.

SRI Lexile levels for grouping students can be found under SRI:
- Reports>students>double click on student name>
  - **Student Action Report**> Run Report
    - This will give you the range for meeting students instruction level
    - You may want to print
  - **Recommended Reading Report**> Run Report
    - Choices for independent reading
    - You will want to print
- **Parent forms** are available to be filled out for parent/teacher conferences coming up in the few weeks.

Wireless Data

Now What? Tools
- **Item Level Advisor** - Suggested skill support for DIBELS only, not for TRC
- Suggested activities are meant to be used as warm up activities lasting about 5 minutes. Lessons are not designed to be used as 30 minute intervention lessons.
- **Parent Connect Letters** are available to be printed in either English or Spanish to support your parent/teacher conferences.

Need ideas for interventions? Visit [www.interventioncentral.org](http://www.interventioncentral.org)

Support for other DIBELS activities (LNF, FSF, PSF) AND TRC and SRI skills (accuracy, fluency and comprehension) can be found at:
- [www.fcrr.org/](http://www.fcrr.org/)
- [http://reading.uoregon.edu/](http://reading.uoregon.edu/)
- You will need to copy and paste these links

Curriculum

Reminder: Performance tasks are to be used as a tool for assessing bundle indicators and skills.

Calendar for beginning Bundle 3:
- K – 2 Bundle 3 begins around Oct.19
- G3 – 5 Bundle 3 begins around Oct. 24
- G6 Bundle 3 begins around Oct. 17

Reminder: Lucy Calkins writing roll-out moved back to January. Continue working with it if you have begun.

This link is a very easy to use (and free) sharing site for slide presentations of all types. Just type the skill you are looking for into the search engine.
- [http://www.slideshare.net/](http://www.slideshare.net/)
- Video podcasting lessons, if you'd like to try making video book reviews with your class. There are virtual field trips learnmore about the history of things or watch interviews with authors/meteorologists/etc.
- [http://www.meetmeatthecorner.org/](http://www.meetmeatthecorner.org/)

Gray Folders

Continue to add and purge materials and assessments from your students’ folders as necessary.

K-G2 Collaboration Topics
- RtI students
- Guided Reading Groups
- DIBELS Data
- progress monitoring

G3-G8 Collaboration Topics
- RtI students
- Daily Math Review (3-6)
- Guided Reading Groups
- progress monitoring
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent teacher attendance the week of October 10-14, 2011:

- Park Hill Pre-School - 100%
- Leo Elementary - 98%
- Cedarville Elementary - 96%
- Southwick Elementary - 96%
- Prince Chapman Academy - 95%
- Woodlan Primary - 95%

*Keep up the great work teachers!*  

2. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT CLASSIFIED STAFF ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent classified attendance the week of September 26 – October 7, 2011.

- Meadowbrook Elementary - 99%
- Leo Jr/Sr High - 99%
- Cedarville Elementary - 98%
- Southwick Elementary - 97%
- Woodlan Primary - 97%
- Paul Harding Jr. High - 97%
- Heritage Jr/Sr High - 97%
- Woodlan Jr/Sr High - 97%

*Way to Go Classified Staff!*