Notice: May 18, 2012 will be the last administrative bulletin of the year.

1. REFERENDUM RESULTS

Whereas EACS Board of School Trustees and administration are disappointed in the results of the referendum on the three building projects in Adams Township, we remain encouraged with the almost 3000 votes in support of these projects. It is our hope to continue dialogue with those who have concerns with the projects as they stand, so that we can continue progress with our facilities which can be supported across all of our communities. There is work that must be completed at New Haven High School, the Harding facility, Park Hill Learning Center & New Haven Middle School. We will strive to complete the needed maintenance as we have done across all of our facilities so that they continue to serve our students and community in an effective, efficient manner.

At this time, design plans for the Woodlan and Heritage K-12 projects are being finalized in order to begin the architectural drawings for these two projects. After the drawings have been completed, bids will be awarded and we look forward to groundbreaking this fall.

We continue to make strong academic gains in all grade levels and we offer an educational program which strives to meet the needs of all of our students. It is your experience and expertise that keeps us moving forward. Thank you for all that you do.

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

2. RAISING YOUR SPIRITED CHILD

Mary Sheedy Kurcinka - talented author, international lecturer and parent educator will be in northeastern Indiana to make a presentation on her book: Raising Your Spirited Child, a guide for parents whose child is more intense, sensitive, perceptive, persistent and energetic. See Enclosure #1 for additional information including the dates and times of Ms. Kurcinka’s presentations: 08/24/2012 7p-9p in Fort Wayne and 08/25/2012 9a-11a in Kendallville. These free presentations are sponsored by Early Childhood Alliance and funded by Dekko Foundation and AWS Foundation.

Rose Fritzinger, ext. 3161

3. FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The Administrative Guidelines for field trips (6153, # 3) states that “field trips are not to be scheduled during the first two weeks of school or the last two weeks of the school year.” This means the first day for field trips for the 2012 - 13 school year is Wednesday, August 29, 2012. The last day field trips may be scheduled is Friday, May 10 since the last day of school is Friday, May 24. As a note for clarification this is the same for all field trips regardless of the type of transportation used (Charter bus, school bus, special purpose vehicle or personal vehicle).

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002
4. **POVERTY SIMULATION**

CANI is putting on another Poverty Simulation May 17th. See Enclosure #2 for details. Project coordinators are seeking both volunteers and participants. If you think you might want to be involved and have further questions, contact:

Lauren Caggiano  
CANI, Public Education & Outreach Coordinator  
Office Phone- 260-399-4109  
Cell phone- 260-760-8924  
Fax- 260-440-3768  
[www.canihelp.org](http://www.canihelp.org)  

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. **SUMMER HOURS**

The Administration Building will begin *Summer* hours on Wednesday, May 23. Summer hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. We will resume normal hours on Monday, August 13, 2012.

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

6. **IPADAPALOOZA**

All **CERTIFIED** staff please sign up for *iPadapalooza*, Wednesday, May 23rd to receive your "new" iPad at New Haven High from 8:00 - noon.

- **Registration and Deployment** 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. - EACS Technology Department  
- **Blended Learning Initiative** 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. - Bill Diehl  
- **iPad Basics** 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. - Cindy Fritz  
- **BREAK** 10:20 to 10:30 a.m.  
- **My Big Campus** 10:30 to noon - Kurt Dager & Keith Madsen  
- **Question & Answers (optional to attend)** - Technology staff will be available to answer any questions. To register, go to [www.eacs.k12.in.us](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us) and click on iPad Registration.

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

7. **SECURITY BENEFIT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS RETIRING 2012**

Frank Vargo from Security Benefit will be here May 14, 2012 at 4 p.m in the Board Room at the Administration Building to meet with Teachers that are retiring at the end of the school year. The meeting will cover how to access your VEBA account to pay for eligible health expenses.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

8. **CURRICULUM CONNECTION**

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see *Enclosure #3* for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

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!***
Raising Your Spirited Child

Parents and teachers come hear Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, Ed D., best-selling author, international lecturer and parent educator, discuss raising your spirited child.

Spirited children are more: intense, persistent, sensitive and perceptive. All children possess these characteristics. Spirited kids are the Super Ball in a room full of rubber balls. Other kids bounce three feet off the ground. Every bounce for a spirited child hits the ceiling. - excerpt from Raising Your Spirited Child: Newly Revised Edition

August 24
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Cornerstone at First Assembly of God
1400 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne

August 25
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
East Noble High School, Cole Auditorium
901 Garden Street, Kendallville

Early Childhood Alliance
Building Better Futures for Children

3320 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807
260.745.2501 | www.ECAAlliance.org

This free program is sponsored by
Early Childhood Alliance
with a grant from the AWS Foundation and Dekko Foundation
Community Action Poverty Simulation

Could you survive a month in poverty?

46.2 million Americans, 15 million of whom are children under the age of 18, live in poverty every day. Many more have incomes above the poverty line, but their incomes are still low enough that they can’t afford basic needs like food, decent housing, or quality child care.

It is difficult for those of us who have enough to truly understand the situations that families living in poverty experience every day – the decisions they have to make, and the fears and frustrations they feel. That is why we are inviting you to walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty by participating in the Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS).

The CAPS provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The experience is divided into four 15-minute sessions, each of which represents one week in which you must provide for your family and maintain your home.

We are inviting you to walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty

Thursday, May 17, 2011
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Classic Café
4832 Hillegas Road
Fort Wayne, IN

The event is free, but you must pre-register and space is limited; please secure your spot no later than May 14 at www.canihelp.org or by contacting Lauren Caggiano at CANI, 260-399-4109 or laurencaggiano@canihelp.org
So, As You’re Laying Around This Summer…

I always say, “I will read that when I get a chance this summer,” as there is never enough time during the school year.

So, before you get all your boxes taped shut with your professional books inside, you might want to take a minute to reflect on what you would like to read or review over the summer.

Please know that these are just ideas and resources that you may want to consider. Hope you have a wonderful summer!

READING
Balanced Literacy and the 90 min. block

- How will you manage your reading block of time?
  - For primary The Daily 5 for classroom management by Boushey and Moser
    - www.thedailycafe.com
    - www.smekenseducation.com

- Guided Reading Groups
  - GK-G2 Guided Reading, Good First Teaching for All Children, Giacobbe
  - G3-G8 Guiding Readers and Writers, Fountas and Pinnell
  - GK-G8 The Next Step in Guided Reading, by Jan Richardson
  - The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Pinnell and Fountas

- The CAFÉ, Boushey and Moser, for comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expanded vocabulary

Writing
Writing with Lucy Calkins

- How will you lay out your writing block of time?
- Where will you fit in grammar?
- K- G2 read or review Nuts and Bolts by Lucy Calkins
- G3 –G6 read or review Launching the Writing Workshop by Lucy Calkins
- Conferring with students
- The Six-Traits
  - www.smekenseducation.com
- Review eDocs
  - Lucy Calkins updates to support lessons with the Common Core
  - Curriculum resources>Lucy Calkins>eDocs for Writing Calendar Plan

Math
Balanced Math Practices

- Review Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math by Ainsworth and Christinson
  - DMRs for focus
- Organization for Timed Math Tests
  - EACS created Math Time Tests
- Math Daily 5 (newer and optional)
  - www.thedailycafe.com

Curriculum
Your grade level Curriculum is under construction with your feedback from the year.

- Kindergarten and First Grade curriculum has been updated to cover ONLY Common Core standards
- G2-G12 have had minimal changes but includes teacher feedback and review of resources in your bundles
- Resources are being reviewed and updated including more technology links.
1. **EACS SCHOOLS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE**

The following schools had excellent *teacher attendance* the week of April 30 – May 4, 2012:

- Paul Harding Jr. High - 97%
- Highland Terrace Elementary - 95%
- Prince Chapman Academy - 95%
- EACS Alternative - 95%

**WONDERFUL JOB!**

2. **ACADEMIC BOWL STATE FINALISTS**

Two teams from Leo’s Academic Super Bowl team recently competed in the State Finals at Purdue University. The English team placed third and the social studies team won first place.

**CONGRATULATIONS LEO JR. SR. HIGH ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL TEAM!**