1. **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES**

Groundbreaking ceremonies have been set for both the Woodlan and Heritage Projects. **Woodlan** – Friday, September 21st at 10 am and **Heritage** – Wednesday, October 24 at 10 am. In the case of inclement weather the ceremonies will be in the school gymnasium.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

2. **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

3. **BRICKWORLD FORT WAYNE**

See **Enclosure #2** regarding the world's largest LEGO event.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

4. **TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

On Friday, August 31, the Technology Dept. will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. ONLY. The remainder of the day will be used for staff development with the technology staff. For any emergencies from 9:00 through the end of the day, please contact Karyle Green at ext. 1001 or Chris Hissing at 1002.

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

5. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS**

All paid coaches are required to have an Expanded background Check ($28.00) the first year they are hired. This process can be completed electronically, contact Human Resources for more information. Every year after, they need to complete **Enclosure #3** at no cost. This process MUST be completed prior to working with students.

All volunteers MUST complete the Limited Background Check (at no cost) prior to working with students in your building.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

6. **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – BACK TO SCHOOL FANTACULAR**

The Boys and Girls Club and Six8 will host a Back to School Fantacular. See **Enclosure #4** for more information.

**Remember the Slogan:**

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ ENHANCING THE EDUCATION!
Balanced Literacy Block

90 minutes **uninterrupted** reading

- Grade level whole group instruction, small skill groups,
  Guided Reading groups, practice, conferencing
- Reading
- Writing as response to literature
- Word work, word study
  - Most Buddy Study spelling components (Test taking and list making **not included**)

Review Balanced Literacy Components

- Read Aloud, Independent Reading, Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Interactive Writing, Shared Writing, Independent Writing, Guided Writing, Modeled Writing

Reading begins with:

- The First 20 Days *(Guiding Readers and Writers, pp. 143 – 145)*
- The First 12 Days *(G6-8, found in LA Bundle)*
- The First 5 Weeks *(Launching the Daily Five, pp. 119-126)*
- High Frequency Word Test should be in progress *(G1-6)*

***If additional help is needed see your instructional coach*****

Balanced Math Block

DMR

- First 15 minutes of your math lesson.
- Skills should be review from the previous grade level.
- Each DMR should have 3-5 problems only.
- Test can be given every 5 to 10 days depending on student needs.
- For more information see your instructional coach or Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math Program by Jan Christenson.

Mastering Math Facts *(K-6)*

- Expectations are on the website
- Tests are also available

Problem Solving *(K-6)*

- Forms on district website
- Grade level Problem Solver for introduction of strategies.

Writing Block

Implementation of Lucy Calkins is optional for this school year. 6 Traits should be reviewed the first 2 weeks of school and put into daily writing practice. For help implementing Lucy Calkins or 6 Traits please see your instructional coach.

Primary: *(GK-2)* Units of Study for Primary Writing / Smekens Launch

- **Introduce 6 traits first 2 weeks of school** *(they are embedded in Calkins)*
- Read The Nuts and Bolts
- Review CD-ROM
- Follow curriculum
- Prepare supplies for students; writing tools and LC writing paper, writing folder, etc.
- Writing icons – on shared drive

Intermediate: *(G3-5)* Units of Study for Teaching Writing / Smekens Launch

- **Introduce 6 traits first 2 weeks of school** *(they are embedded in Calkins)*
- Reading The Guide to the Writing Workshop
- Review CD-ROM
- Follow curriculum
- Prepare supplies for students; writing tools and, Writer’s Notebook, writing folder, etc.
- Writing icons – on shared drive

Curriculum

Essential Questions, vocabulary should be posted for Bundle 1.

- Add vocabulary as it is introduced. **The whole year should not be posted at this time.**
- Colors for each category;
  - Math, blue; Language, yellow; Science, green; Social Studies, pink

Lay out Bundle One with grade level team to bridge commonalities for more seamless instruction.

Read **performance task** first so that you know how to lay out lessons and assessments for task completion.

- Extensions have been added to most grade levels as a differentiated option for the performance task
- Rubrics are available on the curriculum homepage for your grade level

K-G2 Collaboration Topics

- Bundle planning
- Lucy Calkins
- Math Facts
- 6 Traits

G3-G8 Collaboration Topics

- Bundle planning
- Daily Math Review (3-6)
- Lucy Calkins (3-5)
- Math Facts (3-6)
- 6 Traits
The premier LEGO Event in North America is returning to Fort Wayne.

Fun for kids of all ages!!
16,000 square feet of LEGO displays, interactive activities, and vendors

At the Grand Wayne Center
September 22 & 23, 2012

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Daily Admission
$6 for kids (3 – 9)
$9 for adults (10+)
Cash Only Please

Visit Brickworld at www.Brickworld.us

Show your ID Badge or this flier at either event to receive $1 off each admission for you and your family.
Instructions for Volunteers/Coaches – Please complete both sides of this form.

Only **one form** needs to be completed per family – **not per each student’s school**

By signing this form you give East Allen County Schools’ permission to run a background check. **Incomplete forms will be returned to your child’s school.**

I do not have children in EACS. I am Volunteering or Coaching _______Yes______No

**School where background form is being submitted:** ______________________________

**Please print legibly.** Make sure that you list all children in East Allen County Schools only.

**Name of Child:** ___________________________ **School:** __________________________

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**Your Name:** __________________________________________

**Address:** __________________________________________

**City:** __________________________ **County:** ___________ **State:** ___________ **Zip:** ___________

**Telephone Number:** __________________________

**Your date of birth:** __________________________

**Male:** __________ **Female:** __________________________

**Race:** __________ White __________ Black __________ Asian/Pacific Islander __________ MultiRacial __________ American Indian/Alaskan

***Please complete both sides of this form. Your signature must be obtained to complete an Indiana background check. All information on this form is needed to process this background check***
Request For Background Information

Volunteering with East Allen County Schools involves contact with our student population. The following questions are designed to help East Allen County Schools evaluate your suitability to work with these students:

1. Have you ever been terminated from a volunteer position that involved working with children? Yes ____ No ____. If yes, explain the circumstances on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

2. Have you ever resigned from a volunteer position that involved working with children after being offered the opportunity to resign rather than have your volunteer services terminated? Yes ______ No ______. If yes, explain the circumstances on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

3. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes _______ No _______. If yes, please state the crime and the court and date of conviction:

You will need to answer the following two (2) questions only if you will be transporting East Allen County Schools' students as part of your volunteer services:

4. Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes: ___ _ No: ____.

5. Has your driver's license ever been suspended? Yes: ____ No: ____. If yes, please state the reason for the suspension, the date of the suspension, and the date the suspension was terminated.

AUTHORIZED and RELEASE

I authorize East Allen County Schools to check my volunteer service history and to perform a criminal history background investigation. I further authorize those persons, agencies, or entities that East Allen County Schools contacts in connection with my application to volunteer to fully provide East Allen County Schools any information on the matters set forth above. I expressly waive in connection with any request for, or provision of such information, any claims or causes of action, including without limitation, defamation, infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy, or interference with contractual relations that I might otherwise have against East Allen County Schools, its officials, employees, or agents, or against any provider of such information. I have read this authorization and release of all claims and I expressly agree to the terms set out herein.

_______________________ ___________________ _______
Signature of Applicant   Printed Name
__________________________
Date
SIX8 PRODUCTIONS & THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PRESENTS

SIX8'S
BACK TO SCHOOL FANTACTICAL
CANCER FUNDRAISER/BENEFIT CONCERT
FRIDAY AUGUST 31 5 - 7PM
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2) O'NEAL
3) MANN
4) TOUCH SALON
5) BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
2609 FAIRFIELD AVE
FT. WAYNE, IN

SPECIAL GUESTS:
MADAME TAM
MAGGIE MCDERMOT
KATHY WASHINGTON
INNOCENTS
1. **GOLD STAR COUNSELING PROGRAM AWARD**

Congratulations go to **Heritage Jr. Sr. High School** and **Woodlan Jr. Sr. High School** Guidance departments for recently receiving the 2012 Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award. Gold Star schools undergo a rigorous process to raise student achievement by creating local community advisory groups that review student data, set specific student goals, and commit to maximizing the time and skills of the school counselor. The official award presentation will be at the Indiana School Counselor Association (ISCA) fall conference in Indianapolis on November 2, 2012.

**GREAT JOB HERITAGE AND WOODLAN!**

2. **PENNIES FOR PATIENTS**

Leo Elementary School was recently recognized for raising $1135.04 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Pennies for Patients initiative. Over 475 Indiana schools participated in raising funds for a cure of blood cancers. The grand total throughout the State was $615,000! Vicki Taylor was the Leo Elementary coordinator.

**WAY TO GO MS. TAYLOR, STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS!**