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.

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2. COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY MEETINGS

As promised the Technology Team will return to each attendance area during the last two weeks of October to answer questions about the iPad rollout phase of our district "Blended Learning" Initiative. There will be a short presentation to cover parents most frequently asked questions and the sharing of new information from Apple concerning iPad management. In addition, there will be tips and techniques on maintaining "parental control" over device content and use, and other important topics. All meetings will be held in the attendance area high school cafeteria from 6-7 p.m. Principals are asked to advertise these meetings as best as possible!

Dates for these important meetings are as follows:

- October 18 - New Haven area
- October 22 - Heritage area
- October 24 - Leo area
- October 25 - Woodlan area
- October 29 - Harding area

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3. MEDTIPSTER – OUT OF POCKET PRESCRIPTION COSTS

To begin saving on your out of pocket prescription costs visit www.medtipster.com!

Medtipster is dedicated to providing American consumers with thousands of dollars annually in healthcare and pharmaceutical savings by being the first to provide the most accurate and reliable healthcare data, pricing and information to the public.

On medtipster.com, finding generic equivalents and therapeutic alternatives to prescription medications is as easy as 1-2-3. Using Medtipster’s patented technology, visitors can type in their drug name, dosage and zip code, and instantly find affordable equivalents to their prescriptions, including $4 generic drugs and therapeutic alternatives, in their zip codes and anywhere in the country.
4. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Oct 15 - 19 is National School Lunch week. It's a great time for schools to say thank you to your food service employees!

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5. TEACHERS

Please take a look at all the new materials added into iTeacher and MyBigCampus inside iTunesU. This material is also available on the Shared Drive, Curriculum Resources, inside the Technology folder.

Recently added materials include:

In iTeacher:
- Student iPad Troubleshooting Form
- iBook Troubleshooting
- Downloading Mtah Course iBook
- iBook Download Parent Letter
- Setting up EACS WebDav in Pages, Numbers, and Keynotes
- EACS Lost, Stolen, Damaged iPad Report
- Setting Password and Connecting iPad with Apple TV
- EACS Critical Student iPad Errors Signature Form
- EACS iPad Acceptable Use Agreement
- EACS iPad Receipt
- EACS Student Technology Handbook
- Acceptable Alternate iPad Covers
- iPad Letter for Withdrawn Students

In MyBigCampus:
- How to Create MBC Assignments
- Submitting Assignments Using WebDavNav
- Saving Documents as a PDF (from the desktop)
- Clone/Merge to a Group in MBC
- Spell Check on iPads
- Notifications: How to Handle Too Many MBC Emails
- Turning in Assignment in MBC
- Making Assignments for Multiple MBC Classes
- Rubric for MBC Discussions
- Best Practices for MBC Discussions
- Posting Lesson Plans and Announcements in MBC
- MBC Teachers Gradual Release
- Parent Directions for Logging in to MBC

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EACS Food Service Fact!

√ Did you know that 80% of bread items that EACS serves are whole grain! The 2013-14 school year it will be 100%!

Remember the Slogan:

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ ENHANCING THE EDUCATION!
Important Dates
| ACUITY #1 (G3-8)   | 9/24 – 10/05  |
| Treasures Assessments (G6) | Weekly          |
| Literature Assessment (7-8)  | Weekly          |

Daily Math Review

Daily Practice:
- 10-15 minutes of daily practice
- 3 – 5 skill boxes: Must be review
- Student Understanding: “What do I need to know to solve this problem?”
- Student Reflection: “I got this problem right/wrong because _______.”
- Templates are available on curriculum shared drive under Balanced Math
- Use the above format OR the format from last year

Quiz:
- Quizzes can be given every 5 or 10 days.
- 10 pts total
  - 3 problems for each skill
  - 1 problem based on vocabulary or mental math
- Class Graph:
  - students must get all three problems correct to be considered proficient on the skill
  - 80% proficiency is required to take skill off of DMR
  - label each skill assessed on the graph

Mental Math:
- 3 problems all focused on same skill
- can be done throughout the day. Does not have to be done during DMR
- look for resources on curriculum shared drive under Balanced Math

Literacy Instruction

This week’s focus:
- What does your data say?
- Guided Reading – Before the Lesson & Lesson Planning Sheets

What does your data say? How will students meet MoY goals?
- G6 – 8 should be using SRI lexile level to support reading levels and grouping (text complexity)

Guided Reading – Before the Lesson
- Text Introduction (2 min.) – Introduce the text with a one-or-two sentence gist statement. AVOID “What do you think this book is about?” pp. 189
- Preview & Predict (3-4 min.) Now invite the students to preview and predict what they will learn. pp. 189
- The Next Step in Guided Reading by Richardson

The Seven Keys to Comprehension
How to Help Your Kids Read It and Get It!
By: Susan Zimmermann

Two of the 7 Keys are featured below as suggested strategies to help good readers unlock meaning while reading:

1. **Ask questions**: Good readers generate questions before, during, and after reading to clarify meaning, make predictions, and focus their attention on what’s important.

2. **Make inferences**: good readers use their prior knowledge and information from what they read to make predictions, seek answers to questions, draw conclusions, and create interpretations that deepen their understanding of the text.

Collaboration Topics

- Small Group Instruction
- District Writing Prompt
- Read-Alouds
- Share Reading
- Daily Math Review
- Math Facts
- Data
- Guided Reading
1. **LEO LIONS FOOTBALL TEAM....LUCAS OIL BOUND**

The Leo Lions football team was recently invited to play at Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday, October 13 at 4:15 pm. The team was selected because of community support, and for having a great community reputation for supporting kids!

The Leo Lions will compete against the Bluffton Tigers. Tickets are on sale at the school. Tickets prices are $11 for adults/students, $8 for 6-12 years and free for 5 years and younger.

**BEST OF LUCK**

**LEO LIONS FOOTBALL TEAM!**

2. **FIRST IN MATH**

First in Math was introduced to East Allen County Schools as a pilot program. First in Math is utilized to help students in grades K-8 improve math skills.

The following schools are ranked in the State:

New Haven Middle #5
Leo Elementary #23
Heritage Elementary #25
Prince Chapman #27
Cedarville Elementary #29

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST IN MATH TEAMS!**