1. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection for elementary and middle school 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. 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 22 - Heritage area
- October 24 - Leo area
- October 25 - Woodlan area
- October 29 - Harding area

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

3. FORT WAYNE GIRLS ROCK

See Enclosure #2 for information regarding the Fort Wayne Girls Rock all night lock-in for girls grades 6-12. Contact Denita Washington at ext. 7244.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

4. PAPER GATOR CONTEST

See Enclosure #3 regarding the Paper Gator recycling contest for schools.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

5. SCHOOLS CAN EARN MONEY 4 WELLNESS

On Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 3:45 – 4:30 pm the Wellness 4 Everyone Canal Days planning committee will host a wellness meeting at the New Haven Parks Department. See Enclosure #4 for more information.

Mike Shaffer, ext. 3143
6. SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

The Leo-Cedarville Chamber of Commerce, along with the Leo and Cedarville Elementary PTO and the Leo Jr. Sr. High PTSA will be hosting an EACS School Board Candidate Forum on October 22, 2012, at Leo Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium from 6:30 PM until 8:00 pm. All candidates running for EACS School Board have been invited to attend. See Enclosure #5.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

7. HERITAGE PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING

The Heritage Project Groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th at 10 am. The groundbreaking will be held on the Heritage Jr. Sr. High grounds.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

EACS Food Service Fact!

Did you know low fat and fat free milks are included at lunch and breakfast and there are also a variety of cereals and fruit juices available as a choice at breakfast!

Remember the Slogan:
EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ ENHANCING THE EDUCATION!
**Important Dates**

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**Wireless Data**

**Now What? Tools**
- **Item Level Advisor** - Suggested skill support for **DIBELS only**, not for TRC
- **Open Class Summary Report>Click BOY>Click colored skill per student>Now What?Tools>Drop down selection – Item Level Advisor**
  - Offers suggested response to probe and possible activities
  - **Suggested Activities** for: NWF, DORF – fluency and accuracy

**Support for other DIBELS activities (LNF, FSF, PSF) 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/)
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- **Sight Words**
  - [http://goffgrafix.com/flash/phonics.html](http://goffgrafix.com/flash/phonics.html)
  - [http://www.janbrett.com/games/jan_brett_dolch_word_list_main.htm](http://www.janbrett.com/games/jan_brett_dolch_word_list_main.htm)

- **Read Alouds**
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**K-G2 Collaboration Topics**

- RtI students
- DIBELS Data
- Guided Reading Groups – progress monitoring

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**Compass Odyssey**

**What to teach whole group based on Bundle pre-test**

1. My Students>My Classes>Check teacher name
2. Run Report>Assessment Reports>Test Item Summary
3. Check least to greatest>Objective-Based Tests
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**G3-G8 Collaboration Topics**

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7 Keys to Comprehension

By: Susan Zimmermann

1. **Determine the most important ideas or themes:** Good readers identify key ideas or themes as they read, and they can distinguish between important and unimportant information.

2. **Synthesize information:** Good readers track their thinking as it evolves during reading, to get the overall meaning.

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G6-G8 Collaboration Topics

- RtI students
- Guided Reading Groups
- Daily Math Review
- progress monitoring
- Read Alouds
- Shared Reading
- Data analysis
- Book Talks
ATTENTION FORT WAYNE GIRLS 6TH-12TH GRADES!

It's the week after Thanksgiving...It's cold, it's Friday... and you need something to do.

That's why our

All Night Lock-in

is where you want to be!

Food • Fun Games • Awesome Prizes • Movie Room • Swimming • Much, Much More!

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 30, 2012  **TIME:** 8:00PM - 7:00AM  **COST:** $10.00 PER PERSON

Renaissance Pointe Family YMCA • 2323 Bowser Ave, Fort Wayne, IN

“Empowering young ladies from inside and out to support positive growth and change in our community.”

Questions? Call Denita Washington 260-705-7243 or Tabitha Durham 260-755-4882. Email us @ FWGirlsRock@gmail.com • Also visit us at www.facebook.com/FortWayneGirlsRock

Save the Date for

Fort Wayne Girls Rock 2013

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Paul Harding High School

10:00am-3:00pm

More info to follow!!
**Fort Wayne Girls Rock**

*Bring: Swimwear, Sleeping & Comfortable Attire*

*A time to come together to renew, restore and rejuvenate ourselves as women.*

*Food will be provided*

**Our Mission:**

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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

FWGR “CONNECTIONS” LOCK IN - Registration due by November 30th

Name: (First/Last) ____________________________________________

Street Address: ____________________________________________

Apt./Lot #: _______________ State: ______ Zip Code: __________

City: ____________________ Date of Birth ________________

Home Phone: ________________ Date of Birth ________________

School Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth ________________

School Grade _____________

Ethnicity: (check all that apply)

__ American Indian or Alaskan Native __ Asian __ Black or African American __ Hawaiian or Pacific Islander __ White __ Hispanic or Latina

Parent/Guardian Name(s) Printed: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________________

Date: ______________________

Payment Method: Cash_________ Check __________

Mail Payment: 6920 Chadwick Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46816

Or bring payment with you to Renaissance Pointe YMCA on the day of the lock-in.

Make Checks payable to: Fort Wayne Girls Rock

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of my and/or my children’s participation in any activities affiliated with the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne, without respect to location, I do hereby agree to hold free from any and all liability the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne and its representative officers, employees and members and do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages which I and/or my child(ren) may have or which may hereafter accrue to me or my child(ren) arising out of or connected with our participation in any of the activities affiliated with the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne. I hereby do declare myself and/or my child(ren) to be physically sound to participate in the activities of the Y.

Please note: The Y does not furnish Accident/Illness Medical Insurance. Medical bills, including prescription drugs will be the responsibility of the participant or their parent.

I understand that registered sex offenders are not eligible to participate in or attend YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne activities or programs and I certify that I am not a registered sex offender. I understand that the YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne reserves the right to verify this fact against the Sex Offender Registry.

I further understand that participation will not be permitted until the fee is paid in full. Full refunds are only granted if the Y cancels the program. Other refunds are subject to a YMCA approval and possible service charge.
Hello Everyone!

We are pleased to announce the first Paper Gator Contest. The contest will begin with the start of our 4th quarter (October 1st, 2012) and run through the end of the quarter (December 31, 2012). There are 8 segments listed below. If you do not find the segment that fits your organization please let us know. The contest is based on the volume of paper collected from each location over a 3 month period. The winner from each category will be awarded $250.00 (or equivalent in merchandise of choice). Updates will be posted on our website each month to show the lead and ranking of each organization www.papergatorrecycling.com. If you have questions or comments please contact us, email dfilchak@quincycle.com or office number (260)748-2560. Remember – it takes PARTICIPATION to feed your gator! This contest is a great time to make sure you have marketed the program to everyone and anyone that can contribute paper to your gator. The paper generated within your organization will help make the program successful but opening up the program to paper generated outside of your organization could make a difference in winning the contest. Good luck!

1. Northwest Allen County and Southwest Allen County School Districts
2. East Allen County School District
3. MSD Bluffton and Wells County Community School Districts
4. South Adams Community and North Adams Community School Districts
5. Church/private school/other 250-499 followers/students
6. Church/private school/other 500-749 followers/students
7. Church/private school/other 750-999 followers/students
8. Church/private school/other over 1000 followers/students
**Schools Can Earn Money 4 Wellness . . .**

In June, St. John’s Catholic School of New Haven, Indiana participated in the Canal Days Wellness 4 Everyone 5K. They raised over $6000 through pledges and donations for school wellness. In 2013 schools all over Indiana (both private and public) are invited to do the same. Before we tell you how, take a look and see where St. John’s is using their wellness money in the 2012/2013 school year:

**PHYSICAL WELLNESS**
- Spring Run/Walk Training Program K-8 (Possibly Faculty/Staff too!)
- Play Ground Equipment Replacements
- P.E. Equipment Replacements
- Athletics program: covering various costs related to uniforms, equipment, and safety
- Lenten Adult/Couples Sports League (Social wellness too!)

**INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS**
In March, which is National Nutrition Month, St. John’s will be launching a MYPlate nutrition enrichment program for all 4th and 8th grade students. This will be done every year until 4th grade hits 8th grade, then be done only for 4th grade thereafter. In the end, students will hand make their own ceramic MyPlate (personalize it), learn about MyPlate, get a 5x7 MyPlate magnet and a MyPlate reference guide for at home use. (The knowledge gained and applied can greatly impact the students physical wellbeing too!) The school is also continuing the use of the IN MOTION school wellness newsletter and will be providing incentives for completing the wellness word search to 3 lucky winners each month.

**ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS**
Earned wellness money is being used to pay for the start up of two major projects: 1) a campus wide recycling program (this impacts, students, faculty/staff, families, parishioners and of course the environment) and 2) an annual rummage sale to help school families/parishioner clean out gently used items no longer being used in their homes or businesses. Proceeds gained through these programs will be used to help defray the costs of their school’s annual 8th grade class trip and baccalaureate program.

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS**
St. John’s in cooperation with Well Strategies Inc. gave 100% of a $500 Kohl’s Donation received to New Haven Parks for disability play equipment and/or adaptive wellness services. The Raider Team Leaders worked closely with Kohl’s volunteers to pull off the 5K event. Their main focus was to help secure wellness resources for both the able and disabled.

If your school community would like to earn money for wellness to help those who are able or disabled, plan to attend our November 6th meeting (get event information, campaign knowledge and training program). Meetings will be held at 3:45pm in the New Haven Parks Department Office on the following dates. Teleconferencing into meetings will be an option for those unable to attend or happen to be in other areas of the state.

- November 6th, 2012
- December 4th, 2012
- January 8th, 2013
- February 5th, 2013
- March 5th, 2013
- April 9th, 2013 (Late due to Spring Break)
- Training Sessions Start for Schools and Communities
- May 7th, 2013 (School Wellness Fundraising Campaign Starts)
- June 4th, 2013
- June 7th, 2013 (Packet Pick Up)
- June 8th, 2013 (Canal Days 5k 4 Wellness Event 7:30 am at Havenhurst Park)

New Haven Parks and Recreation Office is located at 1125 Hartzell Road, New Haven, IN 46774. For questions, call or email Kerri Zurbuch, at 260-433-0024 or kerri@wellstrategiesinc.org
EACS School Board Candidates Forum

Leo Junior-Senior High School Auditeria
Monday, October 22, 2012
6:30 - 8pm

Sponsored by:
Leo-Cedarville Chamber of Commerce
Leo/Cedarville PTO
Leo Junior-Senior High School PTSA

ALL candidates who are running for seats on the EACS School Board have been invited to attend this candidate forum

Please join us for this insightful evening!
1. NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL DIRECTOR

Rachel Hammond, a senior at Heritage Jr. Sr. High School was elected as the central director of the National Junior Horticultural Association. Rachel will serve the organization in this role as a national officer for one year. During her year in office she will attend numerous events to promote the organization as well as plan contests and next year’s convention.

BEST OF LUCK RACHEL HAMMOND!

2. NATIONAL HORTICULTURE WINNERS

Austin Franz and Grant Hood were named national winners of the production horticulture demonstration at the National Junior Horticultural Association Convention held in Wisconsin. The pair gave a demonstration on asexual propagation of plants.

CONGRATULATIONS AUSTIN FRANZ & GRANT HOOD!