NOTE: This is the final bulletin for the Year 2012. The first bulletin for 2013 will be Friday, January 11. **ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!**

1. **REMEMBER: WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE**

EACS central administrative offices will be open to the public during the winter break on December 26, 27, 28, and January 2, 3, and 4 from 9:00 – 12:00 each of these days. If you need to contact administrative services, human resources, or any other central office, someone will be available to take your call during these hours. **ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 31 AND JANUARY 1.**

Karyle Green, ext. 1001

2. **WINTER WALKING SAFETY TIPS**

Walking to and from parking lots or between buildings at work during the winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. Slips and falls are some of the most frequent types of injuries that the EACS Safety Committee sees — especially during the winter months.

No matter how well the snow and ice is removed from parking lots or sidewalks, pedestrians will still encounter some slippery surfaces when walking outdoors in the winter. It is important for everyone to be constantly aware of these dangers and to learn to walk safely on ice and slippery surfaces. See Enclosure #1 for a list of Winter Walking Safety Tips.

Kirby Stahly, ext. 1005

3. **CURRICULUM CONNECTION**

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #2 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

4. **LICENSE RENEWAL**

The LVIS - License Verification and Information System from the Indiana Department of Education - requires teachers to upload two items to the LVIS website for their teacher’s license to be considered for renewal:

1. Documentation of PGP’s which could be in the form of PGP certificates, official transcripts from universities for courses completed, committee work completed outside of regular work hours documented by a letter from the principal, and student teacher or practicum teachers documented by a letter from the principal. For the complete list of items that can be used for renewal credits go to the
EACS website, look under the staff heading for Professional Growth Plans and then click the link titled *PGP Activities and Acceptable Documentation*.

2. A valid CPR/AED/Heimlich certificate. Providing all documentation through the LVIS website will speed up the license renewal process.  

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

5. **EACS NEAR-SITE WALK-IN CLINICS**  

Effective January 2, 2013, the EACS Walk-In Clinics will become operational. The EACS Walk-In Clinics (in partnership with Parkview Health) were created to provide employees and dependents covered by EACS Group Health Insurance a near-site clinic for acute (recent onset) medical services. The services provided include: treatment of minor injuries & illnesses; laboratory services; and limited generic medications. Covered Services under EACS Health Plan will cost $0 per visit for those with core plan ($500/$1,000 Deductible) and $35 per visit for those with the High Deductible Health Plan ($3,000/$6,000 Deductible).

*Medications:* will have many of the most commonly prescribed medications (with clinic visit) in generic form, including medications for the treatment of: hypertension, high cholesterol, diabetes. As well as medications for the treatment of common acute illnesses such as: strep throat; upper respiratory infection; sinus infection/congestion; and urinary tract infection.

*Locations and Hours:* The EACS Walk-In Clinics are located at Minnich Road in New Haven; Hobson Road, New Vision Drive, and Illinois Road in Fort Wayne; and Guilford Street in Huntington.  

**Allen County**  
1331 Minnich Road, New Haven, 46774  
3909 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, 46845  
1515 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, 46805  
10515 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, 46814 (new location in 2013 at US 69 and US 24) (260) 469-6610  
Open every day from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Huntington County**  
2708 Guilford Street, Huntington 46750  
(260) 355-3900  
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Saturday - Sunday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

6. **ATTENTION ALL EDUCATORS WITH AN IPAD**  

We are asking that any educator with an iPad, please update to iOS 6.0.1 before Monday, December 17th. We also ask that you update all apps by Monday as well.

Steps to Update to iOS 6.0.1:  
1. Back up files to your H:drive via WebDav  
2. Connect iPad to a plugged in power cord, NOT into a computer
3. Click on Settings Icon----> General ----> Software Update ----> Install Now ----> Agree

Steps to Update STAFF ONLY iPad Apps:
1. Click on the App Store Icon----> Updates---->Update All

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

7. **EACS WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The EACS Wellness Advisory Council would like to increase its membership and is looking for people with a desire to improve student health and wellness. If this is you, or you know someone that may be interested in serving on the EACS Wellness Advisory Council, please contact Wendy Walker at 446-0100 extension 3321.

Mike Shaffer, ext. 3151

8. **STAY HEALTHY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

- Everyone 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine.
- There is no licensed flu vaccine for children under 6 months of age.
- Practice good respiratory hygiene.
  - Use your elbow, upper arm, or a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
  - Wash your hands with soap and water after coughing or sneezing.
  - Use an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water is not available.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Stay home when you are sick (except to get medical care) to prevent the disease from spreading to others.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth (germs are spread that way).
- Children (0-17 years) and adults over 65 years should also get the pneumococcal vaccine to protect against pneumonia.
  - Manage Stress…balance work, home, and play.
- Get plenty of sleep, eat healthy, and be active.

_Merry Christmas from Health Services_

Bill Diehl, ext. 3125

**EACS Food Service Fact**

Did you know that East Allen Food Service website has a Home and Classroom section with nutrition resources for teachers? It has lessons, physical activities, puzzles and even power points to compliment nutrition in the classroom.

**Remember the Slogan:**

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ ENHANCING THE EDUCATION!
Winter Walking Safety Tips

Walking Over Ice:

- In cold temperatures, approach with caution and assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy. Dew or water vapor can freeze on cold surfaces, forming an extra-thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that can look like a wet spot on the pavement.
- Walk in designated walkways as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas can be hazardous. Look ahead when you walk; a snow- or ice-covered sidewalk or driveway, especially if on a hill, may require travel along its grassy edge for traction.
- If you must walk in the street, walk against the flow of traffic, as close to the curb as you can.
- Taking shortcuts through areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible can be hazardous. Try to avoid straying from the beaten path.
- Point your feet out slightly like a penguin! Spreading your feet out slightly while walking on ice increases your center of gravity.
- Bend slightly and walk flat-footed with your center of gravity directly over the feet as much as possible.
- Extend your arms out to your sides to maintain balance. Beware if you are carrying a heavy backpack or other load—your sense of balance will be off.
- If you must carry a load, try not to carry too much; leave your hands and arms free to balance yourself.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets. Hands in your pockets while walking decreases your center of gravity and balance. You can help break your fall with your hands free if you do start to slip.
- Watch where you are stepping and GO S-L-O-W-L-Y!! This will help your reaction time to changes in traction.
- When walking on steps, always use the hand railings and plant your feet firmly on each step.
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- Take short steps or shuffle for stability. It also helps to stop occasionally to break momentum.

Choosing Appropriate Clothing:

- During bad weather, avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles and heels, such as plastic and leather soles. Instead, wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice; boots made of non-slip rubber or neoprene with grooved soles are best.
- Wear a heavy, bulky coat that will cushion you if you should fall.
- Wear a bright scarf or hat or reflective gear so drivers can see you.
- Keep warm, but make sure you can hear what's going on around you.
- During the day, wear sunglasses to help you see better and avoid hazards.
- Whatever you wear, make sure it doesn't block your vision or make it hard for you to hear traffic.

Indoor Safety:

Walking over slippery floor can be just as dangerous as walking over ice! Keep these tips in mind if you are entering a building:

- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can. Water from melting ice on the floor can lead to slippery conditions.
- Notice that floors and stairs may be wet and slippery—walk carefully especially by outer doors.

If You Should Fall:

- Try to avoid landing on your knees, wrists, or spine. Try to fall on a fleshy part of your body, such as your side. Wearing thick clothing can help prevent injury to the bony parts of your body.
- Try to relax your muscles if you fall. You'll injure yourself less if you are relaxed.
- If you fall backward, make a conscious effort to tuck your chin so your head won't hit the ground with full force.
**Literature Study**

Literature study consists of groups of 4 to 6 readers who are independent learners. Students develop comprehension and metacognitive strategies while engaging in extensive discussion about a book. (Also known as literature circles, literature clubs, lit clubs, book clubs, and readers’ circles)

**Purpose of Lit Study:**

- make students aware of the value of their personal responses to what they read.
- engage students in meaningful literary discussion.
- provide rich experiences with a range of genres representing many periods and cultures.
- expand students’ literacy and background knowledge.
- build students’ knowledge of authors and illustrators.
- demonstrate new ways of interpreting and analyzing text.
- foster critical thinking.

**Resources:**

- *Teaching for Comprehending and Fluency*, pp. 269-279, 280-293
- *The Continuum of Literacy Learning*, pp. 14-43
- *Guiding Readers and Writers*, pp. 17-18, 252-276

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**MATH: Problem Solving**

*Five Easy Steps to a Balanced Math Program - Chapter 2 p. 34-35*

“Ultimate goal for students is for them to be able to solve independently a multistep problem and to communicate verbally and in writing the process they used.” (p.33)

Poster Problem Solving Process: (p.36)

1. Data Sheet
2. Show all work
3. Number each step as you solve
4. Write number sentence
5. Word sentence with answer

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**Apps**

- *Snack Words* - a fast-paced word game like you've never seen before. Don't be content to play other word games by yourself
- *Sticky Notes* - Sticky Notes for iPad is a simple and useful app to help keep you organized.

**Websites**

**Problem Solving:**


**Context Clues:**


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**Collaboration Topics**

- Rti students
- Acuity (G3-G8)
- Data Analysis
- Problem Solving Strategies
- Curriculum Planning
- PBL
- Vocabulary Strategies
- DMR
- Literature Study
- Data Analysis
- Problem Solving Strategies
- Curriculum Planning
1. “RAPIDLY IMPROVING SCHOOL” NOMINATION
Dr. Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Indiana Department of Education has nominated Meadowbrook Elementary as 1 of 8 from Indiana as a “Rapidly Improving School” as part of the National Blue Ribbon process. Each grade level at Meadowbrook saw growth and the amount of growth put Meadowbrook in the top 10 improving schools in Indiana!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. GATEWOOD, STAFF AND STUDENTS!

2. HURRICANE SANDY FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS
The students and staff of EACS secondary schools raised $2417.49 for the Hurricane Sandy victims. The check was recently presented to the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana. These dollars will help support the National Red Cross as they serve families affected by the hurricane.

GREAT JOB STUDENTS AND STAFF!

3. POETIC POWER WRITING WINNER
Nicole Winans, 9th grader at East Allen University was recently chosen as a Poetic Power winner by the Creative Communication Company! Nicole’s work will be published in a hard-bound anthology within the region! Creative Communication is a company who is devoted to the promotion of writing, teaching and appreciation of student writing.

GREAT JOB NICOLE WINANS

4. FIRST IN MATH
As of Dec. 10, 2012

Grade K: Still working on this
Grade 1: Mrs. Zech
Grade 2: Mrs. Hively
Grade 3: Mrs. Kiningham

As a school, we are #9 in the state for the year.

Mrs. Zech's class is in 5th place in state for the year for grade 1.
Ms. Loyd's class is in 13th place in state for the year for grade 1.

Mrs. Fipp's class is in 3rd place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Walker's class is in 4th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Berning's class is in 7th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Buroff's class is in 8th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Hively's class is in 11th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Robert's class is in 17th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mrs. Rodenbeck's class is in 19th place in state for the year for grade 2.

Mr. Linson's class is in 1st place in state for the year for grade 3.

Mrs. Firestine's class is in 4th place in state for the year for grade 3.

Mr. Kaylor's class is in 6th place in state for the year for grade 3.

Mrs. Kiningham's class is in 13th place in state for the year for grade 3.

Mr. Oliver's class is in 16th place in state for the year for grade 3.

**As of Dec. 12, 2012**

**Top Schools – Statewide**

#2 Meadowbrook  
#3 New Haven Middle  
#4 Leo Elementary  
#5 Woodlan Intermediate - Moved from #7 to #5  
#7 Cedarville - Congrats!!!

**Top Teams – Statewide**

#1 New Haven Middle - cardiac5in - Gurney  
#2 New Haven Middle - heart12in - Gurney  
#4 Leo Elementary - Elrod - Moved from #12 to #4  
#7 Heritage Ele - Mellang  
#8 Cedarville - Linson - Moved from #9 to #8

**Top Schools – District-wide**

#1 Meadowbrook  
#2 New Haven Middle  
#3 Leo Elementary  
#4 Woodlan Intermediate  
#5 Cedarville - Welcome to the top #5- Congrats!

**Top Teams – District-wide**

#1 New Haven Middle - cardiac5in - Gurney  
#2 New Haven Middle - heart12in - Gurney  
#3 Leo El - ocean78in - Elrod - moved from #5 to #3  
#4 Heritage El - sting45in - Mellang  
#5 Cedarville - quark1in - Linson

AWESOME JOB!