1. **REMINDER: RETIREMENT PLANNING MEETING**

A Retirement Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013, 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Building. If you are planning to attend please notify Susie Bandt at sbandt@eacs.k12.in.us.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1001

2. **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING (PAEMST)**

Please help the IDOE identify and recognize hard-working educators by nominating them for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Nominated teachers must have completed 5 years of K – 12th-grade teaching prior to this year and currently be teaching 7 through 12th-grade science (including computer science) or mathematics. Please go to the PAEMST Web site (http://www.paemst.org) to complete an online nomination form. Nominations are due by April 1, 2013. See Enclosure #1 for more information.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

3. **TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR CPR/AED TRAINING**

Classes are being offered free of charge twice a month through the end of the school year. Class size is limited and requires pre-registration. If you need this certification for your license renewal, call (ext. 3321) or email Wendy Walker, Health Services Coordinator.

Effective July 1, 2012, per Indiana Code 20-28-5-3(c), all applicants applying for teaching license and permit renewals must have successfully completed training in the requirements listed below. Applicants for initial licensure of any type and applicants for all renewals must show proof of valid CPR/AED/Heimlich certification.

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes a test demonstration on a mannequin,
- Removing a foreign body causing an obstruction in an airway, and the Heimlich Maneuver;
- Beginning July 1, 2011, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); and
- Hold a valid certification in each of these procedures from either the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association or other providers as approved by the department.

Ed Mendoza, ext. 3141
4. **CLASSROOM PRIVACY/SAFETY**

EACS employees are reminded that the windows in classroom doors are not to be covered. This includes window clings, chart paper, colored paper, etc. If there are no windows in a classroom door, the door is to remain open while students are in the classroom. Should lockdown or security drills occur; doors will then be closed and locked per safety policy. This is for staff member’s protection from unnecessary allegations. Principals are expected to ensure this is followed in their buildings.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

5. **EACS PARENT GROUP MEETING**

A meeting will be held for parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th 6:00-7:30 pm at Park Hill Learning Center (Staff Development Room). See **Enclosure #2** for more details.

Connie Brown, ext. 3109

6. **DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

See **Enclosure #3** for more details regarding the Disabilities Awareness Month community events.

Ed Mendoza, ext. 3141

7. **MARCH 19 ~ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

The schedule is currently being developed for the March 19th Professional Development day. We are hoping to have all the information out to teachers in the next two weeks. We appreciate teachers responding to the survey as this is driving what the day will look like. We also appreciate all the teachers that have volunteered to lead sessions for their peers. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on March 19.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

**Remember the Slogan:**

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS ~ ENHANCING THE EDUCATION!
TO: Principals and Superintendents of Indiana

FROM: Jeremy Eltz, Science Specialist
Laurie Ferry, Math Specialist

RE: PAEMST Nomination Form

DATE: February 14, 2013

There are outstanding science and mathematics teachers in every school system throughout our State. Help us identify and recognize these hard-working educators by nominating them for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Nominated teachers must have completed 5 years of K – 12th-grade teaching prior to this year and currently be teaching 7 through 12th-grade science (including computer science) or mathematics. Please go to the PAEMST Web site (http://www.paemst.org) to complete an online nomination form. Nominations are due by April 1, 2013.

Recipients of the award receive:
- A certificate signed by the President of the United States.
- A paid trip for two to Washington, DC, to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities.
- A $10,000 award from National Science Foundation.

For further information about PAEMST, go to the PAEMST Web site or the IDOE PAEMST. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Jeremy Eltz or Laurie Ferry.

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EACS Parent Group Meeting

For parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Organized By: Gina Koogler (EACS Parent)

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5th
TIME: 6:00-7:30
WHERE: Park Hill Learning Center (Staff Development Room)

AGENDA:

1) Speaker Sue Christman: Waiver Information
   Sue works for the Autism Resource Center (ARC) and has a wealth of knowledge regarding Adult Services, waiver information, etc.

2) Roundtable Discussion for Parents

Please contact Gina Koogler, EACS parent, (gina9431@frontier.com) or Jenny Snyder, special education supervisor (446-0100 ext 3115) if you have any questions about the meeting.
Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana

DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH CALENDAR

**March 1, 2013**
Easter Seals Arc, the Northeast Indiana Disability Awareness Coalition (NEIDAC) and **Mayor Thomas Henry are proclaiming March as Disability Awareness Month**. The event will be held on March 1st at 11:00 am at Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana’s lobby located on 4919 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

**Friday, March 8, 2013**
Easter Seals Arc as a member of the Northeast Indiana Disability Awareness Coalition sponsors the **Ability Abound Event** to be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Parkview Field’s Lincoln Event Center. This event announces the winners of a month long essay contest in concern of disabilities that involves school age and older adults. For tickets or more information contact Lynne Gilmore, Executive Director AWS Foundation at 1.260.207.5656.

**Thursday, March 21st, 2013**
Easter Seals Arc as a member of the Transition Partners of Northeast Indiana, **presents Life after High School Transition Fair**, Thursday, March 21st 2013, Allen County Public library, 900 Library Plaza, 46802 Fort Wayne Indiana, Main Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C, Public and private parking lots are available near the library, 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. There are exciting opportunities for young men and women with disabilities who will soon be leaving high school. Learn about those opportunities and chart your course for the future.

**Saturday March 23, 2013**
Join us on Saturday, March 23rd for a lights up, sound down showing of “The Croods” at Regal Coldwater Crossing, 10:00 am Theatre Opens at 9:30 am. Cost: Free, Compliments of Fort Wayne Neurological Center. Going to see a movie with a person with autism or other sensory integration disorders can be difficult due to different sensory triggers. That’s why Easter Seals Arc, Fort Wayne Neurological Center and Regal Coldwater Crossing are teaming up to bring you Sensory Sensitive Films. Families are encouraged to drive three blocks south after the movie for the fish fry.

**Saturday March 23, 2013**
The **Annual Fish Fry** is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All You Can Eat: Fried fish or chicken breast strips. Sides include potato wedges, baked beans, applesauce, dinner roll & butter, tea, lemonade, water and coffee. The Board of Directors will serve fish at Easter Seals Arc, 4919 Coldwater Road. $10.00 for adults 13 and over $5.00 for children 6-12 Children 5 & under are free.
1. NATIONAL POETIC POWER ESSAY WINNER

Nicole Winans, ninth grader at East Allen University, has placed in the top ten of the National Poetic Power essay contest. The contest was titled "Celebrating What Is Important to Me". Nicole’s essay was selected to be published in the anthology, which will come out this summer. As well as a top ten national recognition Nicole was also awarded a cash prize.

CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE WINANS!!

2. NEW HAVEN HIGH STUDENTS FINALISTS IN JAG COMPETITION

Chanel Love, a junior placed 1st in the JAG Public Speaking competition and Demetrius Carter, a junior placed 2nd in the Employability competition. Both students will compete at the State JAG contest on April 19, 2013 in Indianapolis.

GOOD LUCK CHANEL AND DEMETRIUS!

3. FIRST IN MATH

As of Feb. 19, 2013

Top Schools in State
#2 - New Haven Middle School
#3 - Leo Elementary School
#4 - Cedarville Elementary School
#5 - Woodlan Intermediate School
#6 - Meadowbrook Elementary School

Top Teams State
#1 - heart12in - New Haven Middle (Gurney)
#2 - cardiac5in - New Haven Middle (Gurney)
#3 - ocean78in - Leo El (Elrod)
#4 - quark1in - Cedarville (Linson)
#9 - xenon45in - Cedarville (Fipp)

Top Schools - East Allen
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#2 - Leo Elementary School
#3 - Cedarville Elementary School
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Woodlan Intermediate gained this week to move from #5 to #4 in our district.

GREAT JOB!