1. SUPERINTENDENT’S SEARCH COMMUNITY FORUMS

Please join the EACS Board of School Trustees at the upcoming Superintendent Search forums open to all EACS employees.

- All EACS Service Center & Central Office Staff ~ March 19th – 5:30 p.m. @ Admin. Bldg.
- All New Haven/Harding attendance area schools staff will meet on March 20th at 4:30 p.m. at New Haven High School.
- All EACS School Staff EXCEPT New Haven/Harding attendance areas will meet on March 21st – 4:30 p.m. (at respective attendance area’s High School):
  - All Heritage attendance area schools staff will meet at Heritage Jr./Sr. School
  - All Leo attendance area schools staff will meet at Leo Jr./Sr. High School
  - All Woodlan attendance area schools staff will meet at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

Please see Enclosure #1 for more details.

Neil Reynolds, Board President

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Tuesday March 19, East Allen County Schools will be providing professional development at New Haven High School for all teachers. Donuts and coffee will be available in the cafeteria starting at 7:15 am. The first session of the morning will start promptly at 8:00 am. The sessions will be 50 minutes in length with a 10 minute passing period. We have presenters from within EACS and from several other sources presenting on this day. Principals will provide information sheets on Friday afternoon and Monday showing which sessions you have been assigned to. Please make sure you attend the sessions assigned as we have tried to balance the sessions in order to keep the class sizes to around 30. On the back of the information sheet will be a map of New Haven High School to help you in locating your sessions.
The dress code for the day will be blue jeans and school spirit wear or college spirit wear.

We have planned this day for maximum learning opportunities while still allowing time for interaction with your peers. We look forward to seeing all teachers on March 19!

Parking is available on the north, south and west sides of New Haven High School.

Chris Hissong, ext. 1002

3. BOOKS ARE FUN ~ DISTRICT FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday, March 19th during the professional development day, staff will be able to purchase Books are Fun items at a very low cost (values up to $50.00 for only $5.99). Please see Enclosure #2 for more details.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

4. REMINDER: TITLE I INVENTORY

The Title I inventory is due to the Office of Instruction by April 1, 2013. It is imperative that inventories are accurate. **If purchases are made by Title I funds and a staff member leaves that building, ALL purchases must remain at the original building. Also, if a staff member transfers to another Title I building, the purchases still remain.** If you have any materials that are marked Title I and they need to be returned, send them via courier to Katie Jackson at Park Hill.

Katie Jackson, ext. 3171

5. EACS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION

The EACS Educational Foundation cordially invites you to attend the 2013 EACS Educational Foundation Dinner / Auction fundraiser. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Judy O’Bannon (Indiana’s First Lady 2003-2007 and Humanitarian) has agreed to serve as the keynote speaker for this event. The
event will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the IPFW International Ballroom (Walb Union). The auction will begin immediately after the keynote address and will be run by Senator Dennis Kruse. For more information contact Rose Fritzinger at ext. 3161 or see Enclosure #3 for more details.

Rose Fritzinger, ext. 3161

6. MAD ANTS MOST IMPROVED STUDENT PROGRAM

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Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

7. FOCUS ON HEALTH ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2013 FOCUS ON HEALTH will be held on Saturday, April 20, at New Haven High School. This community event is sponsored by the EACS Wellness Advisory Council and Emanuel Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed at the event registration table, blood draw registration, and for set-up (Friday, April 19, after school) and take-down (Saturday at noon). If you would like to volunteer call Wendy Walker at extension 3321. For more information see Enclosure #5.

Ed Mendoza, ext. 3141

8. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are currently being accepted for the Rodney Orlando Thompson, II Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Rodney Thompson who was killed in an accident on October 17, 2008 while driving distracted. This scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to students who seek to further their education beyond high school and who commit to STANDD – Stop Texting and Driving Distracted. See Enclosure #6 for more details.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

9. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Elementary and Middle School Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #7 and #8 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

10. 5TH GRADE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

The Indiana Urban Forest Council (IUFC) is proud to host the 2nd annual Indiana Arbor Day Poster Contest for all Indiana 5th grade students! For more details see Enclosure #9.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

Remember the slogan: East Allen County Schools ~ Enhancing the Education!
Our mission is to inspire in all students a passion for learning while developing knowledge, skills, and character necessary to become responsible contributors to the local and global society.
East Allen County Schools

District Fundraiser

In Service Day Mega Gift & Book Sale

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

New Haven High School Gymnasium
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Values up to $50.00 for only $5.99!
Special THANKS to our 2013 event sponsors:

East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.
1240 State Road 930 East ~ New Haven, IN 46774
Telephone 260/446-0100, ext. 3161 Fax 260/446-0126
Rose E. Fritzinger, M.A., CFRE, Executive Director

Our Foundation thanks our lead event sponsor . . .

You are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Dinner / Auction to benefit EACS Educational Foundation, Inc.

Date:  Friday, April 19th, 2013
Time:  5:45p: Doors open / review of auction items
       6:15p: Welcome / Proclamation (Mayor Henry)
       6:30p: Dinner
       7:15p: Judy O’Bannon: keynote speaker, Indiana’s First Lady and humanitarian
       7:45p: Auction: Sen. Dennis Kruse, Auctioneer

Location:  IPFW’s International Ballroom (Walb Union)
           2101 E. Coliseum Blvd. (free parking – P2 Garage)
           Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Purpose:  To raise funds for our East Allen County Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

Event Cost:  $25/person, includes dinner
            $45/couple, includes dinners
            $180/table of 8 people, includes dinners

RSVP:  RSVP with payment by 03/28/13 as seating is limited. RSVPs are required!

Donations:  Contact the Foundation by 03/20/13 with items you will donate for our auction

Payment for auction items and/or donations at our event are:
- Credit Card, Cash or Checks
  Please make checks payable to EACS Educational Foundation, Inc.

Dress is business attire.

Thank YOU! Your generosity is most appreciated.

Gifts to the Foundation may be deductible. Tax ID: 37-1487238
Consult your financial planner / tax preparer for details.
RSVP: Please complete the appropriate information below and return this RSVP form with payment on or before 03/28/2013:

Your Name: __________________________________________ Please print. Thank you!

Address: ____________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________ Email: ___________________

Costs [includes dinner(s)] are: $25/person or $45/two people or $180/table of 8.

Select one:

_____ Yes, I plan to attend (____ # attending) x $25 / person = $_____

_____ Yes, I plan to attend (____ # attending) x $45 / couple = $_____

Guest Name: _________________

_____ Yes, I plan to attend (____ # attending) x $180 / table of 8 = $_____

Guest Name: _________________ Guest Name: _________________

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Guest Name: _________________ (please use additional sheet(s), if necessary)

_____ I will make a donation to the EACS Educational Foundation: $_____

Return this RSVP to: East Allen County Schools (EACS) Educational Foundation, Inc.

Attention: Rose Fritzinger

1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, IN 46774

Method of Payment (select one):

____ Cash

____ Check Please make your check payable to EACS Educational Foundation, Inc.

Cash, checks and major credit cards will be accepted at the event for purchase of auction items and/or for donors to make a donation.

Questions? Contact Rose Fritzinger:

Telephone: 260/446-0100, ext. 3161 Email: rfritzinger@eacs.k12.in.us
Here are just a few samples of our fabulous auction items available:

- Hot Air Balloon Rides (can be used around the Nation!) for 2 or 4 people!
- Zulu Nyala (South Africa) six-day, six-night photo safari package for two
  - Garrison Keillor (Honeywell Center – Wabash)
  - Grand Hotel (Mackinac Island, MI) package
- Chippewa Hotel (Mackinac Island, MI) one-night stay
- 2013 PGA Memorial Golf Tournament (Dublin, Ohio) tickets
- New Haven Meats certificate
- Domino’s Pizza certificates (valid at New Haven location)
  - Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum passes
  - Girl Scout Cookie package
  - Kings Island passes
- Holiday Inn Express (New Haven, IN) certificates
  - High School All-Sports passes
  - Cedar Creek Golf Course passes
  - Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation golf passes
  - Henry Ford Museum / Greenfield Village passes
  - Wolf Mattress Outlet certificate
- Hilton (Orlando, Florida) 2-night stay Bonnet Creek (Disney) location

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Over the Next 2 weeks, please nominate your Most Improved Student in your classroom by contacting Jon Doust with the Mad Ants at Jon@fortwaynehoops.com. Please include the student’s name, school and grade in the email and you will receive a response with a certificate to give to the student with all of the information for the Student and their family. This is a very simple and easy way to reward your students, and we would love to help you in any way possible.

Thank you!
Jon Doust
Mad Ants Basketball.
Focus On Health

The Focus on Health, New Haven High School site, will be held on April 20, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. East Allen County Schools Wellness Advisory Council and Emanuel Lutheran Church sponsor this popular low-cost, informative health fair with guidance from Midwest Alliance for Health Education’s Focus on Health team.

Low cost blood testing will be offered again this year; tests included are Blood Chemistry Profile (Chem 17), Hemogram (anemia), Thyroid Stimulating Hormone, Prostate Specific Antigen, A1C (3 month blood sugar average) and Vitamin D. The Chemistry Profile requires that you FAST for 10 to 12 hours prior to the blood draw. Payment for blood work is cash or check only.

Also offered at this site are hearing testing by an audiologist, balance testing by a physical therapist, bone density testing, vision screening, as well as a pharmacist and diabetes educator available to answer questions. Other free health screenings include blood pressure, height and weight with body mass index. There will also be nearly 30 exhibitors offering health and community information.

This year’s community sponsors include: Wells Fargo Bank, 21Alive WPTA-TV, Midwest Alliance for Health Education, Parkview Hospital Community Health Improvement program, and Parkview Physicians Group.

For more information, call Wendy Walker, RN, EACS Health Services Coordinator, at 260-446-0100, extension 3321 or email at wwarker@eacs.k12.in.us.
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Rodney’s goal to attend college will never be realized. In tribute to his legacy, the Rodney O. Thompson, II Scholarship has been established to help young people fulfill their goal of attending college after high school. This scholarship was established to help offset a portion of college expenses by way of a monetary award.

This will be the fifth year for scholarships to be awarded. We will present scholarships at the Rock Solid 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament which will be held on June 22, 2013 at the Renaissance Point YMCA, 2323 Bowser Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

We are encouraging senior students to apply for the scholarship.

Last year we were able to award scholarships totaling $5000.00.

To receive an application contact us at scholarship@rocksolid3on3.com or on face book at www.facebook.com/standd626.

Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2013.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Aubrey Willis at (260) 410-3187.
Scholarship Application

I. Application Requirements

1. Fill out the application form completely and sign.
2. Applicants must provide an official high school transcript.
3. Must already be accepted in an undergraduate program for the upcoming fall semester.
4. Essays MUST be typed or printed neatly and submitted with completed application information.
5. Essay requirements: In 500 words or more, clearly explain why you feel it is important to not text and drive, or drive while distracted? How do you plan on making a commitment to not drive while distracted and to spread the word to others?
6. The essay must be emailed to: scholarship@rocksolid3on3.com or mailed to the address below no later than May 31, 2013.
7. Attendance at the tournament is required

II. Applicant Information

Last Name: _______________________________First Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________ __________________________

City: ___________________________________State: _______ Zip Code: ________________

Email: ____________________________________________ __________________________

Phone: ____________________________Best time to call: __________________________

Date of Birth: _______________________ Age: _______ Gender: [ ] Male [ ] Female

What is your career field of interest: ____________________________________________
III. Educational Information

High School: _________________________________ GPA: ____________________________
SAT Math: ________________ SAT Verbal: _____________ SAT Total: __________________
College attending: _____________________________ Major: ___________________________

IV. Community Involvement

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I hereby certify that the information I have submitted as correct. I authorize the release of this information to members of the Rock Solid Scholarship Committee and will provide additional information or verification upon request.

If granted the scholarship, I agree to the publication of my name and likeness by Rock Solid, 626.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature, if applicable: ________________________________
Applicant's Signature: ________________________________
Date Submitted: ________________________________

Mail completed application, postmarked no later than May 31, 2013:
Rock Solid Scholarship
1227 E. Wallace Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46803
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   - Request that students record these in their Academic Notebooks for reference.

Apps, Links, Technology and More!

- Math Read Alouds by Topic
- FREE Math Problem Solving Assessment Pack - Laura Candler - Grades 2-6
- Smartboard Activities
- Item Sampler Grades 3-5
- Item Sampler Grades 6-8
- Math lands (App)

Collaboration Topics

- 4 Week Assessment Data
- Planning Bundle 7
- Interventions or Lessons for Success

ISTEP+ - Writing and Open Ended

End of 3rd Quarter

4 Week Assessment

IREAD-3

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DIBELS and TRC

3/5/13 – 3/15/13
3/15/13
3/14/13 – 3/22/13
3/18/13
3/20/13
4/15/13

Make Vocabulary Flash Cards:
http://quizlet.com/

Vocabulary Strategies
http://www.justreadnow.com/strategies/vocabulary.htm

Student Self-Evaluation Sheet
http://plnaugle.blogspot.com/2012/04/students-self-evaluation-based-on.html

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- Item Sampler Grades 6-8 (lang)
- Algebra Champ (app)
- Word Triangle (app)
- Wordo

Collaboration Topics

- 4 Week Assessment Data
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- Problem Solving Strategies

ISTEP+ - Writing and Open Ended End of 3rd Quarter
4 Week Assessment Acuity Predictive C - Algebra
IMAST/ISTEP Multiple choice SRI

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1. FIRST IN MATH

As of March 12, 2013

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

Top Teams State
#1 - cardiac5in - New Haven Middle (Gurney)
#2 - heart12in - New Haven Middle (Gurney)
#3 - ocean78in- Leo El (Elrod)
#4 - quark1in - Cedarville (Linson)
#8 - folio43in - Woodlan Intermediate (Price)

Top Schools - East Allen
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Cedarville reached #1 status in our district and #2 in the state.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK MATH TEAMS!