HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!

1. SPECIAL SCHOOL SAFETY PRESENTATION

At the EACS regular board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special presentation regarding a new School Safety procedure. Please see Enclosure #1 for more details. Please place this information in your school newsletter and webpage.

Tamyra Kelly, ext. 1050

2. LIVE HEALTHY FAMILIES

Live Healthy Families program sponsored by Parkview Live and the YMCA are partnering to improve the health and wellness for families in the community. The program is 8 weeks. See Enclosure #2 for more information.

Wendy Walker, ext. 3321

3. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT SESSIONS

Community Action of Northeast Indiana (CANI) will be providing Affordable Care Act education and enrollment sessions every Saturday at the main branch of the Allen County Library. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the Health Insurance Marketplace and to assist consumers in enrolling. See Enclosure #3 for more details.

Wendy Walker, ext. 3321

4. CURRICULUM CONNECTION

The Curriculum Connection contains upcoming information regarding assessments, curriculum updates, video clips, instructional websites, and more. Please see Enclosure #4 for specific information.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124
5. MIDTERMS AND REPORT CARD DATES

See Enclosure #5 for the 2013-14 midterm and report card dates.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124

6. PROJECT READS FUNDRAISER

Project Reads is a very important partner with EACS. On Feb. 26 from 6-8 pm, Project Reads will host a fundraiser for programs for K-3 students. See Enclosure #6 for support details.

Marilyn Hissong, ext. 3124
Please attend the EACS 'REGULAR' School Board Meeting with a Special Presentation on SCHOOL SAFETY.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
6:30 P.M.
New Haven High School
1300 Green Road ~ New Haven, IN

East Allen County Schools
1240 State Road 930 East
New Haven, IN 46774
www.eacs.k12.in.us

Dr. Kenneth Folks
Superintendent
Parkview and the region's YMCAs are partnering to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve.

www.parkview.com/livehealthy
About LiVe Healthy Families
Do you want to improve your family’s health habits? Parkview LiVe and the YMCA have teamed up to set you on the right course. We’ve created LiVe Healthy Families to help your family eat healthier and stay active. We’ll give you the tools and resources you need to help create an active household.

Class Information
Classes meet for an hour-and-a-half each week and combine 45 minutes of nutrition teaching with 45 minutes of fun, family activities. Our eight-week classes are taught by trained nutrition and fitness professionals. You will also receive recipes, menu planners, tips on eating awareness, access to the best websites and a complimentary family membership to the YMCA for the entire program.

Success and Outcomes
Sixty-five percent of past participants who were overweight reported an improvement in their body mass index (BMI). Other families who have completed this program:
• Increased their strength and endurance
• Enjoyed more fruits and vegetables
• Exercised more and watched less television
• Used less convenience food and take-out meals
• Ate more meals together
• Spent more time together as a family

Program Cost
The cost is $50 per family for eight weeks. Scholarships and payment plans are available.

More Information
Visit www.parkview.com/livehealthy or call (260) 373-7998 to learn more.
Class Dates and Times

Allen County
- Tuesdays, starting Feb. 18, 6:15 – 8 p.m.
  Parkview Family YMCA,
  10001 Dawsons Creek Blvd., Fort Wayne
- Mondays, starting March 3, 6:15 – 8 p.m.
  Renaissance Pointe YMCA,
  2323 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne

Huntington County
- Thursdays, starting March 20, 6:15 – 8 p.m.
  Parkview Huntington Family YMCA,
  1160 W 500 N, Huntington

LaGrange County
- Wednesdays, starting March 19, 6:15 – 8 p.m.
  Cole Center satellite location
  at the Parkview LaGrange EMS Building,
  982 N. Townline Rd., LaGrange

Noble County
- Mondays, starting March 17, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.
  Cole Center Family YMCA,
  700 Garden St., Kendallville

Whitley County
- Thursdays, starting March 20, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
  Whitley County Family YMCA,
  950 E. Van Buren St., Columbia City
Important Dates

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Build Reading Stamina

- Passages
  - Grades 3-4: 500 word count
  - Grades 5-8: 800 word count
  - Topics are chosen because students have little to no background knowledge

- Time Frame
  - Expose students to text that take 1 sitting
  - 3-4 passages at a time ranging in word count (see above)
  - Same sitting read and answer
  - 55 minutes

- Reading Task
  - Provide similar scenarios to students as test

QAR Strategies

- Right-There Questions (20% or less of Questions)
  - Words in the question are pulled directly from the text
  - Answer is in one place within the reading

- Think & Search (35% of Questions)
  - Requires skimming for the most important info
  - Answer is spread across many sentence or paragraphs

- Author & Me Questions (35% of Questions)
  - Combine the author’s words with own thinking
  - Answer is not found in the text, but is about the text
  - A written response/opinion requires textual support

- On My Own Questions (10% of Questions)
  - Reveal a personal connection
  - Loosely related to reading
  - Responses draw on opinion & background knowledge

55 minute Prompt Writing

1. Read the Prompt: 2.75 minutes
2. Thing about the Prompt: 2.75 minutes
3. Plan: 5.5 minutes
4. Draft: 33 minutes
5. Revise: 5.5 minutes
6. Edit: 5.5 minutes

Focus on Trump Traits

Ideas

What students should do if they don’t have experience with the prompt:

Circle of Knowledge:

- Me:
  - Write about a personal experience
- Media
  - Steal ideas and make it yours
  - TV, Books, Video Games, internet
- Someone else
- Make it up!
  - Make it seem believable
  - Last resort!

5 Minute Conversations

- Practice writing orally with a partner
- If students can’t speak their writing they can’t write it!
- Set timer and have partners switch (begin with 90 seconds)
- 5 Minutes of discussion equals about 2 pages of writing
GET COVERED

Got questions about the new Health Insurance Marketplace/Obamacare?
Get help applying for coverage.

Dates: Saturdays beginning 2/8 through 3/29
Allen County Public Library: Main Branch
9am-Noon

CANI will provide access to computer lab & offer onsite assistance completing applications for the Health Insurance Marketplace.

IN ORDER TO APPLY, YOU WILL NEED

- An E-mail address
- Picture ID
- Last years tax returns

Questions?
Call Cathy at 260-423-3546 ext. 256

1st quarter ends: Wednesday, October 16th (45 days)
• Elementary special area grades and grades 7 -12 all subjects entered electronically – 9/16/13
• Mid-terms sent home – 9/18/13
• Elementary special area grades and grades K -12 all subjects entered electronically - 10/30/13
• Submit Grades – RDS Grade Book by 10/30/13
• Report cards given at parent/teacher conferences (TBD)

2nd quarter ends: Friday, December 20th (44 days)
• Elementary special area grades and grades 7 -12 all subjects entered electronically – 11/18/13
• Mid-terms sent home - 11/20/13
• Elementary special area grades and grades K -12 all subjects entered electronically – 1/16/14
• Submit Grades – RDS Grade Book by 1/16/14
• Elementary Report cards sent home- 1/15/14
• Grades 7-12 Report cards will be mailed home as soon as they are processed

3rd quarter ends: Friday, March 28th (46 days) – One waiver day - approved
• Elementary special area grades and grades 7 -12 all subjects entered electronically – 2/24/14
• Mid-terms sent home - 2/26/14
• Elementary special area grades and grades K -12 all subjects entered electronically – 4/14/14
• Submit Grades – RDS Grade Book by 4/14/14
• Report cards sent home - 4/16/14

4th quarter ends: Friday, June 6th (44 days)
• Elementary special area grades and grades 7 -12 all subjects entered electronically – 5/5/14
• Mid-terms sent home - 5/7/14
• Elementary special area grades entered electronically – 6/4/14
• Report cards sent home and Submit Grades – RDS Grade Book
  ○ Elementary - last school day 6/6/14
  ○ Secondary – submitted by 6/13/14 and mailed on 6/17/14

*If additional days are added due to weather-related cancellations, this schedule will continue to be adjusted.

2/7/14
All teachers, students, families and friends are invited to participate in a fundraising event to benefit Project READS on February 26th.

Everyone is invited to gather at Buffalo Wild Wings® (5519 Coventry Lane). Please join us for dinner or a snack. On this day, from 6-8pm, 10% of all food purchases accompanied by the certificate below will be donated to Project READS.

Present this certificate to your cashier or server at the time of your purchase and 10% of all food purchases* will go to support Project READS programs for K-3 students.

Only valid at 5519 Coventry Lane, Fort Wayne, IN.

*Alcohol purchases not included.