

# EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



## BOARD HAPPENINGS

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### JUNE 16TH REGULAR MEETING

**Dr. James Hendrix**, EACS' Title I Assistant Administrator, introduced Jamie Garwood of the United Way of Allen County. **Dr. Hendrix** is a participant in the Real Men Read initiative which is part of the Learn United initiative. Ms. Garwood presented information about Learn United - a community-wide volunteer campaign to close the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading achievement gap within 10 years. The United Way is taking on this initiative because in Allen County 40% of low-income 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are not passing the language portion of ISTEP, more than 1,000 3<sup>rd</sup> graders every year fail to pass the ISTEP language test, and 74% of students who can't read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will never catch up. Studies show that the ability to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is one key factor that predicts future success for a child. Two EACS schools—**Southwick Elementary** and **Village Elementary** are involved in the Learn United initiative.

### JUNE 2ND REGULAR MEETING

Roeing Corporation has completed the Technology Assessment for East Allen County Schools. Roeing representatives presented an overview of and recommendations for their findings.

#### GOODBYE DR. NOVOTNY

#### BEST WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!



This being her last Board meeting before her retirement, **Dr. Novotny** expressed some final thoughts, well wishes, and words of thanks for the opportunities she has had over the past 18 years serving East Allen County Schools. Each Board member gave their accolades.

Goodbye and best wishes **Dr. Novotny**—Thank you for the last 18 years of service on behalf of students in our district. You will be missed!

### RECOGNITIONS



**Jim Hunt**, Principal of **Monroeville Elementary School**, has been named Elementary School Principal of the Year for Region 3 by the Indiana Association of School Principals and the Horace Mann Companies. Congratulations **Jim**!



**New Haven High School's Choir**, under the direction of **Jeff Kennedy**, and **Leo Jr./Sr. High School's Band**, under the direction of **Robert Myers**, have been named recipients of the Indiana State School Music Association All-Music (ISSMA) Award for 2008-09. Tremendous!



The **Student Council** at **Leo Elementary School**, under the direction of **Jennifer Hale**, conceived, planned, and implemented a Lap-a-thon to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Over \$10,000 for Diabetes was raised. The American Diabetes Association informed us that this was the largest fundraiser by any school in the state! Awesome!



**Leo Elementary School** collected \$2,250.00 from T-shirt sales for the Relay for Life. Way to go!

#### PERSONNEL

##### ~ Welcome New Hires ~

- **Todd Mason**, teacher & head wrestling coach, LEHS

##### ~ Resignations~

(eff. end of SY unless noted)

- **James Minnick**, para, MOEL, eff. 05/15/09
- **Stephanie Lude**, teacher, HIEL
- **Rebecca Eleiott**, teacher, VIEL
- **Erin Bargerhuff**, teacher, VIEL
- **Lucy Peaks**, food service, NHMS
- **Sandra Moore**, food service, HIEL

##### Administrative

##### ~ Resignations~

- **Chris Gerbers**, Dean of Students, NHHS
- **Deborah Watson**, Principal, WOHS, eff. 07/03/09

##### ~ Retirement~

- **Lois Sutton**, para, PHLC

Congratulations to our 2009 graduates. You make us proud! We wish you great success in the future.

