

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD HAPPENINGS

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MAY 19TH REGULAR MEETING

- The Spotlight on Education segment highlighted EACS' Career Major Academy's at each of our high schools. The CMA initiative has become a major focus on the secondary level as EACS strives to improve student achievement and focus on developing EACS graduates who will be strong contributors to our area work force. **Judy Van-Fossen**, EACS' CMA Consultant, introduced representatives from each of our high schools, along with a student intern and their mentor. Each intern and mentor shared how the mentorship has impacted them.
- Formal discussion began regarding the Superintendent's Strategic Planning Recommendation. Many patrons, employees, parents and students expressed their concerns.

MAY 5TH WORK SESSION

- **Dr. Jan MacLean**, Deputy Superintendent, presented information regarding a "New Tech High School Model". The Board is interested in exploring further the possibility of bringing this type of school to our district. Administration will continue to pursue a planning grant from The Community Foundation by submitting a letter of intent.
- Review/open discussion occurred regarding the annual AYP and NCA reports requested by the Board. PL221 information was also provided.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Mark Daniel, Principal, **Leo Jr./Sr. High School** has been named High School Principal of the Year for Region 3 by the Indiana Association of School Principals and the Horace Mann Companies. Remarkable!



The Student Council at **Woodburn Elementary School** was recently awarded a **Youth as Resources** grant to be used to begin a Toy Lending Library for families of preschoolers at **Early Childhood Alliance Children's Centers**. The project **Turn Off the TV and Play!** is intended to provide alternatives to watching television and encourage play that supports learning for young children.

Students involved were **Chase Hunt**, **Tynan Easterday**, **Jazmine Williams**, **Allison Brooks**, **Kelly Collins**, **Katilyn Burns**, **Courtney Brooks**, **Austin Roemer**, **Shawn Roemer**, and **Sophi Shultz**, as well as members **Alan Zehr**, **Ivan Valentour**, **Jeramiah Cassel**, and **Cole Castleman**. Great job kids!



Leo Elementary School's Student Council held a "Hat Day" to collect money for the "Heart to Heart" Program sponsored by the Allen County Commissioners Office. This program purchases phone cards for soldiers. In April, A.C. Commissioners **Bill Brown**, **Linda Bloom** and **Nelson Peters**, along with the **Leo Elementary School** Student Council and teacher **Jennifer Hale** presented representatives from the 122nd National Guard Fighter Wing with phone cards for their soldiers who have been deployed. Incredible!



IMEA **Jeanette Lundeen**, music teacher for **Southwick and Village Elementary Schools**, has been commended by the Indiana Music Educators Association for her fine work as the local area coordinator of the "Circle The State With Song" choral festival. Way to go!



Superintendent's Visits

- Meadowbrook Elementary

PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- **Matthew Wiedenhofer**, as Principal of MEEL, eff. 08/01/09
- **Greg Mohler**, as Principal of NHHS, eff. 08/01/09

~ Resignations ~

- **Nicole Knott**, teacher, VIEL, eff. end of SY
- **Su Khin**, EACS language translator, eff. 04/24/09
- **Sarah Cramer**, teacher, SOEL, eff. end of SY
- **Angel Brooks-Ngwenya**, para, PHHS, eff. 04/20/09
- **Ronald Peters**, Trans. Dept., eff. 05/08/09
- **Sarahi Valencia Wagner**, Language Translator, eff. 04/24/09
- **Lichelle Beeler**, teacher, PHHS, eff. end of SY
- **Jennifer Beckham**, EACS Ed. Interpreter, eff. end of SY

~ Retirement ~

- **Diane Tomlinson**, Accts. Payable Coordinator, eff. 05/14/10

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EACS' 2009 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations to all of our 2009 "Teacher of the Year" winners: **Larry Linson** – Cedarville; **Christina Murphy** – Harlan; **Brad Snyder** – Highland Terrace; **Jennifer Elrod** – Hoagland; **Danielle Newman** – Leo El.; **Abby Akers** – Meadowbrook; **Matt Bucher** – Monroeville; **Darlene Lankenau** – New Haven El.; **Tiffany Belcher** – Southwick; **Julie Smith** – Village; **Kathie Dawes** – Woodburn; **Sharla Hoting** – Heritage; **Stephen Gabet** – Leo High School; **Cindy Fiedler** – New Haven High; **Elizabeth Bixby** – New Haven Middle; **LuAnn Neri** – Paul Harding; **Donna Hosier** – Prince Chapman; and **Joyce Goodin** – Woodlan. EACS Elementary Teacher of the Year is **Larry Linson**. and EACS Secondary Teacher of the Year is **Stephen Gabet**. **Larry Linson** is also EACS' Teacher of the Year. Congratulations everyone!

2009 STERLING SENTINEL WINNERS AND FINALISTS

East Allen County Schools is thrilled and honored to have three Sterling Sentinel winners this year! Awesome!

Top honors and a scholarship of \$3,000 was awarded to **Leo High School** senior **Lindsey Mohlman** in the Journalism category. Top honors and scholarships of \$1,500 were awarded to two other seniors from **New Haven High School**: In Athletics – **Haley Nelson** and in Industrial/Vocational Arts – **Matthew Kawiecki**. EACS had a total of 56 Sterling Sentinel Award finalists:

- From **Heritage Jr./Sr. High School**: **Erick Martinez** - Arts; **Whitney Scott** - Athletics; **Alexa Kiess** - Business; **Kyle Scherer** - Drama; **Andrea Rebeck** - English/Literature; **Tyler Schmitt** - Foreign Language; **Amber Bradtmueller** - Industrial/ Vocational; **Jillian Palacio** – Journalism; **Aaron Schwartz** - Mathematics; **Krista Melcher** – Music/Instrumental; **Anna Buuck** – Music/Voice; **Mitchell Wyss** - Science; **Shane Bultemeier** - Social Studies.
- From **Leo Jr./Sr. High School**: **Matthew Thomas** - Arts; **Kalah Baer** - Athletics; **Andrea Gage** - Business; **Evan Delagrange** – Drama; **Elizabeth McManus** - English/Literature; **Kyle Slentz** - Industrial/ Vocational; **Lindsey Mohlman** – Journalism; **Chloe Morriral** - Mathematics; **Andre Sauder** - Music/ Voice; **Karissa Miller** - Science; **Chelsea Brune** - Social Studies.
- From **New Haven High School**: **Sylvia Draper** - Arts; **Haley Nelson** - Athletics; **Adam Schaffer** - Business; **Brandon Loshe** - Drama; **Katelynn Cassel** - English/Literature; **Matthew Kawiecki** - Industrial/Vocational; **Therrin Eber** – Journalism; **Theresa Post** - Mathematics; **Adam Moyer** – Music/Instrumental; **Natasha Kersjes** – Music/Voice; **Kassidy Beck** - Science; **Christina Bienz** - Social Studies; **Brandon Kneuve** – Speech.
- From **Paul Harding High School**: **Jamon Cheatem** – Arts; **Jordan Fawcett** - Athletics; **Stephanie Sanchez** - Business; **Asia Cammack** - English/Literature; **Stephen Scott, Jr.** - Industrial/Vocational; **Erika Anderson** – Science.
- From **Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School**: **Lindsay Wheeler** - Arts; **Cheri Knoblauch** - Athletics; **Kelly Wells** - Business; **Kearstyn Keller** – Drama; **Rachel Hathaway** - English/Literature; **Haley Emehiser** - Foreign Language; **Kyle Meadows** - Industrial/ Vocational; **Aury Keller** - Mathematics; **Jazmyn Gideon** – Music/ Instrumental; **Derek Fritz** – Music/Voice; **Ben Schlie** - Science; **Nichole Beck** - Social Studies; **Sara Randall** – Speech.

Congratulations students on your recognition
and for all of your hard work over the last 13 years!



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RECOGNITIONS CONTINUED



Hosted by IPFW, the inaugural Sci-TEC Youth Showcase was held in April. This was a community celebration highlighting innovative and exceptional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) formal and informal educational projects in Allen County. The following EACS schools participated. Honor Roll winners included:

Highland Terrace Elementary School

Project: Historical Quest Poster Displays

Teacher: Rebecca Kline *Students:* Jessie Biggs, Grace Bohde, Hannah Ferguson, Brittany Greubel, Bailey Hunter, Aaylah Kopke, Teya Martinez, Jack Pachuta, Jackson Parrish, Amy Rowland, Amara Scheitlin, Britannie Wilson

Hoagland Elementary School

Project: Things You Can't See

Teacher: Rich Cook *Students:* Landrie Jones, Jamie Slaughterbeck

Leo Elementary School

Project: K'Nex: Kids navigating Extraordinary eXpectations

Teachers: Danielle Newman and Eric Reynolds *Students:* Nick Barrow, Chloe Buchanan, Chance Dolsen, Adam Freeby, Sydney Heidenreich, Tori Hoag, Leah Hoff, Emma Hoffman, Chantelle Huebner, Maddy Kanka, Brett LaMere, Danae Miller, McKayla Mulherin, Sara Schlosser, Nate SeEVERS, Erin Sheets, Luke Stonebraker, Kyle Stucky, Ian Summer, Taylor Terrell, Chris Thurber, Alyssa Tokas, Andrew VonGunten, Aimee White, Hannah Zimmerman

Leo Jr./Sr. High School

Event: Future City *Teachers:* Richard Flickinger, and Engineer/Mentor Rick Slayback

City Name: A'rvore

Students: Claire Gardner, Spencer Haber, Katherine Wierzbowski

City Name: Reka Ulice

Students: Brianna Dailey, Jordan Schoonover, Becca Williams

City Name: Pollis Factum - ***Indiana Regional Champions & National SME Special Award Winner**

Students: Sam Gibson, Conner Hoagland, Collin Hoagland, Brandon Werling

Awesome work everyone! Congratulations!

Leo Elementary School 6th grader **Hannah Zimmerman** was recently named as the Indiana State Winner in a National Handwriting Contest. This contest sponsored by Zaner-Bloser Educational Publishers, recognizes state and national winners in a contest that evaluates handwriting legibility. This year, more than 200,000 students participated in the contest nationwide.



As the state winner, **Hannah**, and her teacher **Eric Reynolds** will receive engraved wood pens, a special award certificate, and a \$50 gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser materials. Four other **Leo Elementary** students received Honorable Mention in the "Design An Ad" contest: **Alyssa Tokas**, **Samantha Fields**, **Allison Gatchell**, and **Madison Bell**. Their ads were recently published in the Fort Wayne Newspaper. Tremendous!

The following EACS Administrators were each named as one of Fort Wayne's "50 Most Influential Women" in the community:

-**Deborah Wright Watson**, Principal, **Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School**

-**Thelma Green**, Principal, **Prince Chapman Academy**

-**Tamyra Kelly**, Public Relations Liaison **Wonderful!**



Cedarville Elementary students raised a total of \$3,136.98 for the American Cancer Society "Pennies from Heaven" project. Students were asked to simply collect "loose change" from family and friends. Each classroom had a box where the change was deposited, and many of the boxes were so heavy they could hardly carry them to the bank!

Julia Maxwell's second graders collected \$285.70, winning an ice cream party to celebrate their efforts. **Sharron Kumle's** afternoon kindergartners took 2nd place by collecting \$252.92 for the cause. Each of them will receive a coupon from Grabill Dairy Sweet. Fantastic!