



SUPERINTENDENT'S SHOUT OUT!



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SHOUT OUTS/IN THE NEWS

- Cedarville Elementary School's Robotics Teams had three events last week and the Firebots are ranked 24th out of 385 teams in the State.
- Heritage Elementary School congratulates Instructional Coach Mrs. Debbie Pollom on her decision to retire at the end of this school year! We are thankful for the many years she has dedicated to EACS and HEEL.
- Leo Elementary School held their modified socially distanced 2nd Quarter Flying Aces celebration and Zoomed it to all classrooms for their students to enjoy.
- New Haven Primary School students celebrated the 100th day of school with various math activities, based on grade level standards.
- New Haven Intermediate School's 4th grade team sent over 100 pounds of Christmas Care Package supplies to deployed members of the 122nd Fighter Wing.
- All Prince Chapman Academy teachers for ensuring that all 343 students (including virtual) are prepared for the WIDA assessment this month.
- Southwick Elementary School is grateful to Horace Mann for fully funding a Donor's Choose project. A new bookcase, seating, and crates helped to reorganize an EL space for teachers and students.
- Woodlan Elementary School had 406 students complete the 2nd quarter Warrior Challenge (meeting specific academic and behavioral expectations). These students enjoyed a movie and pizza, and got dog tags.

EACS NEEDS YOU!

- Bus Drivers
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Food Service Workers
 - Substitute Teachers
- If interested, please contact us at 446-0100.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR

HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM (EDGE)

Our high ability program is titled EDGE, an acronym which stands for Excellence and Diversity in Gifted Education.

The mission of the program is to provide educational choices which will engage, challenge and support high ability learners to reach their full intellectual, social-emotional, and creative potential.

Indiana Code defines a student with high abilities as:

- One who performs at or shows the potential for performing at an outstanding level of accomplishment in at least one domain when compared with other students the same age, experience, or environment; and
- Is characterized by exceptional gifts, talents, motivation, or interests.

The EDGE program services over 1,000 students in grades 1-12. Students in grades 1-8 participate in monthly meetings with their peers and EDGE teacher to complete enrichment activities such as coding, Problem-Based Learning units, logic puzzles, and higher-level thinking strategies.

The highlight of our year thus far has been the integration of Sphero.EDU and the coding of Sphero bots.

The EDGE program is currently working on creating a new EDGE library for our high ability students, parents, and teachers to utilize. Resources will include Sphero bots, logic games, family board games, books, and much more. This will be available in the Spring of 2021 and will be located at the Administrative Annex in New Haven.

Virtual EDGE students in grades 1-6, are blazing the trails for innovation as EACS has partnered with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, delivering monthly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) directly to student's homes.

For more information about the EDGE program, please contact Staci Salzbrenner, High Ability Instructional Coach at ssalzbrenner@eacs.k12.in.us or (260) 446-0100, ext. 3155.