

East Washington School Corporation

"All for One – One for All"

Our Vision is to achieve *Excellence in Education*

Dates to Remember:

January 21
ML King Day
Snow Make-Up Day

January 25
Bill Cope Chili Supper

February 7
Superintendent's Advisory Board Meets

February 12
School Board Meeting

February 18
Presidents' Day
Snow Make-Up Day

March 8
End 3rd 9 Weeks

March 12
School Board Meeting

March 25-29
Spring Break

April 9
School Board Meeting

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A Message from our Superintendent

Written by Superintendent Steve Darnell

Partnership = Benefit

Partnership is defined as participation, joint interest, an association of two or more partners. This definition clearly rings true for the relationship I have seen in the business-community partnership of East Washington Schools. What a great relationship that exists to support students as they prepare for their active place in the community today and tomorrow.

As a school corporation, we benefit greatly from community involvement in our schools. Active participation of business and the community increases resources and services that improve the education of East Washington students. Community and business representatives provide expertise as adult role models for students in addition to faculty in the classroom. We have community and business representatives that demonstrate to students how basic skills are used in the work place through internship placements and work sites that truly connect relevancy of academics and responsibilities of work outside the classroom. Our students are able to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of our community and business world that results in real-life learning at its best.

Business and community partners benefit from participation with our schools too. Opportunity to interact with students and present requirements and expectations of the business world and their specific industry exists. Direct, hands-on experiences are provided for our students to understand the business world and our community needs in a safe, learning environment. Finally, business and community members are involved in the direct education of East Washington students – an opportunity that is priceless.

To those individuals, businesses, and organizations currently not involved with our students, we encourage you to join the mission of our district by being a classroom resource speaker or by providing a work site or internship spot for our future community leaders in the classroom here at East Washington. Contact any of our school offices directly at 967-3926 to help. Begin the journey with others in our community who are making a difference in the lives of our students.

Steve Darnell, Superintendent

Eastern High School

Written by Principal Darin Farris



Congratulations to the E.H.S. Soil Judging team for earning a trip to the national competition!

The Eastern High School FFA Soil Judging team has experienced a very successful 2012-2013 season. The team recorded first place finishes at the Washington County and Harrison County contests early in the year. The early success qualified the team for the state competition in Batesville, Indiana. At the

state competition, E.H.S. teams took 3rd and 4th place (out of 48 teams) earning them two spots at the National Soil Judging competition which will be held in Oklahoma City the first week in May. This is the first time Eastern has qualified for the national contest and will have two out of five teams representing

Indiana. Eastern High School would like to congratulate the following students for their accomplishment: 3rd Place Team Members – Mathie Wright, Carlie Skaggs, Rebekah Feist, and Katlyn O'Leary and 4th Place Team Members – Courtney Hoke, Melanie Knight, Chelsi Casey, and Tessa Wright.

East Washington Middle School

Written by Principal Linda Luedeman



The E.W.M.S. Math Tutoring Program is successfully helping students to achieve higher scores in math.

Our featured program this quarter is our Math Tutoring Program. Students in grades seven and eight that need extra support in math are enrolled in this special program. Each morning, the identified students report to the middle school cafeteria to take part in peer tutoring sessions. And who are our peer tutors? They are students that have been nominated by their math teachers due to their excellent math abilities. These students have been given special instructions on

being a tutor. Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. Heldman supervise the tutors and tutees each morning. They assist where needed and are also providing training to the tutors. Mrs. Watters has even developed a training handbook for the tutors. The tutors bring their handbook to training meetings and are given additional tips on how to be a good tutor. Mr. Aly is the person that enrolls the tutees into the program. He looks at the math grades and speaks with the teachers. He

then gets the students all set up in the program. If all goes as planned, students get the needed help in math and benefits from better math grades down the road. If their grades improve, then they do not have to go to tutoring the next grading period. If support is still needed, the students remain in tutoring. The goal is to improve students' math skills. This has been a great way to provide extra math help to our seventh and eighth grade students and we are very excited to offer this support.

East Washington Elementary School

Written by Principal Debbie Esarey



E.W.E.S. teacher is completing a middle of the year benchmark assessment. The information will be used to plan instruction.

As we begin 2013 and the second half of the school year, I am reminded how busy we are going to be, but also how important the next few months are to our students. We have January and February to continue to prepare the third and fourth grade students for the ISTEP. The applied skills portion of the ISTEP is scheduled for March 5 – 6 & 7. After the applied skills, the 3rd grade students will embark on the very important state assessment, IREAD 3. This assessment determines

promotion for all 3rd grade students in the state of Indiana. The testing window for the IREAD 3 is March 19th. In April the 3rd and 4th grade students will complete the ISTEP test. Those dates are April 30 – May 2. Please keep these dates in mind as you schedule doctor's appointments and vacations. The IREAD testing window is very short with limited time for make-ups. Dates will be included in the school newsletter as we get closer to March. Teachers and administrators

are already preparing for the 2013-2014 school year. Changes from past General Assembly sessions are coming into fruition for the 13-14 school year. One of the biggest changes will be the implementation of the Common Core. The Indiana Academic Standards are being replaced by the Common Core Standards and with that comes the implementation of a new state assessment. So, as you can see we will all be students next year as staff and parents learn together about the changes in education throughout Indiana.