

Dates to Remember:

August 2 and 3
New Student Enrollment/
Registration

August 6
Meet the Teachers Night
Grades K-1

August 7
First Day of School

August 13
Meet the Teachers Night
Grades 2-4, MS, and HS

August 14
School Board Meeting

September 3
Labor Day – No School

September 11
School Board Meeting

October 8-12
Fall Break

October 9
School Board Meeting

*Please visit the school website for all the back to school information.

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A Message from our Superintendent

Written by Superintendent Steve Darnell

First of all, I want to express how excited I am to join the East Washington School Corporation community and family on July 17 as its new Superintendent! I look forward to meeting with you. I have served in several educational roles including as a district Superintendent, an elementary Principal, Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and a high school classroom teacher. I worked for the Indiana Department of Education and Delaware Department of Public Instruction as a career-technical education curriculum specialist and statewide planner. I also have work experience in the non-profit sector as a CFO/Associate Director. These experiences are a perfect match for me to assist East Washington staff, community organizations, business partners, and parents to pursue its mission to continuously improve the system of teaching and learning that results in increased achievement for all students. Working together, I know we can make that happen for students! What impressed me most about the district were the dedicated people I have met already and the corporation's pledge to student learning and achievement. I appreciate the School Board members and their commitment to excellence in education. Great things are happening in and outside the classrooms at East Washington! I look forward to being a part of a winning team working with our community to make learning a success for all students.

Thanks.

Steve

Happenings at E.W.S.C.

Written by AdvancED District Facilitator Stacy Richardson

- ✚ We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students on the spring Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress- Plus or better known as the ISTEP test. Eighty one percent of our elementary students passed both the math and language arts assessments! This is way above the state average of 72%! Our middle school had 73% of the students pass both math and language arts, which is also above the state average of 72%. Way to go students and staff!
- ✚ In an effort to begin the transition to a digital curriculum, teachers and staff will be attending a 3 day technology boot camp at the end of July. The topics will include utilizing iPads in the classroom, using a data management system to improve instruction, and implementing My Big Campus in the classroom.
- ✚ Thank you to our local business owners and community stakeholders who responded to the invitation to participate in our newly formed Superintendent's Advisory Board. The Board will meet quarterly or semi-annually with the new Superintendent to discuss education related issues and the impact on our community. We look forward to the first meeting in the fall!
- ✚ Survey information was gathered from the online Parent Survey taken in May. Thank you to the parents who completed the survey. We greatly appreciate and value your input!
- ✚ Teachers and staff are busy preparing for the quickly approaching new school year. Our vision is ***Excellence in Education***. You will see our vision, mission, and core belief statements posted in all classrooms and offices this year! We will strive every day to live out our vision.

Eastern High School

Written by Principal Darin Farris



Two Eastern High School freshmen are finishing a final in preparation of sophomore year.

I am excited to serve as the new principal at Eastern High School. It is a privilege to lead this learning community during a time of incredible change and tremendous possibilities. I am looking forward to working with the students, teachers, support staff, parents, administration, school board, and community members during the 2012-2013 school year. My family and I

have made Pekin our home for the past twelve years. Before coming to Eastern High School, I was a teacher for ten years in the West Washington School Corporation. While at West Washington I also served as head football coach, head baseball coach, and assistant basketball coach. I began my 9 year administrative career in 2008 as assistant principal at

Mitchell Junior High School and for the past three years I have served as principal at the same school. Serving as principal at EHS is as great an honor as it is a responsibility. My goal is to provide the leadership that will promote an environment that will meet the needs of each student. TOGETHER, I am confident WE can make our school an even better place for our students to enjoy, learn, and grow.

East Washington Middle School

Written by Principal Linda Luedeman



E.W.M.S. 8th grade students are saying goodbye on their last day, preparing for their freshman year at the high school.

The 2012-2013 school year is just around the corner and everyone at East Washington Middle School is gearing up for a great year! The custodians and maintenance personnel have been busy preparing our facilities. The classrooms and hallways are beginning to shine, the desks and chairs are ready and waiting for their new occupants, and the cafeteria is ready to serve up the breakfasts and lunches. **We just need our students to fill our building!**

Our technology team has also been busy replacing old computers with new. Every classroom will have three new student computers and ceiling mounted projectors. A portion of our rooms will also have new StarBoards, iPads, and AppleTVs. **We just need our students to make the technology come alive!** Many of our teachers and staff have been dropping in throughout the summer to prepare for classes. Several have met together to

plan curriculum and design lessons. Over 100 staff will be attending "Summer Boot Camp" at the end of July to learn about technology and exciting new programs. **We just need our students so instruction can begin!** We look forward to seeing everyone very soon. Our Fifth Grade Parent Orientation will be [on July 31 at 6:00](#). Enjoy the remainder of the summer with your family and we will look forward to seeing **our students** very soon. We are confident it is going to be a great new year!

East Washington Elementary School

Written by Principal Debbie Esarey



East Washington Elementary teacher, Mrs. Harrell, is posing with a soon to be 1st grader on her kindergarten graduation day!

Welcome back! I hope your summer was restful and everyone is ready to dive into a new and exciting school year. I'm always so surprised at how fast the summer passes. The EWES staff has been working hard to prepare for a new school year. The custodians have the building looking "spic and span". We are so grateful for our wonderful custodians. The teaching staff has been very busy as well attending technology trainings and working diligently on math curriculum. We have a very busy school year planned. Please keep the following dates in mind as August proceeds. As many of you are aware the first student day is Tuesday, August 7. If you are new to our school district, we will be

holding registration on August 2 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) and August 3 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). You can pay book fees and make deposits into your child's lunch account on these days. We will be conducting Open House different this year. Open House for kindergarten and first grade will be held on Monday, August 6. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Open House for grades 2, 3, & 4 will be held on Monday, August 13. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please plan on visiting your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher and to view some of the new technology the staff will be utilizing this school year. EWES sends a weekly newsletter home each Friday. The newsletter will keep you informed

of all the activities and other important information that you may find helpful. Before I close, if you are not involved in the EWES PTO, I would like to encourage you to be involved. The PTO will provide you with an opportunity to participate in your child's education. Laurie Carr is the PTO President for East Washington Elementary. She would love to have your input. I'm very excited about this school year. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to call me at 967-2929. I look forward to working with you. Together we can make a positive difference in your child's education.