



Schoolhouse News



September 24, 2010

Here is the latest edition of the Schoolhouse News. We are looking forward to seeing you at the District Meetings, at the Assistant Principal's Conference October 11 and 12, and at the Fall Professional Conference in November.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **District Meetings are here!** Here is our current list of upcoming meetings. Please plan to attend a fall meeting to hear updates and to connect with colleagues and the IASP team. The Executive Board is committed to meeting with you so we can meet your needs. Please note the correct time for District 8.
 - Monday, September 27: District 12 at Huber's Restaurant, Starlight, 6:00 pm
 - Wednesday, September 29: District 8, Avon High School, **7:30 am**
 - Wednesday, September 29: District 9 at Season's Lodge, Nashville, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Friday, October 1: District 2, Honker's Restaurant, Mishawaka, 7:30 am
 - Monday, October 4: District 4, 9 Irish Brothers, West Lafayette, 5:30 pm

- **Global Indiana: A Consortium for International Exchange** is finalizing plans for a trip to Germany for principals and lead teachers. Tentative dates are February 19—27, 2011, although these may vary depending on airfares. The main focus is five days exposure to German education at various school levels. Principals will experience the everyday tasks of a German administrator: observe different classroom activities, and observe how the educational system is designed for reaching high academic standards. School partners are in Munich, although additional schools outside the city may be recruited, depending on demand. Tentative dates are February 19 – 21, 2011 and the cost is approximately \$1,500 - \$1,600. For more information, contact phil.boleyn@clinton.k12.in.us. Read the full flier [here](#).

- **Fully Funded Exchange Program with Uruguay**

American Councils for International Education is actively recruiting teachers and administrators for the Uruguay-United States Educator Exchange Program, a fully-funded short-term international exchange program, to take advantage of the extraordinary opportunities this program provides. They are looking to fill open positions, and will be **accepting applications until October 18, 2010**.

The application and further details can be accessed at <http://www.americancouncils.org/program/48/USEEP>. You can also email specific questions to the staff at edseminars@americancouncils.org.

- **Riley Kids Caring and Sharing**

One of the great features of the Fall Professional Conference is the Kids Caring and Sharing raffle. To make this happen, we need your donations!! Please bring your items and gift certificates to the conference and drop them off at the Registration Counter.

- Professional Development Opportunity: Personal Finance Informational Session
For Teachers and Administrators at Yorktown High School on Thursday, September 30.

Informational Session Highlighting **Resources and Further Professional Development Opportunities** to help Educators meet Indiana's Personal Finance Requirement for Students in Grades 6-12 (Indiana Code 20-30-5-19)

8:30 am Registration (donuts & coffee)

9:00-11:30 am (2.5 PD Points)

\$25.00 Per Person

Registration Link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XJ2HKPX>

Register by Wednesday, September 29th.

Questions: Kelly Wittman @765-759-2550

- **Effective Instruction through Project CRISS** (Learn more about Project CRISS at www.projectcriss.com)

A fall workshop is offered through Purdue University Calumet for educators who want to earn graduate credits for license renewal. The workshop is conducted on three Saturdays in Crown Point and is open to all K-12 teachers, administrators, and counselors. To request more information, email - kjmnet@msn.com

Saturdays - October 9, November 6, and December 4, 2010, 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- As your school year gets under way, many of your PTA/PTO parents are looking for innovative new fundraising solutions that promote healthy choices. We have just the solution with healthier, more profitable fundraising events through Pride Fundraising. Encourage your PTA/PTO parents to step up to healthier fundraising with Pride Fundraising's trademarked Fun Runs, Bike-a-thons and Walk-a-thons that are accessible to almost any school using their easy-to-use program.

Download Pride Fundraising's new Quick Start Guide to understand how your school can keep significantly more of the profits on your next fundraiser - www.PrideFundraising.com/wfData/files/Quick_Start.pdf.

For additional information please visit www.PrideFundraising.com/Indiana and be sure to use promotion code **IASP** to save \$100 should you choose to register a new fundraising event.

- **Where Are the Girls--STEM Education and Careers**, September 30 conference of the Indiana Great Lake Girls Collaborative Project. This will be a summit for stakeholders, policy makers and leaders in education, government, business, industry, and the community dedicated to fostering girls' participation in science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM) education and careers.

Thursday, September 30, 2010, Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Indiana State University, Myers Technology Center, 605 Cherry Street, Terre Haute, IN

For information and to register, please go to the conference site: <http://www.indstate.edu/tss/inglgc/>

- You still have time to register for the **AdvancEd Indiana NCA Fall Conference!** Once again, we have a great program to share with you October 4-5 in Indianapolis. In addition to keynoters **Kim Bearden** and **Tom Guskey**, session presenters include **Dr. Todd Whitaker**, **Kristina Smekens**, **Byron Ernest** (Indiana Teacher of the Year), **Michael Gorman**, **Marcy Buegler** and many other notable educators and educational experts. Worried about what you are hearing about the **new reading plans**? Come to John Wolf's session about the Indiana Reading Framework to learn more.

The Hyatt Regency has **extended the deadline for reservations**, so if you need accommodations, please call 888-421-1442 and mention Indiana NCA. The conference room rates are \$115 (single/double) and \$145 (triple/quad).

To register, go to <http://www.advanc-ed.org> and access Professional Development, or click this link: <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=33a9de94-19fa-4718-811e-663bb06d2741>

- IASP and Disney present the following Disney Institute Leadership Conference. A reduced rate is available just by using the IASPMEE code at registration.

www.KeysIndianapolis.com **EVENT DATE: September 28, 2010**

Discover The Success Drivers From One Of The World's Leading Companies And Learn How To Generate Breakthrough Growth For Your Organization!

<p>LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE At the core of Disney's success is its leadership. Find out how to use Disney's effective leadership principals to improve everything from customer satisfaction to bottom-line results.</p>	<p>PEOPLE MANAGEMENT Disney's management principals are second-to-none. Learn how to apply them in your own organization to create an environment in which employees thrive and perform to their highest potential.</p>	<p>QUALITY SERVICE Disney is admired for their customer service record. Discover how Disney employees make customer service central to their everyday lives and how you can too.</p>	<p>BRAND LOYALTY Disney is arguably one of the biggest brands in the world. Learn how you can apply their brand strategies in your own organization with almost immediate impact.</p>
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Reserve September 28, 2010 for an exciting opportunity you and your fellow employees won't want to miss!

One short day away from the office can transform the style of your management and the state of your business forever. Learn by Disney's examples and attend **Disney's Approach to Business Excellence** program on September 28, 2010 at The Murat Centre. The cost to attend is just \$395 per guest, but you can save \$50 per guest when you use promo code IASPMEE at registration. Plus, additional group discounts are available when you register 10 or more employees.

For more information on **Disney's Approach to Business Excellence** program or to register now, visit www.KeysIndianapolis.com. Click here for the flyer!!

- I hope this message finds support for **Walk to School Day, which is on Wednesday, October 6th**

As you know, Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community. Such celebrations are also a wonderful opportunity for parents, administrators, and community members to be introduced to the broader programmatic and policy applications of Safe Routes to School and to get involved in an easy, non-threatening way.

Our [HbD/INDOT/ISDH invitation letter](#) provides some guidance and information for you, and the [Resources page](#) of the Walk to School Day website is loaded with promotional, educational, and incentive materials. If you have any specific questions or need more detailed assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Members of our [Safe Routes to School state network](#) are ready and willing to assist!

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- **United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP):** The Indiana Bar Foundation wanted to let you know about the great opportunity with the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). USSYP is a national fully funded weeklong seminar in Washington, D.C. to prepare high school juniors and seniors for citizenship and leadership in our participatory democracy. Each principal can nominate one student to participate, and nomination materials must be postmarked no later than October 1st, 2010. All materials and more information about this opportunity can be found on the Indiana Bar Foundation's website at www.inbf.org.
- **Kappa Delta Pi** and the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations are co-hosting a one-day conference on peace and conflict resolution on Nov. 6. **It's Our World: Lessons for Peace and Reconciliation** on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy. National Speakers include:
 - Cora Weiss, President of the Hague Appeal for Peace
 - James Morris, Former head of the UN World Food Programme
 - Mariatu Kamara, Suervivor of the Sierra Leone civil war

For additional information about this unique conference, please visit [It's Our World: Lessons for Peace and Reconciliation](#). The deadline to register is Friday, October 22, 2010. Teachers register for just \$35, K-12 students can attend for only \$10!

- **The Indianapolis Star** printed a series of opinions regarding Teacher Evaluations on Sunday 9/11. We think you will find that these views present a good mix of opinions and ideas and relate well to the topic of teacher evaluations. Read these blogs at <http://blogs.indystar.com/ourschools/>
- **Senator Richard Lugar** co-sponsored Senator Resolution 607 recognizing October 10 as **National Principals Month**. Please access the [resolution](#) here and thanks for your continued dedication to our kids.

IASP NEWS

- Dr. Bob Pychinka shares his legislative report prior to the start of the 2011 legislative (long) session. Please take time to browse his summary of Federal and State elections by clicking [here](#).
- The IASP Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, September 21 at the IASP office. Dr. Pychinka led this group through our current platform to review our legislative priorities and new state initiatives. This platform will then be shared with the Executive Committee and the IASP Board for review. A shortened version of "Talking Points" will then be developed for use with legislators.

➤ **MEMBERSHIP!!**

Please remember to renew your membership! Your 2010-2011 membership will expire at the end of September. Now is the time to renew your so you continue to stay connected with our state-wide efforts. With developments occurring daily in our state education system, and with the upcoming legislative session, now is the time to keep our membership and association strong. We have worked to develop a relationship with the DOE so that we can be proactive with our message, and so that we and provide clarification and potential solutions when a potential problem arises. Go to <http://www.iasp.org/dppmembership.aspx> and click on MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION to complete the necessary information. Payment can be arranged several ways, including using your school interest account. Please contact us if you have an individual need.

A recent comment heard at DOE was "they have over 2000 members, we better listen to them." Your membership gives a strong voice for all principals, schools, and kids. Renew your membership and talk to a new administrator or a veteran who can benefit from joining IASP.

➤ **National Principal's Month is Coming!!**

October 2010 marks National Principal's Month, namely the month to celebrate YOU, our very important principals! NASSP has created a web page for this special month, which you can access at <http://www.principals.org/NationalPrincipalsMonth.aspx>.

On this page you can find ideas for principals, parents, teachers, and students to celebrate this month, as well as the text of the Senate Resolution that recognizes October 2010 as National Principal's Month. If you have photos of events or proclamations from civic leaders celebrating this event, please send those to us so we can celebrate with you. Email your news features to tbess@iasp.org and thanks again for your dedication.

➤ **Ed Leaders Network Coming Soon!**

- These are not your typical power points with endless bullets being read to you. Come see highlights at the Fall Conference in November. The full release is scheduled for February, 2011.



- The IASP Board of Directors met on Friday, August 27. The meeting was well-attended and we appreciate the extra time it takes for those involved to come to our office for this meeting. For a synopsis of the meeting, please read [Gerald's Notes](#) by clicking on the link.



IDOE Announces Indiana Education Reform Cabinet

The Indiana Education Reform Cabinet (IERC) held its inaugural meeting Saturday, Sept. 18. The cabinet is composed of 15 teachers from school corporations across the state.

The IERC was created to provide classroom teachers a recognized forum for asking questions and providing thoughtful feedback on the state's newest education initiatives. Meetings will cover topics such as Indiana's Growth Model, Rule Revisions for Educator Preparation and Accountability (REPA), Common Core State Standards, the Learning Connection, teacher and principal evaluation processes, and legislative efforts.

"The Indiana Education Reform Cabinet members are a vital component in building a system that better serves teachers, school leaders and students in Indiana," Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett said. "I look forward to working with these devoted educators to provide high quality academic opportunities for all Hoosier students." [Click here for the Press Release and List of Teachers.](#)

Hundreds of Indiana Students recognized as National Merit Semifinalists

This Indiana Department of Education released the names of students from across the state who were recognized as semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSPP). These Hoosier students are among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide who are competing for 8,400 National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded next spring.

For a full list of Indiana students selected as National Merit Semifinalists, please visit

<http://www.doe.in.gov/news/2010/09-September/documents/Semifinalists-NatlMeritProgram.pdf>

➤ Indiana's New Learning Targets

In July of 2010, educators, professors, and administrators collaborated to develop math and English curriculum maps for the current state standards. This project focused on breaking down Indiana's Academic Standards into Learning Targets in order to create logical learning progressions. Clear learning targets allow us to:

- Know if the assessment adequately covers and samples what was taught
- Identify what students know and don't know and their level of achievement
- Plan next steps in instruction
- Give detailed, descriptive feedback to students
- Encourage students to self-assess and set goals
- Select instructional activities that actually help students achieve the target

Access the learning targets: http://indianadoe.buildyourowncurriculum.com/public/course_search.aspx

While Indiana has adopted the Common Core State Standards, they will be taught in kindergarten next year, kindergarten and first grade the following year, and all grades will begin teaching these standards in 2013- 2014. As a result, the learning targets and state level curriculum maps will be updated each year to reflect the Common Core standards. Until then, the IDOE wants to provide the greatest instructional information possible for Indiana's academic standards.

AP, SAT, PSAT Participation Grows, Outpaces Gains in Student Performance

Indiana demonstrated impressive one-year gains in the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP), SAT and PSAT exams, according to a report released today by The College Board. More minority students are taking the exams

than ever before, and Indiana leads the nation in AP participation growth. By comparison, the report shows student scores remained relatively flat. For the full media release, please access: [College Board Report](#).

- ETS has been collaborating with the IDOE on the creation of an Indiana specific licensure test that will be required as an addendum to the SLLA test. We are now at the stage of the game that ETS needs test item writers. We would also like to reach out to practicing administrators in the state to assist us with this opportunity. Please contact Marg Mast, Coordinator for Educator Preparation at 317-234-0959 or at mmast@doe.in.gov.
- **Indiana Schools to Pilot Online Tutoring Program this Year:** This school year, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is rolling out a new web-based math program called Apangea in 196 schools and 68 learning centers across the state. At least 35,000 Hoosier middle school and high school students will use the program after school to reinforce math concepts taught during regular classroom hours. Read the full [Press Release](#) or see the [Participating Schools](#) by clicking the link.

Top National Education Stories

- **Ipads, Kindles, and textbooks:** <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129934270>

... The professors are not the only ones who are happy with the iPad's performance. Senior Michael Crane and junior Rebecca Traber say that even though they've only had their iPads for a few weeks, they've already been pleasantly surprised. "I thought it would just kind of be a fun toy," Crane says. "It still is a fun toy, but it also ... makes it really easy to read articles for class. In fact, I read pretty much all my articles for all my classes on this now. The instant boot time I think is really nice because if I have half an hour somewhere, I don't have to set up my laptop to get my articles out." The students have the option to buy their iPads at a good price at the end of the year, and while Rebecca Traber says she's thinking about it, junior Tevon Edwards doesn't think it's worth the money. "It doesn't solve enough problems for how much it costs," he says. "For most classes, I can use a laptop ... and there are programs I could use for a laptop that would also allow me to annotate," Edwards says. Traber also has her doubts. "While I like reading on it better than reading on a laptop, in terms of creating anything — like writing papers or even e-mails — it's ridiculously hard," she says. "I don't like the keyboard at all."

- The movie, "Waiting for Superman" is released today and has generated much discussion over the portrayal of public schools and some public school figures. We provide this article from the [New York Magazine](#) as a discussion of the making and content of the movie. We have certainly not viewed the movie so we cannot comment on the content. We will stay abreast of this issue and provide further commentary from us and others so you may also have discussion in your community and within your school.

\$\$ GRANT TIP OF THE WEEK \$\$

That's the spirit! The **Community Spirit Awards**, offered by **Prudential Financial** and the **National Association of Secondary School Principals**, provides cash awards to **middle and high school students** for **extraordinary community service**.

Grant award: **\$1,000 - \$5,000**. Deadline: **November 1, 2010**.

[More info >>>>](#)