



# Schoolhouse News

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## Announcements

*You are reading our last issue of 2011. Look for the next issue in your mailbox January 6th. Have a happy holiday season!*

- **generationOn UPDATES: Upcoming JANUARY Moments of Service:**  
Log onto [www.generationOn.org](http://www.generationOn.org) to find service project ideas, service-learning lessons and resources to help your students “Make Their Mark on the World”. Check out the **Grow Involved on Martin Luther King Jr. Day Youth Service Event Planning Guide**: <http://www.generationOn.org/global/big-happenings/mlk-2012> next week and on the Teacher Tab, Learning to Give link, <http://learningtogive.org/lessons/genon/January> you will find many lessons, service project ideas, and resources to “raise student’s awareness of the concepts of “caring, respect, and fairness” and ways to encourage students to demonstrate these character qualities to honor the legacy of Dr. King. See the **January Moments of Service Toolkit** for service project ideas and resources.  
Also, we have available FREE generationOn “Grow Involved!” kits for grades K-12. These kits include a lesson and book about Dr. Martin Luther King and have a project included, which gives a teacher a service-learning project in a box!!! Just email [generationOn@iasp.org](mailto:generationOn@iasp.org) if you would like me to send one kit to your school for a teacher to do. Check out the IASP website for a description of each grade level kit. I would need the grade level kit you would like and the teachers name and email.  
Please have any teacher in your school REGISTER on the generationOn website, so they will be on the generationOn Indiana database to keep your school informed about more genOn opportunities. Registered teachers are eligible for generationOn Indiana mini-grants for service-learning projects, the ability to submit your schools projects on the tracking link to view and print anytime, to download many valuable resources, and to get support and training from generationOn Indiana that is being facilitated by IASP and IMLEA and funded by the Lilly Endowment. A School Contact Form and more information for generationOn is on their websites. Contact: Joan Belschwender, Co-Coordinator for generationOn Indiana at [generationOn@iasp.org](mailto:generationOn@iasp.org) Phone: 317-891-9900 x201
- **Shenandoah High School** has an opening in PE/health for the second semester. This position could become permanent. Interested candidates should contact: Charles Willis, Principal at [cwillis@shenandoah.k12.in.us](mailto:cwillis@shenandoah.k12.in.us) or at 765-354-6640.

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- **Wapahani High School** is in need of a social studies teacher for the duration of approximately one year to begin as early as mid-January. Candidates should be highly qualified in one or more of the following: World History, Government, Economics Please contact Dr. Chad Briggs at [cbriggs@selma.k12.in.us](mailto:cbriggs@selma.k12.in.us).
- **Gubernatorial Candidates:** The two candidates for Governor were recently interviewed by the IBJ, primarily about the Indiana economy. Each was quoted regarding education:  
**John Gregg:**  
*“Too many of our kids aren’t learning the skills they need, not just to pass ISTEP, but also to compete against students across the planet.”*  
**Mike Pence:**  
*“As Governor, I will protect and expand the recent reforms of our K-12 education system. I will fund excellence in education by empowering parents and teachers and expanding equality of opportunity for every Hoosier through parental choice and charter schools until Indiana has the best schools in America.”*  
-Indianapolis Business Journal, December, 2011
- **Education First Tour Opportunities:** EF provided fantastic awards at our Principal of the Year Celebration at the IASP Fall Conference. Each State Winner received a full scholarship to travel to Europe as a part of the IASP Principal Tour. In addition, each District Winner received \$450 toward the cost of the trip. This trip will visit Berlin, Prague, and Munich during the last two weeks of June and the program fee includes airfare, hotels, transfers, breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees, and guided sightseeing tours. Visit [http://www.eftours.com/Educational-Tours/PriceTours/PrintQuote.aspx?Quote\\_id=1119997&Code=d5e9772e86094fd3&QuoteType=TC](http://www.eftours.com/Educational-Tours/PriceTours/PrintQuote.aspx?Quote_id=1119997&Code=d5e9772e86094fd3&QuoteType=TC) for more trip details.  
Education First is also offering a trip to Costa Rica. This trip will include a tour of an ecology and conservation in Costa Rica. Program fee includes airfare, hotels, transfers, meals, and guided sightseeing tours. For more information on this trip to [Costa Rica](#) click the link.  
The pricing for both trips is valid through December 31st.
- **2012 Out-of-School Learning Summit**  
March 12-13, 2012 JW Marriott, Downtown Indianapolis  
REGISTER NOW for the Indiana Afterschool Network’s annual Summit in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education. Calls for Sponsors, Exhibitors and the Afterschool Youth Video Competition are underway as well! Participant cost for the two day Summit includes breakfast and snacks. \$50 for all attendees (\$35 for 21st CCLC grantee attendees). Full details available here: <http://www.indianaafterschool.org/Summit.shtml>
- **District Meeting:** The next meeting for District 8 will be on Tuesday, February 28th at 5:00pm at Almost Home Tea Room, 17 W. Franklin St. Greencastle, IN. The guest speaker will be Dr. Tony Bennett. He will speak from 5:00 to 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. A more formal flyer will come at a later date.

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- **Annual Conference**—BEST PRACTICES FOR BETTER SCHOOLS™—in Seattle, Washington, March 22-24, you can also tour a comprehensive Expo to see and learn about all the latest products and services for your school. And, if you register by December 31, you may also win free housing (see below for details)! At the NAESP Expo, you can explore:
  - 250+ school suppliers, including at least 30 new companies
  - Special pavilions focusing on Green Schools and Health and Wellness
  - The latest technologies, innovations, and solutions for your school
  - 40,000 square feet of exhibit hall space
  - Two exclusive hours each Expo day with no competing programmingRegister today to enter the drawing for a free 3-night hotel stay at the Seattle Sheraton. One winner will be randomly drawn from all those registered as of midnight December 31.
- **Wes-Del High School** is investigating apps for mobile devices to use with RISE. If you use or have experience using mobile apps for the evaluation process please email Derick Bright, Principal at with your opinion on what apps are useful for you. [dbright@wes-del.k12.in.us](mailto:dbright@wes-del.k12.in.us)
- **Global Indiana Members, take note:** The Korea Society is pleased to announce openings for American educators to participate in the 2012 Summer Fellowship in Korean Studies to be held in Korea in June and July of 2012. The application deadline is January 16, 2012. Fellows participate in a 16-day, expenses-paid study tour of Korea during which they visit a foreign language high school, museums, and sites of historical and cultural interest. Lectures on Korea history, culture, politics, economics, arts, and language are provided by university faculty. This unparalleled learning experience and unique opportunity for extensive travel within Korea is open to social studies professionals, including middle school and high school classroom teachers, administrators, and professors or instructors in schools of education. Thanks to the generous support of the Korea Foundation, the 2012 program can accommodate American educators in two groups. Three days of the study tour are also sponsored by the Freeman Foundation. Applicants are solely responsible for the cost of domestic airfare to an international airport. Preference will be given to applicants who have a demonstrated ability to adapt to new cultural settings and meet the academic demands of an intensive study/travel program. Some prior familiarity with Korean culture and history also is highly desirable. [APPLY HERE](#)
- **AdvancED Fall Conference Call for Proposals:** Showcase your school improvement successes by presenting at the AdvancED/NCA Indiana Fall Conference. Presentations should emphasize hands-on, practical information that is directly related to improving student achievement. If you want to share your experiences with others, please compete [this form](#) and return by  
Friday, March 16, 2012  
The form can be faxed (800-237-4449), e-mailed ([lballard@advanc-ed.org](mailto:lballard@advanc-ed.org)) or mailed (AdvancED Indiana, BCOE Room 211A, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809).

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# IASP

**IASP Board of Directors Meeting:** The IASP Board of Directors met on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the IASP Office. Following Officer Reports, Director Reports, and Ex-Officio Reports, the Board heard several new business items. The summary of the new business items is listed below. [The full text of the minutes can be read by clicking here.](#) We appreciate the work of the Board and you should know that we have a dedicated board that attends in large numbers and shares openly ideas and resources to make our work easier each day. Thanks for the volunteer effort each Board Member provides to IASP.

## **New Business:**

### **Plans in the Works:**

“My Principal Rocks” program has been placed on hold due to a cost factor. The Prelude Awards has also been placed on hold due to the cost unless a sponsor can be found. IASP held discussion with representative to consider a state National Honor Society Chapter along with a summer leadership conference. NAESP has a grant for a breakfast program that for schools that meet a poverty criteria. South Bend in Indiana has been selected and NAESP requested IASP help. Political contact with John Gregg to have support in every district. Mike Pence also interested in attending district meetings. Dr. Bennett would also like to attend district meetings. Due to Bob Pychinka’s leadership of the Principal Service Corps; Todd Bess will take on more legislative duties; changing the Indianagram’s editor in-house; the Dave Emmert series attendance was declining so IASP will not continue the series and ask Dave to be a keynote at major conferences; and the IndyClean contract has been reduced to one day a week instead of two days for a total savings is \$21,140. The IT and copier contracts are under investigation for more savings. Gerald Mohr announced his retirement is planned for September 30, 2012. He plans a smooth transition for the new executive director.

**Financial Report:** Todd Bess highlighted the financial information presented in book. Beth Schneider has been an asset to the association. Todd reported that the Budget / Actual comparison overall revenue is higher. The conference registration numbers increased for the Fall Professional and Academic Coaches conferences while the Assistant Principal and Secretaries conferences decreased. There is a need for a more accurate picture of the Indianagram printing in the future. The balance sheet is a key figure that is looked at year-to-year. IASP will sign a line of credit with M&I due to lack of revenue coming in during the first of the year. Pro active steps for the budget items are being taken. The association is financially in a sound state.

**Dues Structure:** Todd Bess reported that the conference attendance [history](#) shows why changes were needed. He also presented a [comparison](#) of the dues structures from the surrounding Midwestern state associations. The executive committee proposed a [new structure](#) for membership fees to be increased. Brenda Coley motioned to accept the proposed due structure to increase individual dues \$20 Jen Miller seconded. Passed unanimously! It was noted that dues were raised \$20 ten years ago. Instead of increasing \$2 each year a periodic restructure is the desire of the majority.

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**Budget:** Todd Bess presented the summary page of the proposed budget. The health care came in at less than 10% and not 15% as projected. Membership is estimated at 2000 members. The conference fees have not increased in about 10 years. Todd highlighted the many cost saving cuts that have been proposed. Opportunities for additional revenue were presented by Todd. He said that it is beneficial to have Beth Schneider on board for financial oversight as well as the finance committees input. Kelly Andrews motioned to accept the 2012 budget as presented. Michael Galvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Update on “Standard for Success”:** Todd Bess reported that IASP would like to go with the “Standards for Success: program with EdTech Zone. This will generate revenue from the partnership.

**Education Leaders Network:** Todd Bess highlighted the ELN report and stated that ELN would also generate revenue for IASP.

**Board meeting/Day at the Legislature:** Gerald Mohr talked about proposed agenda for the 2/23/2012 board day with the legislature. A motor coach will be at the IASP office that morning for anyone who would like to ride downtown with the group.

**Naylor:** Todd Bess reported that a one-time revenue stream of \$750 was sent to IASP. The new directory will be mailed to all IASP members. All non IASP member building principals will also receive a copy of the directory as a marketing tool.

**2012 Conferences:** IASP is looking at providing strands for future conferences. This will also help with marketing the conferences. IASP is contracted with the Marriott Hotel for the Saturday next year but IASP will look at better utilization for the use of the facility on Saturday.

**Leadership Academy:** Todd Bess reported that a leadership academy is being discussed with several universities to help fill the void from the defunct IPLA to develop future leaders. The new academy would start with smaller groups running more groups throughout the year.

**2012 Summer Leadership Retreat:** Todd Bess presented two proposed agendas and dates for the IASP 2012 summer leadership retreat. There was some discussion as to which would be the better days, Wednesday and Thursday or Thursday and Friday. Most people preferred the Wednesday and Thursday days.

**District give-a-ways:** Gerald Mohr reported Gift Shop gifts will continue to be sent to the district meetings until the supply is depleted. We will look for a vendor to provide items on-line and at conferences.

**Principal Placement Service Benefit:** Todd Bess reported that this would be housed through Indiana State University in conjunction with IASP. He will continue his work to establish this benefit for members

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**District 5:** Gerald Mohr stated that due to the passing of John Brad Allen the board needs to replace him for the remaining two years on his term for the middle school representative. District five officers and board members will recommend a new member from letters of application received.

**Website & Technology:** Todd Bess reported that due to some server issues the new IT and new website site will not be ready until the first of the year.

**Vice President Selection Process:** Gerald Mohr pointed out the time line sets February 3, 2012 as the deadline for letters of interest for the selection process of the new IASP vice president. Consideration should be given to anyone interested with the qualifications needed.

**Legislative Platform:** We thank the Legislative Committee for their work and philosophical discussion this year. Their platform was presented to the board. Gerald Mohr, Todd Bess and Bob Pychinka will be attending the McHale and Bingham Legislative Conference in December. There may be a few changes recommended following the conference. Jim Condon motioned to accept the 2012 legislative platform as proposed. Don Gandy seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Evaluations:** Directors and staff were excused for discussion of evaluations and salary.

**Salary Recommendations:** Mark Seele unanimously offered the staff a good recommendation for their efforts. He said that there were not enough positive things to be said about their appreciation for all the efforts made by the directors and staff Ben Ledbetter, Jr. motioned to give a 1% salary increase across the board. Seconded by Michael Hazen. Passed unanimously.

**District meeting calendar:** Mark Seele asked that all board members be sure and send the dates of their district meetings to IASP meetings as they are set for the spring.

Mark Seele closed the meeting by wishing everyone a prosperous new year and thanked IASP for their Christmas gift.

**Motion to adjourn:** Al Remaly motioned to adjourn the meeting. Margaret Psarros seconded. Passed unanimously.

Happy Holidays,

Gerald

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# DSP

**The 2012 Indiana Academic All-Star Nomination Form** was posted earlier this month, and is available for you to download. If you know who your school nominee will be, now is a GREAT time to begin collecting information! Even if you can't complete parts of the nomination until first semester grades are finalized, you can still gather student biographical information, student photos, and students may begin writing an essay about their most influential educator. We encourage ALL schools to nominate one senior student. Regardless of the final outcome, some of the recognition for the students will be:

- EVERY nominee will be recognized with an award certificate, noted in the Indianapolis Star newspaper, and will be eligible for citizenship and minority scholarships.
- Up to 90 Students will be recognized as Regional All-Stars.
- Up to 40 Students will be recognized as Indiana Academic All-Stars, receive an award plaque, and will be invited to an awards luncheon.
- All educators recognized by student nominees will receive a certificate award, and will be eligible for cash awards.

The nomination process involves filling out a nomination form, completing an Academic Calculation Excel Worksheet, and having the nominee submit an essay about their influential educator. Nominations are due postmarked or hand delivered to the IASP office by Friday, February 3, 2012. THERE ARE NO FEES FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR EITHER THE SCHOOL OR THE NOMINEE.

Nomination Instructions and forms are available online at:  
<http://www.iasp.org/dspallstars.aspx>

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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**Online Technology Plan Guidance Webinar**

IDOE online application for K-12 school/corporation Technology Plans was implemented in September 2010. IDOE has made some improvements to the application over the summer and is pleased to announce that Indiana schools/corporations may now complete their technology plans and updates for the coming year (2012-2013) using the [online tool](#), which will remain open until March 15, 2012.

**MEMORANDUM: Changes to High School Diploma Requirements**

On Monday, November 7, 2011, the State Board of Education approved changes to the diploma requirements for all four diploma types. These changes are applicable for incoming freshman in 2012-2013 (current 8th grade students). Students currently in high school will qualify for graduation under the existing rules and will not be affected by the changes.

**The Indiana State Board of Education** has posted a public hearing on the A to F ranking revisions for **January 17, 2012, at 10:00 am**, in the Riley Room, IDOE, 151 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis. This is the only hearing advertised. You can access the [A to F Rule Document](#) and the [Notice of Public Hearing](#) by clicking the links.

An online comment form link is in the process of being completed. We will let you know as soon as it is operational

**The IN Education Roundtable** met this week to hear presentations from Brian Bosworth of Future Works. He presented a great deal of data on his current research about Indiana career and technical education programs and the idea for an Indiana Futures Scholarship and GED+ for an occupational certificate that may take 3-5 years to plan and start up.

Bill Symonds, Director of the Pathways to Prosperity Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education presented data on the Hoosier outlook for big change. He discussed restructuring secondary and postsecondary education so that students will have multiple pathways to achieve high school diplomas, occupational certifications and/or college degrees in the context of a global economy.

Dr. Bennett thanked Roundtable Board member Steve Baker and IASP for the work and input on the Accountability Model. He stated the waiver has been applied for with the Federal Government and should have notification in a few months.

The Board adopted a Resolution to Determine “Career Readiness” for High School Graduation.

Websites of interest:

[www.doe.in.gov/pathways](http://www.doe.in.gov/pathways) for College and Career pathways

[www.RISEIndiana.org](http://www.RISEIndiana.org) for the state evaluation model

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# Ed Leaders Network

## Featured ELN Presenter

John Eller: John has authored a number of practitioner-related books in the area of leadership, working with difficult and resistant people, and employee evaluation. Dr. Eller works in the areas of dealing with difficult people, building professional learning communities, conferencing and coaching skills, school improvement planning and implementation, supervisory skills, and leadership effectiveness. His full profile is available at <http://www.edleadersnetwork.org/Presenters/DE/JohnEller/>. His webinars include: Energizing Staff Meetings and Conducting Difficult Conversations with Teachers; Part 1: Background and Planning

## Individual Subscriptions

IASP members can subscribe to ELN for only \$99. This 12 month online membership provides great content in webinars of between 15 and 30 minutes in length. Work with your staff to provide timely topical information for a great rate. Go to <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1033437-G7r8QEduUt> to register and begin receiving all the benefits of ELN.

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**ATTENTION** middle and high schools in Marion, Johnson and Hamilton Counties: [Y-Press](#), the Indianapolis-based, youth-media organization, is holding their winter training for new members on Saturday, **January 14, 2012**. New members will have the opportunity to publish print stories in The Indianapolis Star, produce radio series for broadcast on WFYI-FM (90.1), and create multimedia for online platforms. Applicants must be between the ages of 10 and 18 and submit a completed application prior to the training date. To learn more about Y-Press and view some of our past work, visit [www.ypress.org](http://www.ypress.org).

## **Mayor Ballard Launches National Search for Deputy Mayor of Education**

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard today announced plans to address the critical educational needs of our city by creating a new cabinet-level position of Deputy Mayor of Education in his administration and launching a national search to identify a leader to fill this role.

[Read the rest of the article here.](#)

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## **Survey: Teachers say testing has narrowed school curriculum**

About two-thirds of teachers who participated in a recent survey said the focus on high-stakes testing in reading and math has lessened the focus on other subjects, such as social studies, art and science. Many teachers also responded that their schools now devote time to teaching students how to take tests. While teachers report a narrowing of the curriculum, some also have found that the focus on English and math has helped improve students' achievement in those subjects.

[Education Week/Curriculum Matters blog](#)

## **NEA commission makes recommendations on effective teaching**

A National Education Association commission on Thursday issued a series of recommendations for promoting effective teaching practices. Among the suggestions is a plan to increase requirements for teacher candidates with all completing a one-year residency and passing a performance assessment before entering the classroom. The commission also recommended creating new career ladders and evaluation systems for teachers.

[Education Week/Teacher Beat blog](#)

## **Analysis of State Bullying Laws and Policies**

Last week, the U.S. Department of Education released an Analysis of State Bullying Laws and Policies, a new report summarizing current approaches in the 46 states with anti-bullying laws and the 41 states that have created anti-bullying policies as models for schools.

The report shows the prevalence of state efforts to combat bullying over the last several years. From 1999 to 2010, more than 120 bills were enacted by state legislatures from across the country to either introduce or amend statutes that address bullying and related behaviors in schools. Twenty-one new bills were enacted in 2010 and eight additional bills were signed into law through April 30, 2011. To learn about more key findings and to read the full report, visit:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oepd/ppss/reports.html#safe>

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# Legislative

- **The new legislative guide** can be found [here](#) for your use this session. Bingham McHale conference yesterday did not add any new items to our platform. Main focus will be on Right to Work bill and the “found” \$320,000,000.
- **Senator Dennis Kruse**, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee spoke at a recent conference and presented his outlook for public education in the next five year.  
You can read his outlook on the next Five Years of Public Education and his outlook on the 20 Education Issues in 2011 by going to:  
[www.iasp.org/Schoolhousenews/November2011/kruseedview.pdf](http://www.iasp.org/Schoolhousenews/November2011/kruseedview.pdf)
- **The IASP Legislative Committee** and the IASP Executive Committee have reviewed the 2012 IASP Legislative Platform. You can review this by clicking on [2012 Legislative Platform](#). This will still be subject to the IASP Board’s review and approval. Thanks to all of those involved with this process
- **Proposed Math Credit and Diploma Changes:** IASP presented testimony at the September 29 Public Hearing for the proposed changes to math credits and diploma changes. The link to the proposed rule changes is <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20110907-IR-511110327PHA.xml.pdf>. After reviewing the language contained in the proposed rule language, Zach Foughty from the DOE provided a [clarifying memo](#) regarding the requirements to earn an Academic Honors Diploma.  
Steve Baker, IASP Past-President and Todd Bess, IASP Associate Executive Director gave prepared remarks and urged the DOE to slow down the implementation of the proposed changes. We recognize the concern that many students graduate from high school and are not college and career ready. However, simply putting additional math requirements upon students is not the blanket answer that should be applied. You can read the full text of the testimony provided by [Steve Baker](#) and [Todd Bess](#) by clicking the links. Thanks to the principals who provided feedback to IASP and to those in attendance at the public hearing.

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**The U.S. Soccer Foundation** supports youth soccer programs for low-income children and youth. Grant range: \$100,000 - \$300,000.  
Deadline: December 22, 2011. [More info >>>>](#)

## **Recreational Boat & Fishing Foundation: Grants**

The Recreational Boat & Fishing Foundation is offering grants to organizations with programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities; encourage long-term involvement of participants; provide training for instructors; and promote conservation. The successful grant applicant will also demonstrate partnerships with local, community-based educational, youth, and social service agencies as well as the appropriate state fish and wildlife, game, or boating agency personnel. Eligibility: Youth-focused boating, fishing, and conservation organizations. Deadline: December 30, 2011.  
<http://www.rbff.org/page.cfm?pageID=376>

**The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries** funds school libraries where at least half of the students qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Grant range: \$6,000. Deadline: December 31, 2011. [More info >>>>](#)

**The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation** supports the National Youth Boating and Fishing Initiative, which funds fishing and boating programs for low-income kids. Grant range: \$32,000 - \$400,000.  
Deadline: Extended to January 6, 2012. [More info >>>>](#)

## **LEGO: Children's Fund Grants**

The LEGO Children's Fund will provide grants for collaborative programs, either in part or in total, to organizations that focus on early childhood education and development; technology and communication projects that advance learning opportunities; or sport or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations.  
Deadline: January 15, 2012. <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/mission.html>

## **C-SPAN StudentCam**

C-SPAN's StudentCam is an annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think seriously about issues that affect our communities and our nation. Students are asked to create a short (5-8 minute) video documentary on a topic related to the competition theme "The Constitution and You." Documentary may focus on any section of the Preamble, Articles, or Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. Maximum award: \$5,000, plus \$1,000 in digital equipment for school. Eligibility: individuals or teams of two to three students grades 6-8 or grades 9- 12  
Deadline: January 20, 2012. <http://www.studentcam.org/>

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## **National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award**

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. This award recognizes and supports excellence in programs that open new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses, and eligible government entities. Deadline: January 31, 2012.  
<http://www.nahyp.org/>

## **United States-Japan Foundation: Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award**

The United States-Japan Foundation Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes exceptional teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese. The award is presented annually to two pre-college teachers in two categories, humanities and Japanese language. Maximum award: \$7,500 (\$2,500 monetary award, \$5,000 in project funds). Eligibility: current full-time K-12 classroom teachers of any relevant subject in the United States who have been teaching for at least five years. Deadline: February 1, 2012.  
<http://www.us-jf.org/elginHeinz.html>

## **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation**

The Christopher Columbus Awards Program combines science and technology with community problem-solving. Students work in teams with the help of an adult coach to identify an issue they care about and, using science and technology, work with experts, conduct research, and put their ideas to the test to develop an innovative solution. Maximum award: \$25,000 Foundation Community Grant and an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's National Championship Week, plus a U.S. Savings Bond of \$2,000 for each student team member. Eligibility: middle-school-age (sixth, seventh, and eighth grade) children; teams do not need to be affiliated with a school to enter. Deadline: February 6, 2012. <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

## **Intel Foundation: Schools of Distinction**

The Intel Foundation Schools of Distinction Program honors U.S. schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education. In order to be considered as an Intel School of Distinction, schools must develop an environment and curricula that meet or exceed benchmarks, including national mathematics and science content standards. Maximum award: \$25,000. Eligibility: middle and high schools in the U.S. Deadline: February 23, 2012.  
<http://www.intel.com/about/corporateresponsibility/education/soda/index.htm>

## **Grants for School Garden Projects**

The Whole Kids Foundation provides grants of \$2,000 to support school garden projects in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada. Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Deadline: Dec. 31  
<http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>

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**Knowles Science Teaching Foundation** awards fellowships in the areas of biological sciences, mathematics, and physical sciences to support high school math and science teachers from the onset of the credentialing process through the early years of their careers. Maximum award: professional workshops, materials grants, and access to a teacher-to-teacher mentoring network, valued at \$150,000. Eligibility: individuals who have earned at least a bachelor's degree in an area relevant to the subjects they plan to teach before the fellowship begins in June. Candidates for Physical Science, Mathematics, or Biological Science Teaching Fellowships must enroll in a secondary teacher credential program before the fellowship is awarded. Individuals who have completed the fourth year of a five-year combined bachelor's and credential program by the start of the fellowship are also eligible to apply, as well as those currently enrolled in a teacher education program who will be first-year teachers in the fall of 2012.

Deadline: January 11, 2012. <http://www.kstf.org/programs/teaching/apply.html>

### **Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment**

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Deadline: January 15, 2012.

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>

**The Libri Foundation** donates new children's books for small, rural, public libraries. Deadline: January 23, 2012. [More info >>>>](#)

**EPA: Urban Waters Small Grants** fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: states, local governments, territories, Indian Tribes, and possessions of the U.S. (including the District of Columbia), public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies. Deadline: January 23, 2012. <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding/>

**The National Endowment for the Arts** funds Big Read, providing grants to nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs. Grant range: \$2,500 - \$20,000. Deadline: February 1, 2012. [More info >>>>](#)

**Toshiba/NSTA: ExploraVision Awards** Program encourages kids to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. Maximum award: \$10,000. Eligibility: students K-12. Deadline: February 1, 2012. <http://www.exploravision.org/>

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**Grant for School PE Program:** The NFL Network's Keep Gym in School Program is looking for those life-changing PE teachers leading the fight against childhood obesity. Nominations for its PE Teacher of the Year are now being accepted. The winning teacher will receive a \$10,000 award in addition to a \$10,000 grant for his or her school's PE program. Deadline for Nominations: Dec. 31; Deadline for Applications: Feb. 3, 2012 <http://www.KeepGymInSchool.com>

**Earthwatch Institute** offers educators fully-funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of over 100 projects around the world. Maximum: fully-funded fellowship. Eligibility: elem, middle, and high school educators and administrators of any discipline. Deadline: February 13, 2012. <http://www.earthwatch.org/aboutus/education/edopp/>

**The ING Unsung Heroes Awards** recognize K-12 educators for innovative teaching methods and creative educational projects. Award range: \$2,000 - \$25,000. Deadline: April 30, 2012. [More info >>>>](#)

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- **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM:** Schools and youth-serving organizations are eligible to participate in a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that provides food to low-income children and youth during the summer. A free USDA Webinar can help you learn more about the program. The schedule includes (all times EST): [Pre-registration is required for these FREE webinars.](#)  
*Monday, December 19, 2011 (11a – 12p)*  
*Wednesday, December 21, 2011 (2p – 3p)*  
*Wednesday, January 4, 2012 (2p – 3p)*  
*Wednesday, January 11, 2012 (5p – 6p)*  
*Tuesday, January 24, 2012 (6p – 7p)*  
*Thursday, February 2, 2012 (11a – 12p)*  
*Thursday, February 23, 2012 (3p – 4p)*
- **TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS: Survey Invitation**  
The Indiana Department of Education is inviting school administrators, teachers, students and parents to participate in a national survey about the use of technology in K-12 classrooms.  
[Access the survey here.](#)  
Password: su4indiana
- **Indiana Conference on Learning January 24:** The American Student Achievement Institute's [Indiana Conference on Learning](#) is a full-day conference set for January 24th at the Wyndham Conference Center in Indianapolis. The opening keynote speaker is Dr. Robert J. Marzano, PhD, a leading education researcher and speaker with more than 30 books and 150 articles on topics such as instruction, assessment, writing and implementing standards, cognition, effective leadership, and school intervention. The conference includes 50 breakout sessions on a wide variety of education topics. Cost is only \$70 for the day. [Click here to register.](#)
- **The Literacy Empowerment Foundation**, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, invites your school or other literacy project to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects. Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be received by February 11th, 2012.  
Order Form at <http://www.lefbooks.org>
- **IASP is on Twitter:** Follow IASP to stay current on education news and IASP news. We will also stay in touch with the national posts and resources you see below, and will "ReTweet" those to you. It is a great way at a glance to keep current, I keep 3-4 linked to my mobile phone and this also allows for quick reference.  
At [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) (and on your mobile phone) you can create an account and then search for INPrincipals or IASP. Look for our blue IASP logo and follow us! Let us help keep you informed and with the right resources.

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- **Baskets of Hope now ‘Super’ effort**

Patty Meade will never forget the day her son, Evan, was diagnosed with leukemia in January 2010. “It immediately shatters your heart,” said Meade, 46, Franklin. “You get through the childhood years and everything is fine. Then for Evan to be diagnosed at age 16 -- our lives just turned upside down.”

She remembers her son lying in a bed at Riley Hospital for Children as she and her husband stood beside him. “He looked up at his dad and me,” she said. “The first thing he asked us, with tears in his eyes, was, ‘Am I going to die?’ “

Amid the emotional stress that accompanied Evan’s extended hospital stay, the Meades one day received a visit from an Indianapolis Colts assistant coach. He was delivering a large gift basket filled with a variety of items to help cheer Evan and his family, from inspirational books and CDs to items aligned with Meade family members’ specific interests.

The delivery was part of the program “Baskets of Hope.” Now Indianapolis has become the first Super Bowl host city to tackle a charitable service project intended to reach all 32 NFL cities by rolling out “Super Baskets of Hope.”

To learn more about Baskets of Hope, visit <http://www.basketofhope.org/>  
<http://www.indystar.com/article/20111209/LOCAL/112090332/Baskets-Hope-becoming-Super-effort?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|IndyStar.com>

- **PBS in Education:** This month, PBS in Education celebrates educators with a gift of 50% off all DVDs on PBS Teacher Shop. Simply sign up for [PBS LearningMedia™](#) to get your promo code - and jingle all the way to [PBS Teacher Shop](#). Here is an additional item, PBS TeacherLine courses start 1/18 & 2/22

Sign up now for PBS TeacherLine courses, pre-approved by the IN DOE for license renewal (PGP pts) and graduate credit. Courses are:

- Flexible (anytime, anywhere)
- Affordable (\$295 for 30 hour course, materials included)
- Fully facilitated

Check out the courses\* @ <http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/catalog/>. Find out why so many teachers who take courses, take more. Information is organized by content area & grade level. Courses start 1/18 & 2/22. \*Reading/ Language arts and Math now are aligned with Core Curriculum standards and documentation is under way for Science, Instruction Technology & Instructional strategies.

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