



# Schoolhouse News



January 28, 2011



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **The IAPSS and IASP board legislative breakfast**, board meeting and Student Day at the Legislature had to be changed from Feb. 24 to February 16. This is due to the legislative calendar allowing a break in the activity while bills switch houses after Feb. 23.
- **I am looking to purchase some separate, not connected, table and chair student desks** (number will depend on price). If any corp. is looking to reduce their High School inventory please let me know.  
[mwatkins@nmcs.k12.in.us](mailto:mwatkins@nmcs.k12.in.us). Michael D. Watkins Principal, North Miami Middle/High School  
Denver, IN 46926. Ph. 765-985-2931, Fax 765-985-2056
- **Wawasee High School has two temporary positions** that need to be filled:
  - Science Teacher (Biology) beginning April 11 - end of the school year
  - English (English 10, Newspaper) beginning February 14 - end of the school year

If any member is aware of any qualified individual(s), please let me know.  
Don Harman, Principal, Wawasee High School  
#1 Warrior Path, Building 1, Syracuse, IN 46567. Phone 574-457-3147, Fax 574-457-4364
- **21st Century Skills Education Summit:** Here is the [information / registration](#) form for the Summit to be held at Hobart High School. This form is due February 16th as you plan your schedule. Edward Schoenfelt, Executive Director. **Lakeshore Alliance for Student Success, Inc. 220 S. 13th Street - Chesterton, IN 46304.** \*LASS Web Site : <http://www.mvsc.k12.in.us/lss>
- **Does anyone have any information on KG-1<sup>st</sup> grade transition classes?** Does anyone currently offer this as a choice in their elementary school? **Keith Thackery, Principal**, Tri Elementary School, 6972 South State Road 103, Straughn, IN 47387. Telephone: 765-987-7090 ext. 302. FAX: 765-987-7487. [KThackery@SHenry.k12.in.us](mailto:KThackery@SHenry.k12.in.us)
- **To any leaders whose schools are presently or have in the past used CMA Acuity Assessment:** Our School Corporation is interested in changing to CMA Acuity (Diagnostic presently) however we are concerned about the total amount of time spent testing. Are the pre-tests as long as the Diagnostic Quarterly (Post) Tests? How long does it take to complete pre and post testing? What advantages do you see with CMA? What if any drawbacks do you see regarding CMA Acuity? How do you use CMA in your school? Thank you for any assistance you can provide. **Sherry Bailey, Principal, Olive Elementary School, 300 W. Ben Street, New Carlisle, IN 46552 574-654-7531. [sbailey@npusc.k12.in.us](mailto:sbailey@npusc.k12.in.us) \*Reply to this email address!**
- **Full Day K Options:** We would like to talk with corporations who have a full time kindergarten that parents pay for the second half? Please contact: Christi Fenton, Assistant Director for Elementary Education and Title 1 Coordinator  
Vigo County School Corporation, 812-462-4228 or [caf@vigoschools.org](mailto:caf@vigoschools.org)

➤ **The Asian Learning Center of Indiana** is in need of our help. They have sent us a survey for you to complete that takes less than three minutes but will help them design the programming for Indiana Schools that will help your students across Indiana. I hope you will invest a few moments today to complete the survey and send it to them for their data requirement. Thanks for your time and help. The survey link is: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/ALCI](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ALCI). Your feedback is critical as they focus their resources in developing programs and activities in supporting Asian studies in Indiana school.

➤ **IASP and the Center for the Study of Global Change, Indiana University Bloomington** are announcing a grant opportunity for principals to extend their overseas travel experiences into their schools. Grants of up to \$1000 will be available to principals each of the next 4 school years. Look for the application to be posted in February with an application deadline of April 1.

➤ **The Indianapolis Indians** are eager to host school groups again for their Baseball in Education Games. They will have 4 dates in 2011. See the [Flier](#) for more information.

Indianapolis area schools can also have the Indians mascot, Rowdy visit to help teach students the importance of health and fitness! Head to [www.IndyIndians.com](http://www.IndyIndians.com), under the Community tab, just click on Rowdie Home Run for Health to find the PDF file. You can email the completed form to [KStoebick@IndyIndians.com](mailto:KStoebick@IndyIndians.com) or fax to our office at (317) 269-3541

Any other questions regarding this event, please contact Kim Stoebick at (317) 269-3542 ext. 267 or email at [KStoebick@IndyIndians.com](mailto:KStoebick@IndyIndians.com)

➤ **IPLA Historical Archive:** IPLA had a rich history and valuable resources that should be remembered and saved. Your help is needed in preserving a record of that organization and those who participated in one of the 45 groups that graduated from the Academy. Please forward this to other friends and colleagues in other groups.

• Bob McDaniel is working on archiving important IPLA historical documents, key academy curriculum items, assorted photos, and other memories of the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy. He is asking IPLA grads who have their group's picture yearbook to help him preserve each members' pictures and information in the archives.

Please scan your booklet into a PDF format and send it to him by March 1, 2011 at:

[robertallenmcdaniel@comcast.net](mailto:robertallenmcdaniel@comcast.net)

• If you would like an electronic copy of this history of IPLA, please send Bob a flash drive/memory stick with 4 GB of memory and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Bob McDaniel, 33 Ashbourne Drive, Noblesville, IN, 46060.

Please include your telephone number and e-mail address. Your copy will be returned to you in April, 2011.

➤ **Purdue University Summer Institute!!**

Purdue University's Center for Literacy Education and Research (CLEAR) is honored to announce that Katie Wood Ray and Kelly Gallagher will be the keynote speakers at this year's annual Summer Institute. Teachers and administrators of *all grades* will be excited to participate in sessions offered by renowned author and current high school classroom teacher, Kelly Gallagher, as well as renowned author and former classroom teacher Katie Wood Ray. While attending this summer institute titled Literacy Matters: Fostering Learning in Reading and Writing, all participants can earn 12 Professional Growth Plan points at no additional cost! For more information, please see our [brochure](#).

- **The Indiana Principal Leadership Academy** was a unique and powerful experience for hundreds and hundreds of Indiana school leaders. The late Bill Gavaghan, former director of IPLA, and other friends of the Academy, dreamed of continuing the vision and mission of that organization. In the past year, Bill brought together a group of former IPLA directors, consultants, and facilitators to carry on the legacy of the Academy.

Focusing on the core values of IPLA and the goal of excellence in school leadership, Butler University's College of Education and the "Legacy Group" have joined together to offer a two day summer seminar entitled "Principal Leadership...Discovering Voice and Vocation." As the demands and pressure on school principals continue to grow, so must their leadership skills and strategies.

Please join us once again, or for the first time, to experience the value of discovering, sharing, and networking together in a professional learning community of school leaders.

See the [flier](#) for more information or visit <http://www.butler.edu/coe/workshops/principal-leadership>

- **Edleaders Network:** The launch of the Edleaders Network is coming in March, 2011. Hear Executive Director Gerald Mohr describe the great benefits IASP members can receive by subscribing to this timely online professional development resource. Current Webinar topics include Leadership, Management, Behavior Management, Teaching and Learning, Data, Legal, Climate and Culture, and Technology, with many more to come. Save Time, Save Money, and Collaborate with your colleagues and teachers all from your school.



<http://www.iasp.org/edleaders.aspx> (click here)

You can also go to [www.edleadersnetwork.org](http://www.edleadersnetwork.org) to see the new promotional video that ELN recently produced. There is also a link to an example webinar for everyone to view. If you would like to contribute content, or know of a good presenter and topic for ELN, please contact Teri Hoke at IASP, [thoke@iasp.org](mailto:thoke@iasp.org).

- **YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON THE SILVER SCREEN**



**Free curricula and other activities** are available for youth agencies and schools **based on Hollywood hit movies.**


**Finding Inspiration in Literature & Movies (F.I.L.M.)**, hosted by **Heartland Truly Moving Pictures**, offers these **free resources** for dozens of movies including, "How to Train Your Dragon," "The Blind Side," "The Secret Life of Bees," "Freedom Writers" and "Happy Feet."

[More info >>>>](#)



## RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- As you continue your important work to meet the needs of students and families in your communities, please be aware that the [Hoosier Connection](#)  (En Espanol ) is a resource offered by Senator Lugar to provide useful contact information for government and social service agencies in the following areas: Financial and food assistance, Housing, Employment, Healthcare, State information, Transportation and Veterans affairs.

A handbook on [Scholarships](#)  for Indiana Colleges and Universities is also available. If you would like paper copies please feel free to contact any one of [Senator Lugar's offices](#).

## IASP NEWS

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Plan:** IASP presented testimony regarding the rule on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Plan. You can read the [presented testimony](#) here. You can also submit your own comments on the proposed rule to [stboard@doe.in.gov](mailto:stboard@doe.in.gov). Students will be retained if they do not meet grade level proficiency at the end of third grade. Your comments will help shape the final rule language. [Click here for the proposed language](#).
- **Principal of the Year Nomination Time: We are looking for a few great leaders!** Yes, the Blue Ribbon Awards Committee is seeking nominations for our **2011 Principals of the Year and 2011 Assistant Principal of the Year**. Anyone can nominate a candidate and nomination forms are available at [www.iasp.org](http://www.iasp.org). The deadline for submission is **February 4, 2011**. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Penny Moss at [pmoss@iasp.org](mailto:pmoss@iasp.org) or call 317-891-9900.
- **Indiana Academic All Star Nominations:** The nomination form for your senior student is due **Friday, April 4** at the IASP office. Please visit <http://www.iasp.org/dspallstars.aspx> and honor your deserving senior.
- **IASP Student Programs Update:** Please click on this link to see all of the upcoming events and contests for Indiana students. These opportunities are valuable ways for your students to participate and gain recognition. The first Student Day at the Legislature is February 16<sup>th</sup> and is a great way to help your students understand the legislative process and a way for you to connect with your area legislators. The IASP Board will be meeting with legislators that morning from 8-9 am and students will be present from 9 – 2:30 pm. Let your voice be heard at the State House on this day. More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.iasp.org/dsa/PDFs/Day%20at%20the%20Legislature%20Reg%20Form.pdf>
- **SUPER BOWL ENTRY DEADLINE:** The entry deadline for both Junior Division and Senior Division Academic Super Bowl contests is **February 16**. You do NOT need to pay the competition entry fee in advance. In fact it is to everyone's benefit to send a Membership-Participation Form (available on our web site at <http://www.iasp.org/dspforms.aspx>) right away, so we can have a better idea of WHO will be involved in the contest. We can send an invoice later.
- **Riley Children's Hospital:** Happy New Year! Thanks to generous individuals around the state, we not only met – but far exceeded – the Holiday Challenge Match issued by our friends at GasAmerica.

As of January 14, donors responded with gifts exceeding \$131,000, which is more than \$80,000 above the goal, and our team is still processing contributions. With GasAmerica's matching \$50,000 gift, the nearly \$200,000 raised through the Holiday Challenge Match will enable Riley Hospital to help twice as many kids.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped us meet the match and fund lifesaving work at Riley Hospital.

Now – February 28: Daily Lunch Deal for Riley

February 10-12: WFMS Riley Radiothon

March 1: IHOP National Pancake Day



## ➤ IASP LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

**Indiana General Assembly:** The General Assembly has been very active this last week and promises to hear several bills next week that directly impact principals and teachers. Senate Bill 0001 contains language on Teacher Evaluations, Teacher Salaries, and the role of administration in the school corporation. You can read the full text of the bill at <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2011&session=>

[1&request=getBill&doctype=SB&docno=0001](http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo?year=2011&session=1&request=getBill&doctype=SB&docno=0001)

- **IASP Legislative Agenda:** The IASP Board met on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and adopted the 2011 IASP Legislative Platform. You can read the [Full Platform](#) here. IASP has also prepared [Talking Points](#) which summarize the key elements of the agenda. These are designed to enable you to summarize for stakeholders the IASP position on education issues. Please contact us if we can help clarify an issue for you, or if you would like our help as you prepare to speak with your area legislator.
- **[State Legislator Contact Information:](#)** Here is a flier that provides basic contact information for the Indiana General Assembly. It is helpful as it also lists the counties represented by each legislator. Be sure to keep this handy when it comes time to send an email or make a phone call. Your contact with each member helps position IASP to shape legislative priorities.

## INDIANA NEWS

- Interesting commentary on public resources for private schools in the Ft. Wayne paper. <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20110116/EDIT0502/301169950/1021/EDIT>
- Dr. Ed Eiler paid for an ad in the Lafayette Journal and Courier that makes several good points on the current Legislative Reform in Education. [Read his comments here.](#)

## IDOE NEWS

- **Elementary/Middle School Accountability:** The State Board of Education met on Wednesday, January 5 and approved moving forward with the accountability models for elementary/middle school and the high school. A revised version of the elementary/MS model was discussed which uses letter grades for performance instead of a grade point number.

The final version could look like this:

- Using a 90-80-70-60 grading scale for each subject, give yourself a letter grade for each subject tested.
- From this letter grade, you can go up a letter grade if a high percentage of your students had high growth in the subject area. This is looking at all the students who were tested for your school and who are included for accountability purposes.
- Or, from the original letter grade, you could go down a letter grade if a high percentage of your students had low growth in the subject area. This is looking at all the students who were tested for your school and who are included for accountability purposes.
- You can now earn a (+) on your current letter grade if a high percentage of your bottom 25% kids have high growth.

The details of this plan can be viewed in this [file](#) provided by Jeff Zaring.

## \$\$ GRANT TIPS OF THE WEEK \$\$

### ➤ **Unsung Heroes 2011 Awards**

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning. Each year, educators submit applications for an ING Unsung Heroes grant by describing projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. 100 educators will be selected to receive \$2,000.

Deadline: April 30. More info at: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

### **Do Something Awards**

Since 1996, DoSomething.org has honored the nation's young world-changers. Do Something Award nominees and winners represent the pivotal "do-ers" in their field, cause, or issue. In 2011, five nominees will be rewarded with a community grant, media coverage, and continued support from DoSomething.org. Maximum award: \$100,000. Eligibility: Applicants must be 25 or younger (born on or after 9/1/85) and be a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Deadline: March 1, 2011.

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs/awards>

### **Horace Mann: Scholarship Program for Educators**

The Horace Mann Companies is offering scholarships for public and private school educators to take college courses. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: full-time K-12 teachers, librarians, or teacher's aides. At time of application and award of scholarship, entrants must have at least two years K-12 teaching experience and work at least 30 hours a week at a U.S. public or private school. Residents of Kentucky, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Hawaii are not eligible. Deadline: March 1, 2011.

<https://www.horacemann.com/teacher-lounge/educator-scholarship-opportunities/how-to-apply.aspx>

### **National Summer Learning Association: Excellence in Summer Learning Award**

The Excellence in Summer Learning Award recognizes an outstanding summer program that demonstrates excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting positive development for young people between kindergarten and 12th grade. Maximum award: national recognition, increased press opportunities, conference presentations and complimentary registrations, professional development opportunities for staff, and increased publishing opportunities. Eligibility: public or private organizations or agencies (schools, community-

based organizations, libraries, universities, faith-based organizations, etc.) serving young people between the ages of kindergarten and 12th grade over the summer months. Deadline: February 11, 2011.

[http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence\\_apply](http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence_apply)

### **Amgen: Award for Science Teaching Excellence**

The Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence recognizes extraordinary contributions by educators across the United States who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: full-time classroom teachers grades K–12 in public or private school whose major responsibilities include teaching science and who work in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, or Washington state. Deadline: February 11, 2011.

<http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/aaste.html>

### **National Association of Biology Teachers: Evolution Education Award**

The NABT Evolution Education Award, sponsored by The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) and the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS), recognizes innovative classroom teaching and community education efforts to promote the accurate understanding of biological evolution. Maximum award: \$1,000, a recognition plaque to be presented at the NABT Professional Development Conference, and a one-year complimentary NABT membership. Eligibility: biology and life science teachers. Deadline: March 15, 2011.

<http://www.nabt.org/websites/institution/index.php?p=132#award2>

### **Do Something: Seed Grants**

Do Something Seed Grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start programs and realize ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of the project and organization to help as the project expands. Maximum award: \$500. Eligibility: U.S. or Canadian citizens aged 25 or under. Deadline: rolling.

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/faq>



With more students interested in attending college, learn about **"Finding Money for College: Assisting Students through the Financial Aid Process."** The Webinar, which will be held on **February 9, from 1p - 2:30p (EST)**, will include information on various sources of college funding, college financial aid search engines, timelines and the application process.

**[More info and pre-registration \(required\) >>>>](#)**



Girl grants! The **Open Meadows Foundation** supports projects led by and **benefiting women and girls.**

Grant range: **\$2,000.**

Deadline: **February 15, 2011.**

**[More info >>>>](#)**

- Math and science awards! The **Intel School of Distinction** award is provided to elementary, middle and high schools that use **innovative strategies to teach math and science.**

Award range: **\$5,000 - \$25,000.** Deadline: **February 17, 2011.**

**[More info >>>>](#)**

## Indiana Humanities Council grant opportunities

### Humanities Initiative Grants

**Who:** Organizations that wish to sponsor public programs that contain a strong focus on the humanities, such as town hall meetings, workshops, lectures, reading and discussion programs, etc.

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000.

**Deadlines:** February 1 (March 31 decision) and August 1 (September 30 decision)

**More info:** Click [here](#) or contact Nancy Conner at [nconner@indianahumanities.org](mailto:nconner@indianahumanities.org) or 1.800.675.8897, ext. 128.

### Historic Preservation Education Grants (HPEG)

#### In conjunction with Indiana Landmarks

**Who:** Organizations creating educational projects related to historic properties in Indiana. One-third of the HPEG will be reserved for qualified projects that are aimed at developing K-12 curriculum materials. Eligible projects include lectures, conferences, the production of audiovisual or printed materials such as guides to historic homes and walking tour brochures, and heritage or cultural tourism programs.

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000.

**Deadlines:** March 1 (prospectus postmark) and April 18 (application postmark)

**More info:** Click [here](#) or contact Nancy Conner at [nconner@indianahumanities.org](mailto:nconner@indianahumanities.org) or 1.800.675.8897, ext. 128.

## Students can win great prizes through essay contest

Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to capture their love of Indiana food and its farmers on paper or on video for the 2010 Ag Essay Contest titled "Our Food, Our Farmers."

Sponsored by Indiana's Family of Farmers and the Indiana Humanities Council, the essay contest asks students to explain how Indiana agriculture plays a positive role in their life—and in the lives of those around them. There are two categories of competition: video essay and written essay; and three grade levels: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. **Entries must be received by Feb. 15, 2011.**

A winner from each grade level, in each category, will receive a Flip Video™ Camcorder and be invited to a presentation at the Indiana Statehouse on March 7, 2011. The overall winner in each category will receive an Apple iPad. For complete entry guidelines, click [here](#).

### American Association of School Librarians: Innovative Reading Grant

American Association of School Librarians Innovative Reading Grant is designed to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers. Selection criteria include the potential to measure and evaluate a literacy project that promotes the importance of reading and facilitates the learners' literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: reading programs specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting. The program must encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading. Applicant must be a member of AASL. Deadline: February 7, 2011.

[https://www.goeshow.com/aasl/awards/2010/innovative\\_reading\\_grant\\_application.cfm](https://www.goeshow.com/aasl/awards/2010/innovative_reading_grant_application.cfm)

### **Sodexo: STOP Hunger Scholarship**

The Sodexo STOP Hunger Scholarship program supports the education of young people working to end hunger in communities across the United States, and brings attention to the innovative and effective solutions they are implementing toward ending hunger in their lifetime. Maximum award: a \$5,000 scholarship award and a matching \$5,000 grant in their name for the hunger-related charity of their choice. Eligibility: students enrolled in an accredited education institution (kindergarten through graduate school) in the United States who can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to hunger-relief activities in their community. Deadline: February 18, 2011.

[http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger\\_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp](http://www.sodexofoundation.org/hunger_us/scholarships/scholarships.asp)

### **Caring Institute: 2010 Caring Awards**

The Caring Institute is now accepting nominations for its annual Caring Awards. Nominees should exemplify caring and serve as worthy role models for others.

Award criteria include length of service, scope and impact of work, challenges overcome, and imagination and innovation. Maximum award: All winners are honored at a special ceremony, and young adult winners receive funds for college. Eligibility: individuals from nine to 99 years old. Deadline: March 1, 2011.

<http://www.caring-institute.org/caringawards.html>

### **NABT: Award for Excellence in Encouraging Equity**

Sponsored by Ward's Natural Science and the National Association of Biology Teacher's Role and Status of Women in Biology Education Section, the Award for Excellence in Encouraging Equity recognizes efforts by biology educators to encourage, promote, and strive for equity in the educational community. Maximum award: a recognition plaque, an honorarium, and a one-year complimentary NABT membership to be presented at the NABT Professional Development Conference. Eligibility: biology and life science teachers. Deadline: March 15, 2011.

<http://www.nabt.org/websites/institution/index.php?p=132#award2>



Mentoring money! The **U.S. Department of Justice** is offering grants to **provide mentoring services in local communities.**

**Grant range:** not specified. **Deadline: February 28, 2011.**

**[More info >>>>](#)**

Get ready for Groundhog Day! Hopefully we will see a melting of snow and early spring. !

Gerald and Todd