

East Washington School Corporation

"All for One – One for All"

Our Vision is to achieve *Excellence in Education*

Dates to Remember:

October 3

Advisory Board Meeting

October 7 – 11

Fall break – no school

October 15

School Board Meeting

October 17

Parent conferences –
all buildings 11:30 – 6 PM

November 12

School Board Meeting

November 27 – 29

Thanksgiving break –
no school

December 10

School Board Meeting

December 20

End of first semester

December 23 –

January 3

Christmas break –
no school

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A Message from our Superintendent

by Steve Darnell

ISTEP+ scores arrived recently for the past 2012-13 school year. East Washington students did a fantastic job last year demonstrating mastery of Indiana academic standards in the areas of English-language arts and mathematics! Congratulations go to our students, parents, and teachers for the success students demonstrated last year on ISTEP+. Here's a quick summary of results:

Grade	2013	2013	2012	2012
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
3	95.0%	90.0%	94.1%	94.1%
4	91.0%	93.0%	83.5%	83.5%
5	80.0%	79.0%	80.9%	92.2%
6	67.0%	80.0%	87.1%	79.4%
7	77.0%	88.0%	77.8%	90.1%
8	71.0%	80.0%	75.0%	84.4%

As a district, 76.6% of our students in grades 3-8 passed both English-language arts and mathematics assessments which is an increase from 75.6% the prior year. Momentum is growing at East Washington. I appreciate everyone's efforts to encourage students to do their absolute best in school each and every day.

Learning is the focus at East Washington School Corporation as we strive for *excellence in education*. Thank you for being a part of the journey!

Eastern High School

by Principal Darin Farris

I recently spoke to the EHS Leadership class regarding student leadership qualities. I emphasized the leadership qualities to a small percentage of our student body, but I feel these qualities are important for every student at Eastern High School. All students have the potential to be a leader in some capacity, at some point in their life, so I am sharing those leadership qualities with all stakeholders in this issue of the East Washington School Corporation newsletter.

Enthusiasm and Optimism. Enthusiasm is contagious! Staying positive, being approachable, and expressing positive thoughts and feelings through both verbal and nonverbal communication help you build rapport with those around you.

Authenticity. Be yourself, and act in line with your core values and personality. People will notice if you're trying to be someone other than who you really are.

Sense of Humor. Your ability to make people laugh can help others feel comfortable and relieve tense situations.

Trustworthiness / Integrity. People trust you when your attitudes, words, and motives align with what you actually choose to do. This includes being honest about mistakes, refusing to gossip and shift blame, and doing things the ethical way (even if it's more expedient to do otherwise).

Ability to Truly Listen. A good leader should be a part of the team/group rather than a superior. Listening to others will not only help you understand the members of your group, but the members will absolutely appreciate it. Many members of your group will have wonderful ideas, and it is vital those members know they can talk to you. A group is only as strong as its members!

Ability to Communicate. Willingness to listen is very important, but clearly communicating your own thoughts and ideas is also crucial. You must effectively communicate to those you lead or the mission of the group can become skewed. Successfully communicating with your group also ensures that every person is fully informed and no one feels left out.

Dependability. A dependable leader allows others to relax because they know the leader will follow through with commitments. Do what you say you are going to do, and others will follow your example. Dependable leaders are always on time, never make excuses and stay on the job until it is done.

Be Humble. When you're willing to share credit with others, and you're willing to admit that you're not perfect, others see that and appreciate it.

East Washington Middle School

by Principal Amber Sater

The middle school has implemented several new programs this year to help motivate students to achieve success. All of the Language Arts and Math classes are utilizing USA Test Prep. This is an online program that teachers can use to track student understanding and pinpoint concepts that they may be struggling with. Students can also use this program for remediation tailored to their needs. All students have usernames and passwords and can even log on at home for extra practice.

The first round of Acuity testing will end October 4th. This is an assessment that tracks student progress and understanding. It also helps prepare students for the statewide assessments in the spring. The kids had some extra motivation this year to give the test their best shot. Over 25 staff members volunteered to participate in a dance-off that will happen this month. Students who scored above a certain percent, or at least showed improvement from their last Acuity test will get to attend the dance-off.

Finally, we would like to see parents get more involved! We will be starting a P.T.O. much like the elementary school. This would be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our school and to participate in school activities with your child. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Snapp (rsnapp@ewsc.k12.in.us), or you may call the school and leave a message.

East Washington Elementary School

by Principal Lisa Thomas

We are off to a great year! Students are engaged and learning. Our ISTEP scores are improving and our students are practicing their life skills. We are building good citizens for our future. When students arrive every morning, they go to the gym and participate in The Today Show to start their day. The staff begins The Today Show with a short video clip where students learn school procedures, life skills, and bus safety. They also are learning how to treat people right, improve their self-esteem and listening skills. Morning announcements are read, we sing songs and celebrate student accomplishments such as Outstanding Citizens, Problem Solvers, and birthdays. Students are pictured here celebrating their birthdays with Mrs. Clemons, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Thomas during the "Birthday Boogie" birthday celebration dance!

