



East Washington School Corporation

"All for One - One for All"

Our Vision is to achieve
Excellence in Education

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Student Ambassadors Give Back



The East Washington Elementary School Ambassadors were recognized for their many acts of service at the East Washington School Board of Trustees meeting on December 9, 2014. The Student Ambassadors are nominated by the EWES staff members who are asked to nominate students who exhibit leadership skills. Student Am-

bassadors teach the life lines to classrooms to help our students strengthen their skills such as responsibility, respect, cooperation, and problem solving. The Ambassadors are also involved in service projects and have done an outstanding job of giving back to the community. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success with eigh-

Above: Elementary School teacher Rosa Snapp with some of the Student Ambassadors during the Thanksgiving canned food drive.

teen families benefiting. The Ambassadors helped to energize the EWES Red Ribbon Week by coming up with themes for each day. The students are planning more projects which will benefit Riley's Children's Hospital and Aiden's Legacy.

-Mrs. Esarey

Dates to Remember:

January 1-2
Christmas Break

January 13
School Board Meeting

January 19
School In Session (Snow Make-up Day)

February 5
Advisory Board Meeting

February 10
School Board Meeting

February 13
Snow Make-up Day; If not used as a make-up day, school not in session that day

February 16
Snow Make-up Day; If not used as a make-up day, school not in session that day

March 10
School Board Meeting

March 23-27
Spring Break (No School)

2013-2014 School Grades Released

Eastern High School received a "B" rating for the 2013-2014 school year based on the Indiana Department of Education's accountability system. This is a significant improvement from previous school years. From 2010 - 2013, EHS has earned a "C" rating from the IDOE.

Below is an outline of the four components that determine Eastern High School's letter grade.

Math

- Performance on Algebra I End of Course Assessment (ECA) before or during 10th grade.
- Improvement from 8th grade

students passing ISTEP to students passing the ECA before or during 10th grade.

- ECA improvement from students that do not pass the ECA before or during 10th grade, but do pass before they graduate.

English/Language Arts

- Performance on English 10 End of Course Assessment (ECA) before or during 10th grade.
- Improvement from 8th grade students passing ISTEP to students passing the ECA before or during 10th grade.
- ECA improvement from students that do not pass the ECA before or during 10th grade, but do pass

before they graduate.

Graduation Rate

- Based on the number of students that graduate on time with their cohort.

College and Career Readiness

- Based on the number of students that receive a score of 3, 4, or 5 on one or more of the AP exams or completing an approved dual credit course with a "C" or better.

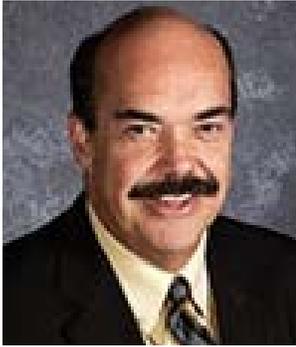
The primary reason for our school improvement is simple, hard work. Our teachers have worked extremely hard implementing new ideas and strategies to provide



students the opportunity for success. The students are working hard, enrolling in rigorous classes, and applying the necessary skills needed to be successful. This improvement is well deserved and I congratulate everyone involved.

-Mr. Farris

From the Superintendent



Compared to last school year with the unprecedented number of snow days (15 to be exact!) that occurred, we anticipate fewer lost school days this year. At this point last year, we already had three snow days, in contrast to this year's one day. As you know, however, predicting weather in Indiana can be tricky especially in January and February. When inclement weather threatens, understand a team of individuals, under the leadership of our Transportation Director, Mr. Greg Hopkins, kick in to action to determine road conditions, parking lot conditions, drive-ways, and the safety factor for parents and students traveling to and on our school campus.

This team includes local law enforcement officials, county transportation individuals, and school officials. Surrounding school corporation individuals are also contacted to determine if conditions they are experiencing and if movement of storms are headed into the East Washington school district boundaries. When schools are closed, a message is sent via telephone, email and text message to alert parents and students of a school closure. Television and radio stations are notified and social media is used to get the word into the community. Every effort is made to announce closures before 6 AM with the goal always being SAFETY FIRST for students. Parents and guardians can ensure they receive messages by updating their contact information by notifying the school or updating their Harmony account on line through the corporation website.

As a final note, I want to remind you that great things are happening at East Washington School Corporation!

This new calendar year starting on January 5 ushers in a new semester and a new nine weeks of learning for students. At East Washington, we are looking forward to a continued school year of best-ever experiences for students. We certainly understand that parents and families are the child's first and most influential teachers. Parents and families are our partners – they share the school district's commitment to excellence in education for their children. As a district, we are committed to this partnership, and I personally welcome you in your child's school to see and experience the quality of instruction and high degree of learning that happens daily. Contact your child's school office to make an appointment to visit the school, talk with teachers and/or administrators, or enjoy lunch with your child during their scheduled lunch time. I am looking for parent and/or community volunteers to serve on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee – a group that meets quarterly to provide input and thought about district operations.

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If you are interested in serving on this group, contact me at the administration office by calling 967-3926.

-Mr. Darnell

Middle School Receives Letter Grade "A"

The staff and students at East Washington Middle School are proud to report that we have received an A letter grade for the 2013-2014 school year! Everyone worked very hard last year to ensure quality learning and excellence, and it's fantastic to hear that we have been recognized for that! The school letter grade is not only based on the overall performance of our students in math and language arts, but also on how much each individual student grew from one year to the next. We were elated to see that not only were we the highest performing middle school in Washington County, but that our students showed so much growth in their knowledge of the content. Not only are we excited about our



OLD/NEW MONEY: Angela Jackson, Shelby Nunley, Dana Humphrey, Michael Gilliam, and Troy Smith.

letter grade, but the middle school also had its accreditation visit in October and received extremely high marks. Every five years schools go through the accreditation process and are scored in three areas: Teaching and Learning Impact, Leadership

Capacity, and Resource Utilization. Our school scored well above the national average in every category! We are so proud of all of our staff and students for their hard work, and as a reward, the middle school hosted a hip hop dance off on

December 19th to celebrate! Four teams of teachers worked very hard preparing routines to show off their moves during a student assembly in the performing arts center. Congratulations to the winning team of OLD/NEW MONEY: Michael Gilliam, Dana Humphrey, Shelby Nunley, Josh Green, and Angela Jackson.

Our focus for the 2014-2015 school year is just as strong as it was last year, and we can't wait to see more great things coming from East Washington Middle School! Go Musketeers!

-Ms. Sater