

# EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



## BOARD HAPPENINGS

March 3 and 17, 2009

### MARCH 17TH REGULAR MEETING

There were two Spotlight's on Education given at this meeting:

"Building Feasibility Study Update" - Dana Wannemacher of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa presented the results of the feasibility study of EACS' buildings. The presentation focused on how the study was conducted, observations from the study, recommendations for each building, and possible building changes. At the April 7<sup>th</sup> Work Session, the Board will discuss what the District's priorities are and the next steps to take in light of the Feasibility Study results. [Dr. Novotny](#) will provide points of discussion to the Board before the next meeting.

"School Safety and Security" - [Bob Rohrbacher](#), Executive Director of Student Services, presented an overview of the physical and behavioral practices that have been developed to protect the staff and students of East Allen County Schools.

### MARCH 3RD WORK SESSION

Information was presented to the Board by Deputy Superintendent [Jan MacLean](#) which offered yet another reconfiguration option for discussion purposes that will provide appropriate middle level educational learning environments for all 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### RECOGNITIONS

[New Haven Middle School](#) celebrated Disability Awareness Month this at their school. Principal [Pete Downey](#) and his staff, including special needs teacher [Beth Bixby](#) planned events and guest speakers, including Barb Hornet (from Indianapolis), parent Shannon Clark, and EACS Board Member [Rick Allgeier](#), to name a few. An essay contest was held, with a winner picked from each grade. Awesome!



[Cedarville Elementary students](#) hopped, jumped, and twirled their way to \$2,948.90 for Jump Rope for Heart! Thanks to PE teacher

[Diane Schaper](#) for coordinating this awesome event, to the students for their extraordinary efforts, and to the parents for their outstanding support! Great job everyone!

President [Terry](#) praised [Paul Harding High School's African-American Club](#) who hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> annual Black History Month program entitled "A Change in America." A panel of community leaders discussed their roles in the community/organization they represent. They also shared their perspective on the Civil Right's Movement and changes that they have witnessed in our country. Board President [Rev. Terry](#) was a member of the panel. Board member [Leland Etzler](#) also attended the program.



At the recent District 3 FFA Annual Convention [Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School](#) Ag teacher and FFA Advisor [Richard Grubaugh](#) was nominated by his peers to represent District 3 as the "Outstanding Teacher". He will be recognized at the Indiana Ag Teacher workshop in June and will represent Indiana for the award. Wow!

The [EACS' Show Choir](#) has had an awesome year. Earlier this month they earned the title "Grand Champions" in the Festival Division at the Chicagoland Showcase held earlier this month. The "Champions" include 29 singer/dancers, five instrumentalists and four stage crew. Other awards this year included: 3rd place (small division) at the Northrop Show Choir Competition; 2nd place (small division) at the DeKalb High School Invitational; and Grand Champions (small division) at the Franklin Central Show Choir Competition. Good job!

Congratulations to [Paul Harding High School's](#) Boy's Basketball team on making it to Regionals! Congratulations team!



### Superintendent's Visits

- Leo Elementary School
- Meadowbrook Elementary
- Prince Chapman Academy

### PERSONNEL

#### ~Welcome New Hire~

- [Barbara Radebaugh](#), ESL teacher, PHHS, eff. 04/06/09

#### ~ Resignations~

- [Ruth White](#), teacher, NHMS, eff. end of SY
- [Saul Fields](#), asst. to NAC Coordinator, eff. 01/29/09
- [Jenifer Reinking-Coyle](#), teacher, PHHS, eff. end of SY

- [Marlene Trabel](#), food service employee, NHMS, eff. 03/04/09

#### ~ Retirements ~

(eff. end of school year)

- [Susan Wagner](#), teacher, HOEL
- [William Schlosser](#), teacher, NHHS
- [Christine Bultemeier](#), teacher, HEHS
- [Dan Shaw](#), teacher, PHHS
- [Keith Guenin](#), head custodian, HEHS
- [Lynn Riley](#), secretary, HOEL

Termination of [Barbara Waikel](#), food service employee, NHHS, eff. 2/27/09