



Eastwood Middle School
"Home of the Eagles"



Eastwood M.S. Website



Eagle News

April 2016

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

April Fools Day
April 1st

Back from Spring Break
April 4th

Q3 Honors Celebration
6th Grade - April 7th
7th & 8th Grade - April 8th
During DD times

National Siblings Day
April 10th

8th Graders visit NC
April 11th

Spring Athletics Pictures
April 13th

ISTEP Pep Rally
April 15th

Tax Day
April 18th

ISTEP Part 2 Window
April 18th - 22nd

Open Gym/Movie Night
April 22

Earth Day
April 22

Happy April, Eagles!



CONGRATS to
SAMMY RORK
for winning the BOX TOPS
Drawing this month!!



Don't forget to check
us out on
Facebook and
Twitter!



From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Eastwood Community!

We are already back into the swing of things after spring break and pushing on to the second round of ISTEP+ testing and year end activities. ISTEP+ tests for all grades levels will be given during the week of April 18. School attendance is always important and especially important during testing so that students feel successful throughout the testing window. We will communicate more details as the schedule solidifies in the next week.

Don't forget to support our Eastwood Community Garden by voting for the grant at Seeds of Change. You can vote every day and access the link on the Eastwood web site! Thank you for your support!

As part of our ongoing community outreach in Washington Township we will host several opportunities for the public to tour Eastwood to highlight facility concerns. This is open to all community members. Please see dates below and feel free to share with interested neighbors!

Washington Township Schools Facility Tours – Open to the public to highlight concerns

School: Eastwood Middle School

Address: 4401 E. 62nd Middle School, Indianapolis, IN 46220

RSVP To: Amanda Santiago at asantiago@msdwt.k12.in.us

Month	Tour Date	Tour Time
April	4/6, Wed.	5:30 - 6:00 PM
May	5/25 Wed.	8:30 – 9:00 AM
August	8/24, Wed.	7:30 - 8:00 AM
September	9/5, Mon.	7:30 - 8:00 AM
October	10/1, Sat.	9:00 – 9:30 AM

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at Eastwood.

Sincerely,

Natasha Mikus and James Tutin

HELP EASTWOOD START A GARDEN!!!

Seeds of Change is an organization dedicated to organic gardening and supports community and school gardens. The Eastwood Middle School community garden grows out the need for teachers, students, parents, and other community members to engage students in hands-on service learning with ties to the taught curriculum.



We need your help to make this happen!!!

The grant depends on your votes to get this project to the selection level. We have made voting very convenient by placing a voting tab on the Eastwood website: www.ew.msdt.k12.in.us where you go to events and click to vote. Or go directly to the site by clicking here: www.seedsofchange.org/GalleryDetail.aspx?id=1697

The grant will enable us to create an organic sustainable community garden that will support healthy eating, healthy interaction with peers, and community service learning that is connected to our curriculum.

GO VOTE TODAY!!!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

21st Century Scholars



It's Never too Early to start planning for college...
The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program can help!

The 21st Century Scholars program provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees (such as technology fees) at approved Indiana colleges. To see the list of colleges, please visit Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges

21st Century Scholars also supports eligible students and parents with tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and start toward a successful career path. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. It does not cover the cost of books or room and board, and the funds are applied after any other student financial aid from the state is awarded.

Students that enroll in the program must meet the following requirements and take the Scholar Pledges in high school and college. Students must complete the Scholar Success Program which includes activities at each grade level in high school to help students plan, prepare and pay for college. Students must graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students must also file for FAFSA in high school and not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age. To learn more about 21st Century Scholars please visit the website at www.scholars.in.gov

Don't Delay! Enroll Online TODAY at
www.scholars.in.gov

Eagle Express!

SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER!

Parents, please note that Eastwood's doors are open to students between the hours of 9:00am-4:10pm. Any time before or after these times, your child will need to be under adult supervision at all times.

We ask that students are picked up in a timely manner at the completion of school and/or evening activities.

EWMS is not able to provide supervision prior to 9:00AM due to other morning obligations. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to use the bus system when at all possible. When dropping off your child, please do so as close to 9:00am as possible to reduce the number of unaccompanied minors outside the school.

PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL KEYS!



If you happen to notice any school keys lying around the house or your child's room, please turn these into the office as soon as possible.

We have several Elevator keys that were borrowed and never returned. These usually have an EW lanyard.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Mrs. Santiago at #21150

SKYWARD

Need assistance accessing Skyward?
Having trouble logging in?

If so, please email:
skyward@msdwt.k12.in.us
or visit sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/skyward/category/parents/ for additional info!

Skyward can be used to access attendance, grades, assignments, report cards, and more.



Eastwood's Lost and Found is purged and donated at the end of every midterm and quarter! Please tell your child to be sure to check the bins before this deadline!

EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



**OPEN GYM/
MOVIE Night**
Friday, April 22nd
6:30PM - 9:00PM
**Feat. STAR WARS
The Force Awakens**



Welcome Eastwood Families,
Please be sure to visit our April Edition of the Eastwood Athletic Newsletter, by visiting:
www.smores.com/z8ete

We have various Athletic Tryouts at the end of the month. Please see the above newsletter for more info!

Eastwood Sign Rental

Celebrate your child's graduation, birthday, or other accomplishments with an announcement on our new message board located in front corner of the school. All of the buses and cars drive by it every morning. For the low cost of \$20, you can recognize your child.

Rental Sign Information

STEP 1: Rental Sign Requests should be emailed/submitted to James Tutin - jtutin@msdwt.k12.in.us. Your email should include the following information:

- Date you want message posted
- Nature of message (e.g., birthday, congrats, etc.)
- No more than four lines of text
- Planned method of payment (if check please include check #)

STEP 2: Payment of \$20 (cash or check) should be sent into school in an envelope marked **ATHLETICS SIGN RENTAL**. Please put your email address in the memo line.

STEP 3: Confirmation of your request will be sent via email and is based on the availability of the sign. Please note a 48 hour advance notice is required. Rental requests are filled on a first come/first serve basis. Reserve early to ensure that you are not disappointed.

EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



Dear Parents:

Did you know that Indiana has moved from fifteenth to seventh place on the list of states having the most people who are obese? Child-hood obesity has become an overwhelming problem, and if it is not addressed, these children will become obese adults. Now is the time for our children to learn fitness habits that they can continue to follow throughout their lives. Childhood obesity not only affects a student's self-esteem, it can also lead to heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and joint problems. The Physical Education Department is committed to providing programs in the five areas of fitness that will help children develop good habits. Those areas of emphasis are:

- ⇒ Cardiovascular Endurance
- ⇒ Muscular Endurance
- ⇒ Muscular Strength
- ⇒ Flexibility
- ⇒ Body Composition

The staff of the Physical Education and Health Department has many areas of expertise. We have certified instructors in Exercise Physiology, Health, Kinesiology, and Physical Education. All students must take one semester of Physical Education each semester of their middle school years. Students may also choose from a large selection of after school programs in athletics and intramurals.

Each year Physical Education teachers work to improve the curriculum through brainstorming, research, professional development opportunities, and discussion with other professionals. Our goal is to help all students understand the importance, as well as the pleasure of, being physically fit

The health and fitness levels of your children are very important to us. That is why we try to make certain that all students are getting the physical fitness opportunities that meet their needs. We cannot, however, do this without your help. Participating in fitness activities with your children, talking about the importance of physical activity, and encouraging them to participate in extra-curricular fitness-based programs will ensure that they grow up to be healthy, active adults.

Sincerely,

The EWMS Physical Education Department



Music Notes

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ORCHESTRA

ORCHESTRA NEWS — Corinne Imboden

Students DO have a practice log due on Sunday, March 27 for the week of March 21-27. The site will go live on March 24 and close by March 28. If you traditionally turn in a paper practice log, it will be accepted ONLY on Friday, March 25 or Monday, April 4.

There is no required practice log due for the week of Spring Break. But when the spirit moves you to practice, be sure to get some time in on your instrument so that you will be ready for our Spring Concert.

Our final performance of the year is Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30pm. 6th, 7th and 8th grade orchestras, along with ESE and EW alumni, will perform on that mandatory concert.

ESE will rehearse on Wednesdays during Student Support on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 3. Since we have not even started our piece for that performance yet, it is really important that you attend all rehearsals.

BAND NOTES — Laura VanderHaeghen

The busy third quarter is behind us, and we are getting prepared for our end of the year band finale concert! This performance is on May 17th (the last Tuesday of the school year) at 6 PM in the East Gym, and involves all grade level bands as well as the jazz band. We are also inviting alumni as well as teachers and staff to play along with us on our final combined piece of the concert: *Back Home Again in Indiana*. Please contact me if you would like to play, or have an older child who would like to join us so that I can email you the music as soon as possible.

We will also be having our band fundraiser in April. Be on the lookout for information about this donation only fundraiser after we get back from spring break. These funds help the band program run smoothly, and are essential to the program.

All Star Jazz Band information was emailed through Skyward the week before break. The application deadline is April 5th, and rehearsals start April 13th. I hope your 7th or 8th grade student will consider applying!

And it's not too late to sign up for the Indy North Summer Band Clinic! The price goes up midway through May, so don't delay-I hope to see many Eastwood students there in June.

2016 INDY NORTH

SUMMER BAND CLINIC

June 20-24 North Central High School

8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. daily with a final concert in the NCHS Performing Arts Center on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of camp.



- Open to all current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at Eastwood MS, Northview MS, and Westlane MS, and non-Washington Township students with at least one full year of instruction on a band instrument (this includes Sycamore Students finishing 4th grade!)
- Experience playing as a full ensemble, work with specialists during sectionals and enjoy recreation time.
- All band members are encouraged to attend the camp. We have a great time playing music together, but it is also be a great opportunity to get to make some new friends.
- To register, simply complete the registration form online and submit payment to the address indicated on the form.

Questions?

Please contact Rick Granlund with all questions about the Indy North Summer Band Clinic.

rgranlund@madwt.k12.in.us
317-269-6355 ext. 45363

To register please visit our website:

<http://www.northcentralbands.com/>

Music Notes

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CHOIR CANON - Jennifer Shuck

It's hard to believe we are already in April! How quickly time is passing...

We had a very successful Contest Concert on March 16. All three of the choirs performed songs that were representative of the repertoire sung at ISSMA Organizational Contest. Thank you to those of you who attended the concert.

The 6th grade choir performed at ISSMA Organizational Contest on Saturday, March 19 at Belzer Middle School. They performed with poise, professionalism, and confidence. All three judges gave the choir a Gold Rating! Thank you to Robin Lybolt Wagner and Antonio Chapital for being incredible chaperones. Also, thank you Mr. Chapital for taking beautiful pictures throughout our day. Congrats to the 6th grade choir!



Our final concert of the year is on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 PM.
We look forward to seeing you there!

OFFICER'S BULLETIN

Hello Eastwood students, parents and staff.

I first would like for you to join me in a quick deep breath and reflection for the family, staff and the many students that were impacted by the sudden tragedy of Susan Jordan, Principal of Amy Beverland Elementary in the wake of the bus accident last week.

Please be aware that these types of accidents are extremely rare but it reminds us that accidents can and will happen at any time. However, in our efforts to always improve safety we are also reminded that it takes all of us to remain vigilant on safety and security, here are a few points to consider:



- Always operate with increased care and a defensive mind frame. Please be considerate of pedestrians, student drivers and the general school zone.
- There is a strictly enforced 25mph school zone.
- There is a strictly enforced 10 mph zone while on school property.
- Loading and drop off zones are the far right lane with the left lane being a passing lane only. This procedure is strictly enforced.
- Please follow the direction of the traffic and Law Enforcement officials at all time.
- Be patient. We all have places to be and places to go. Your time is no more valuable than the next persons.

PARENTS: I also encourage you to be active and involved in your child. I know society has created many barriers for us balancing work; school, friends, and many other events but stay active with your child. Question them. Challenge them. Be nosey. Be loving. Set standards.

I look forward to networking and continuing the communication with students, parents and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me fedwards@msdwt.k12.in.us for issues, praises or just to say hello. I also encourage you to contact me if there is an area of interest you would like for me to speak on such as truancy, gangs, drugs, juvenile law ect.



Busy PTO Bees



Hello Eastwood Families!

Prior to the holidays, the PTO sent an email asking you to support your school by doing what you do anyway -shopping! Many families did just that and it has been a great fundraiser for the PTO, so thank you for taking the time. As a reminder, you can support Eastwood by simply registering your Kroger and Marsh customer cards and your Target Red card using the links below (or copy the link into your browser if clicking doesn't work). For Marsh and Target a percentage of the proceeds will go to Eastwood. For Kroger, a percentage of the proceeds will go to the PTO. Below are the relevant links - you can just search for Eastwood Middle School by name.

KROGER: <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>

MARSH: <http://www.freshideasforeducation.com/cards/>

TARGET: If you're a redcard credit or debit holder, you can designate Eastwood here: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmutHxyjlq48%2BIHqzAFPvRjj%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJJKChjT8LUqnEiXjccfX%0AJRWy3V0ESQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/tcoe/home>.

As always, thank you for supporting Eastwood Middle School!
Sharlee Little and Shannon Farrell
PTO Co-Presidents

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!



My name is Kathy Sagarsee and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator for Eastwood.



Just a quick update on the progress of our Box Tops monthly drawings: to date, we have collected 3,400 Box Tops. That's \$340 to help fund activities and programs here at Eastwood. We will continue to hold monthly drawings until the end of the school year, so be sure to check the packaging of participating products before discarding and clip and submit those school supporting Box Tops. Ten cents might not seem like very much by its self, but when combined with hundreds of other Box Tops, it really adds up! February's gift card: McDonalds.

Good luck and
Happy Box Tops Clipping!

Teacher Tips

This pinwheel garden was planted by our own Eastwood students as part of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention.

Special thanks to Prevent Child Abuse Indiana and The Villages for providing the materials and allowing our students to make this visual reminder.



What's the BUZZ?

We need buzzers, please!

After years of being pushed and slapped and pounded, the buzzer systems for the Academic Pursuit teams are on their last click. We are seeking monetary donations to replace the vital buzzer systems for the team. Each system costs \$500, and we need three.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact:

Jean Gentry (jgentry@msdwt.k12.in.us) or

Kevin Jones (kjones@msdwt.k12.in.us) or

Jill Ware (jware@msdwt.k12.in.us)

for more information.

MATH STUDY TABLES

Every Wednesday, at least one Math teacher will be on duty after school to help any student struggling in Math.

The teacher on duty will be announced weekly.

This is in addition to our morning study sessions!

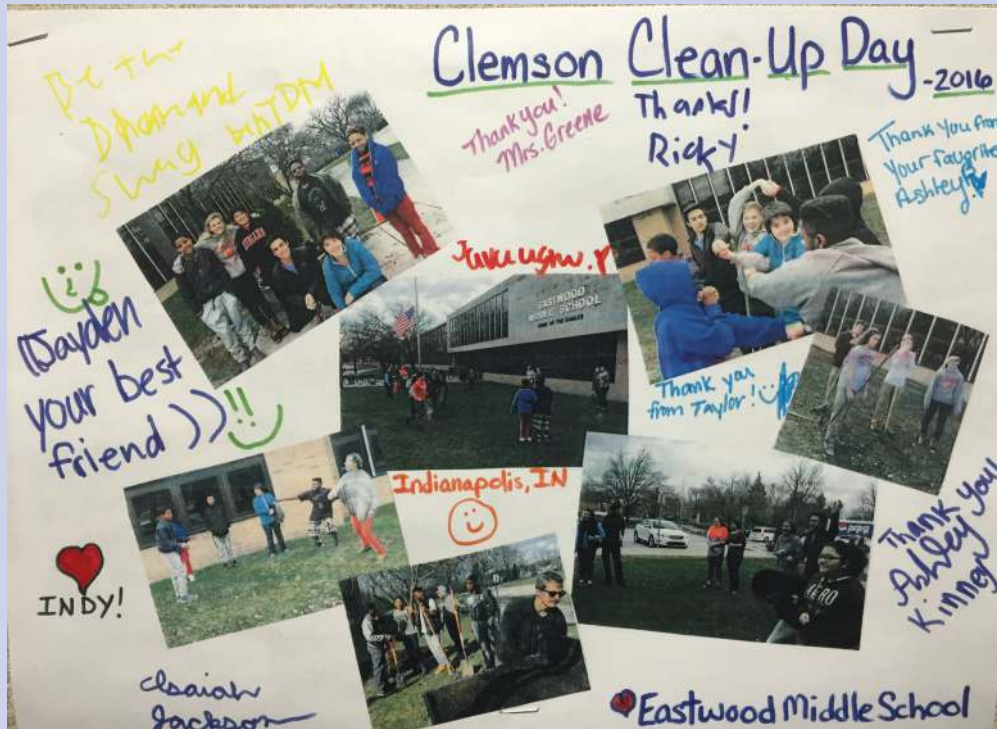
- Your EW Math Team

STUDENTS IN ACTION!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD GOES TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY!



STUDENTS IN ACTION!



CLEMSON CLEAN-UP DAY 2016!

Clemson and Eastwood students joined together and clean-up our grounds here at Eastwood! Our students learned a lot and made some friends along the way. Thank you Clemson!!

FUN IN DEVELOPMENTAL DESIGN!

Students in Mrs. Greene/Jacobson's DD class enjoyed playing a game of Jumbo Jenga!



Black History Month - Door Decoration Winner!

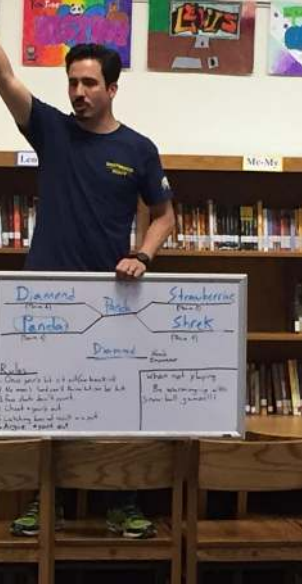
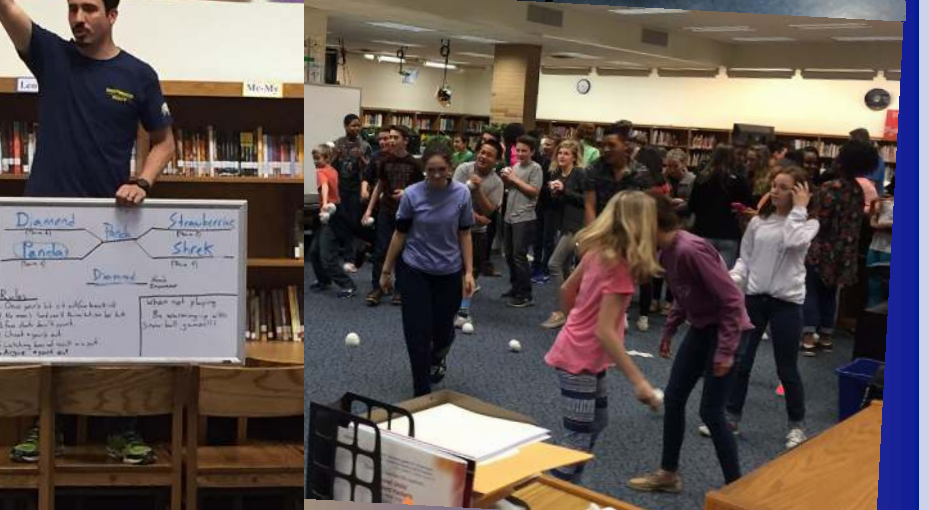
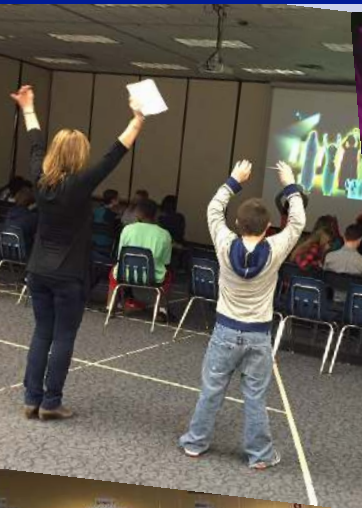
Congrats to Mrs. Grinnell's class for such a great job honoring our Black History!



STUDENTS IN ACTION!

FINO ACTIVITY DAY for 3rd Quarter!

We celebrated our student's success of turning in work with MARCH MADDNESS! They had a snowball fight, got henna tattoos, watched basketball movies, played games, danced, and so much more!



STAFF IN ACTION!

On the left: Mr. Tutin (grudgingly) supporting IU Basketball! GO HOOSIERS!

On the right: Officer Edwards being greeted outside by EW students in All-Star fashion as he came back into the school!

