



Eastwood Middle School  
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Eastwood M.S. Website



# Eagle News

March 2016

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## DATES TO REMEMBER!

### ISTEP Testing Window

March 1 - 4

### Softball Callouts

March 2

### Student vs. Faculty

### Basketball Game

March 7

### Winter Athletic Awards

March 9

### Great North Run

March 12

### NC Counselors meet with 8th Graders

March 14

### Track & Field Callouts

March 14

### All School Open House

March 15 @ 7pm

### Choir Contest Concert

March 16 @ 6pm

### Open Gym/Movie Night

March 18

### First Day of Spring

March 20

### EWMS PACERS NIGHT!

March 24

### Internet Safety Seminar

March 22 @ 5:45pm

## **SPRING BREAK**

March 28 - April 1

# Happy March, Eagles!



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



CONGRATS to  
DOMINIC MITCHELL  
for winning the BOX TOPS  
Drawing this month!!



# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Eastwood Community,

It is beginning to look like Spring... Finally!

With each spring we have many events and schedules of which to be aware.

- ISTEP+ extended response (Round one) begins this week. All grade levels will test on Tuesday (3/1), Wednesday (3/2) and Thursday (3/3) mornings. The rest of the day will be an alternative schedule that will allow students to see Blue classes on Tuesday and Thursday and Gold classes on Wednesday and Friday. ISTEP comes with a level of anxiety for students and school staff. We want all students to take a deep breath, focus, and do their best. We know that if they are doing their best, it will be great. While it is an important test, it is only one test that does not tell us everything for a student and their unique abilities. The window for the second round of ISTEP+ testing will be April 18-May 6 for your planning purposes. As we narrow our building schedule we will communicate it with families.
- The PTO Spring Fundraiser will kick off Friday, March 4 during Developmental Design classes for all students. This fundraiser is a "Mixed Bag" celebration and has many wonderful opportunities to make a purchase to support the Eastwood Middle School PTO. The PTO supports many events throughout the year for students as well as grants for teacher ideas and projects for students. Orders will be due back to Eastwood on March 18. Thank you for your support!
- Clemson University students will be present at Eastwood on March 15, 16, and 17 as part of their spring break service. The students will work with our students in grounds beautification as well as positive young adult role models for our students. We will need some assistance for borrowing tools... if you are able to loan gardening equipment please click this link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AEAA22A2F85-eastwood>
- Quarter 3 report cards will be available on Skyward on March 18.
- The FINO (Failure is Not an Option) program is continuing strong through the spring semester! The district supports this initiative for our students and will continue to do so through the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you all for your support of this important program. It has changed the conversation and expectations for work completion with our students. They feel more successful when they can participate effectively with each class. The FINO party is coming soon! The FINO celebration for students will be on March 25. (The schedule that week will be Blue/Gold/Blue/Gold/FINO party schedule.) This is a wonderful way to celebrate all of the hard work that students put in throughout the quarter. Thank you to all our PTO volunteers who have assisted with snacks for students and volunteer hours. We still need volunteers! If you are able to assist, please call Natasha Mikus at 259-5401, ext. 21103.

Thank you for your continued support of Eastwood Middle School,  
Natasha Mikus (ext. 21103)      James Tutin (ext. 21104)

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The first round of ISTEP will be March 1-4. Students will test on the following dates:

**Tuesday, March 1** – Math and Language Arts, all grades

**Wednesday, March 2** – Language Arts, all grades

**Thursday, March 3** – Science – grade 6; Social Studies, grade 7

**Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will take a pilot test for Language Arts during their Individuals and Societies classes. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take a pilot test over math in their Science classes.

**ATTENTION 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS! The dates below are important dates to know as you prepare for high school!**

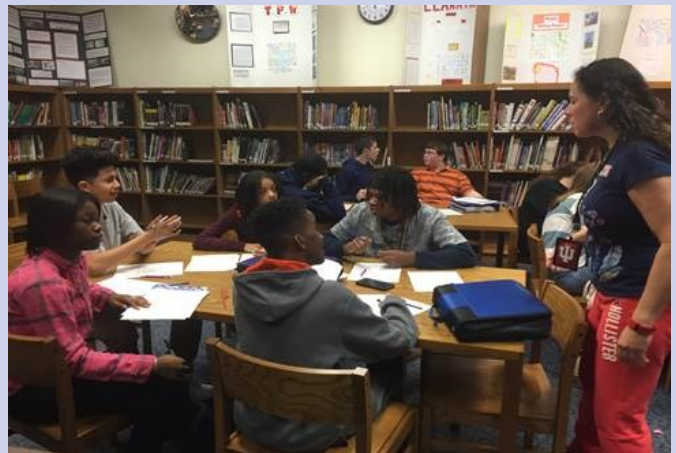
**Monday, March 14, 2016** – *Individual Student Meetings at Eastwood*

North Central guidance counselors will meet with students for 10-minute meetings to discuss their course request sheets and the transition to high school. Students will be assigned a meeting time and will receive passes.

**Monday, April 11, 2016** - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders tour North Central

Students tour North Central, listen to speakers and have a question and answer session with high school students and counselors.

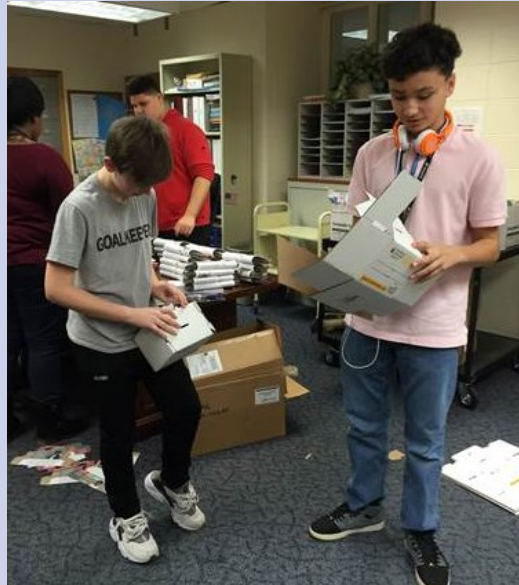
8th grade students completed their course request forms with our counseling interns, Mrs. Palmer and Ms. Wells. If your child has not yet submitted his or her course request, please turn it in to Mrs. Franklin or Mrs. Hopkins as soon as possible. They were due February 18!





# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Our Pennies For Patients campaign will kick off immediately following ISTEP and will continue to spring break. Students can donate through their Developmental Design (DD) class. The money we raise will be given to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. Our office helpers helped to assemble the boxes that will be in classrooms.



## Starfish Initiative:

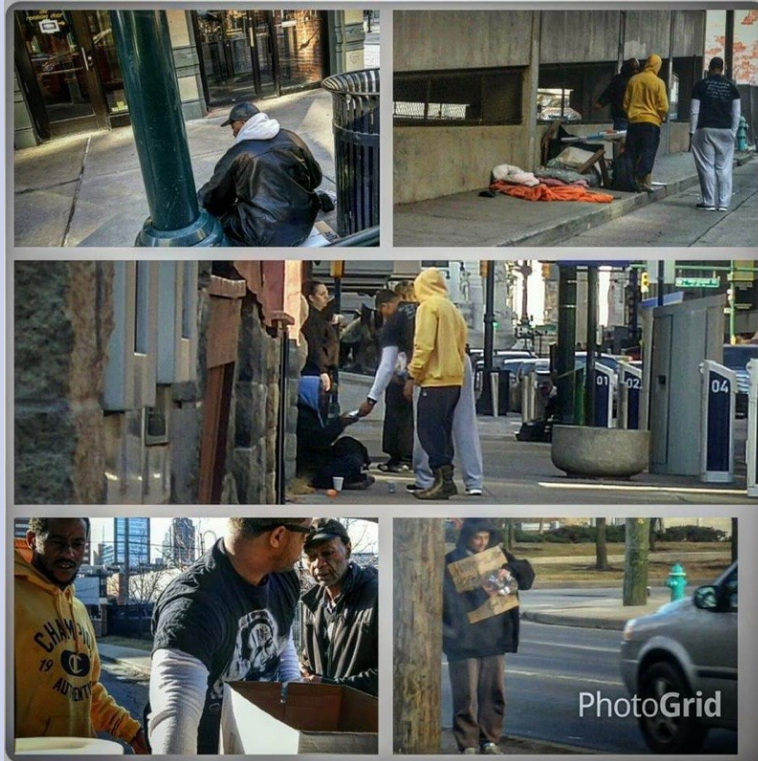
Nancy Rairdon, a representative from the Starfish Initiative, came to speak with a select group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars, the benefits of having a mentor in high school and the roads they can travel with a college education.



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## National Junior Honor Society Community Service:

NJHS members raised money through electronics for lunch and hat day to purchase toiletries, hats, gloves and hand warmers for our homeless population in downtown Indy. A community member came to pick up the items and distributed them with his organization on Sunday.



Athletics: Several Eastwood girls participated in the North Central Cheer Clinic! They worked with high school cheerleaders for a day and then performed during halftime at a varsity basketball game.



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars



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

The 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges)

21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars please visit the website at [www.scholars.in.gov](http://www.scholars.in.gov)

**Don't Delay! Enroll Online TODAY at**  
**[www.scholars.in.gov](http://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.



## SKYWARD

Need assistance accessing Skyward?  
Having trouble logging in?

If so, please email:  
[skyward@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:skyward@msdwt.k12.in.us)  
or visit [sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/skyward/category/parents/](http://sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/skyward/category/parents/) for additional info!

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



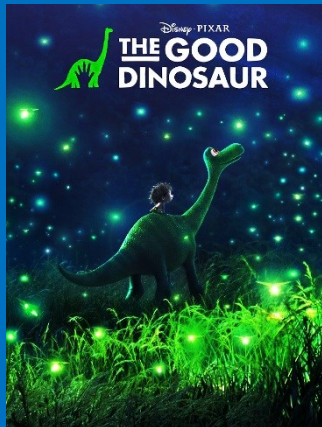
Eastwood's Lost and Found is purged and donated at the end of every midterm and quarter! Please tell your child to be sure to check the bins before this deadline!

# EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



## Open Gym/Movie Night

Friday, March 18th  
6:30pm – 9:00pm  
feat. The Good Dinosaur



Welcome Eastwood Families,  
Please be sure to visit our  
March Edition of the  
Eastwood Athletic  
Newsletter, by visiting:

[https://www.smore.com/  
kxpjp](https://www.smore.com/kxpjp)

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](mailto: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

CHOIR



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## ORCHESTRA NEWS — Corinne Imboden

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra gave a wonderful concert on Thursday, February 25. Three pieces were performed in the LGI for a large audience of parents, grandparents and friends. BRAVO!!!!

ISSMA Organization Contest for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra students is upon us. As soon as Ms. Imboden knows performance times, she will post it on the Eastwood Orchestra website and on Skyward and will send home an information sheet with details. We know we will be playing on Friday, March 18 at Northview Middle School but our times are not yet available. May 10 is the final orchestra concert of the year for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestras. Hope to see you there.

## BAND NOTES — Laura VanderHaeghen

Thanks to everyone who came out to a band performance in February! We had a lot going on, and there are more performances coming up in March as well.

The school open house is March 15th, and the jazz band will perform during this time in the cafeteria. Be on the lookout for information about when we will be playing.

The 8th grade band has two performances as we work up to ISSMA organizational contest. ISSMA organizational contest is the band equivalent to ISTEP, and is a very important event for our students. March 14th is the district middle school ISSMA preview concert. The advanced bands from Northview, Westlane, and Eastwood will all perform in the Northview auditorium at 8 PM. Students are expected to stay for the entire performance. This is a great opportunity to hear other similar bands from across the district and perform on the stage where we will have ISSMA contest on Friday, March 18th. Both concerts are free and open to the public, so come out to support our 8th grade students!

It is time to start thinking about summer plans, and I hope you will consider sending your students to the Indy North Summer Band Clinic June 20-24 at North Central High School. This is a wonderful opportunity for students with at least one year of playing experience to work on full band and small ensemble skills, as well as make some new friends from across MSDWT. All township band directors as well as Mrs. Granlund, Director of Bands at the Sycamore School, teach at this camp, and we have historically had a large number of Eastwood students participate. You can sign up online by visiting: [http://www.northcentralbands.com/North\\_Indy\\_Band\\_Clinic.php](http://www.northcentralbands.com/North_Indy_Band_Clinic.php)

See the flyer on next page for more information.

Information about the MSDWT All Star Middle School Jazz Band will be coming out around spring break. This is an opportunity for 8th grade, and advanced 7th grade, students to perform in a honors jazz band made up of students from across the district at the spring Jazz Café in May with the North Central High School jazz program. This event is a lot of fun, and I encourage your 8th grade band students to consider applying for this wonderful group!



# 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](mailto: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

We are very busy in the Choral Department! We're down to just a few rehearsals left before our Contest Concert on March 16. A half sheet of information was sent home with your student regarding this concert and contest. Just in case you need another copy, here is the information... (PLEASE note the grade demarcations!)

### IMPORTANT SAVE-THE-DATE

#### 6th Grade Eastwood Choir

*What?* Contest Concert  
*When?* Wednesday, **March 16**  
*Time?* Performance begins at 6:00 PM  
(Students report at 5:30 PM)  
*Where?* Eastwood West Gym  
*Dress Code?* Concert black and white  
*Required?* **YES!**

Questions??? Email Miss Shuck at [jshuck@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jshuck@msdwt.k12.in.us) or give her a call at 317.259.5401, ext. 21122

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The ISSMA Organizational performance scheduled for *Saturday, March 19* on your original "2015-2016 Calendar of Choir Events" **is still occurring** for 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir.

We won't have specific times until closer to the date, but PLEASE save it on your calendar!

### IMPORTANT SAVE-THE-DATE

#### 7th and 8th Grade Eastwood Choirs

*What?* Contest Concert  
*When?* Wednesday, **March 16**  
*Time?* Performance begins at 6:00 PM  
(Students report at 5:30 PM)  
*Where?* Eastwood West Gym  
*Dress Code?* Concert black and white  
*Required?* **YES!**

Questions??? Email Miss Shuck at [jshuck@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jshuck@msdwt.k12.in.us) or give her a call at 317.259.5401, ext. 21122

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The ISSMA Organizational performance scheduled for *Saturday, March 19* on your original "2015-2016 Calendar of Choir Events" is **no longer occurring** for 7th and 8th grade choirs.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the concert,  
please contact Miss Shuck!

# OFFICER'S BULLETIN



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](mailto: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.



Internet  
Safety

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Tuesday, March 22, 2016 : 5:45 pm-7:00 pm

Eastwood Middle School (LGI)







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# Busy PTO Bees



For more information: [http://  
fundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.  
com](http://fundraiser.mixedbagdesigns.com)

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**Next Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00pm**

All parents and caregivers are invited! Please join us! This month we will hear from the Master Facilities Planning Committee and its recommendations for our district. It is critical that all stakeholders in our community, *especially parents*, are aware of the status of our facilities, understand what we need for improvements and how we can reduce overcrowding at our schools. We will also get an update from Dr. Woodson and our School Board liaisons. After the Master Facilities update and feedback session, parents will have a chance to break out into committees (Teacher Collaboration, Public Policy, etc). Since we have a School Board Election coming up in November, please note that the School Board Candidate Committee will be starting up again. We will need dedicated parents to start planning now for our endorsement process, which will take place at the beginning of next school year. All are welcome to attend!

#### **Master Facilities Planning Committee Feedback Session**

**CHANGE OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS...IMPROVED CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS...BETTER SAFETY & SECURITY...REMOVE TRAILERS.**

The community-based Master Facilities Planning Committee (comprised of parents, business owners, teachers, students, residents without students in our schools and administrators) heard your concerns through the strategic planning process last semester. They have spent months reviewing, listening to feedback, and researching solutions that will propel Washington Township Schools into the future. The committee has also been working hard to develop solutions for our school facility issues in Washington Township. There is a recommendation from the committee that they need community input on prior to finalizing a recommendation for the School Board. Don't miss your opportunity to learn about the possible facility solutions and to give your input. We could not have superior schools without a supportive community!

**Meeting location:** H. Dean Evans (CEC) 8500 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.

**Website:** [www.msdwtparentcouncil.org](http://www.msdwtparentcouncil.org)

**Facebook Page:** <http://www.facebook.com/msdwtparentcouncil>

**Twitter:** MSDWT\_Parents

**E-mail:** [admin@msdwtparentcouncil.org](mailto:admin@msdwtparentcouncil.org)

# 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=cQcHDksCxxhgmUtHxyjlq48%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!

take a night off from cooking and enjoy some  
***Pizza & Pasta with Personality***



**Tuesday, March 15th**

4PM TO CLOSE • DINE-IN, CARRYOUT OR DELIVERY

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Present this flyer when you pay and Eastwood Middle School  
will receive 20% of the total amount you spend

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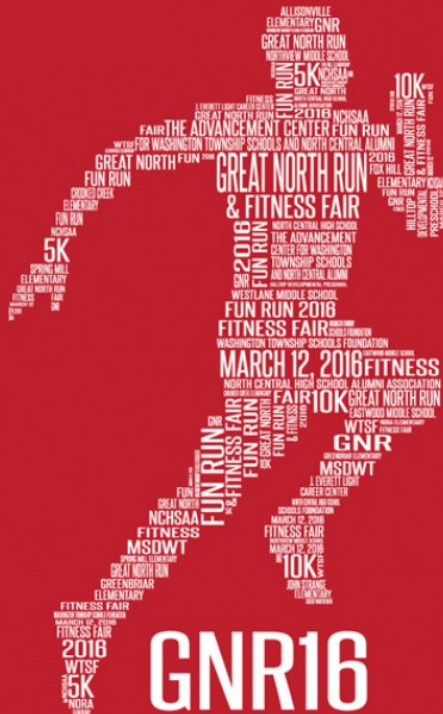
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# Teacher Tips

## Great North Run 2016



The Great North Run is a 10K, 5K & Fun Run through the North Central High School campus and surrounding neighborhoods. The registration fee includes recovery station with food and a fitness fair. All events are open to all walkers and runners. Elementary school children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The run will be held on March 12, 2016.  
Start time for the 10K is 9AM - Start time for the 5K is 9:20AM and Start time for the Fun Run is 9:25AM

For Registration and more information, please visit:

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=121716#top](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=121716#top)

## Eastwood Grounds Beautification

Who: Eastwood Students and Clemson Students

What: Grounds Beautification

Where: Eastwood

When: The week of March 14th

Needed: Your shovels, rakes, hoes, tillers, wheelbarrows, etc. (temporarily)

- Last March, a group of 12 - 15 Clemson students came to Eastwood Middle School to spend time helping beautify our building and grounds. It was a great experience for our building and our students. This year, another group will be visiting to offer the same assistance to our grounds. One of the things that made last year's experience so successful was the number of garden tools that our families had lent to Eastwood and we are counting on you again to assist us in temporarily donating your shovels, rakes, hoes, tillers, wheelbarrows, etc.
- If you are able, please sign up and bring in your designated tools to the front desk. Also, please complete the labels when you drop off your items so we can tag your items. It is most important that we get these items back to you when we are finished with them. Please have any items brought in by Monday, March 14th.

Many thanks,  
James Tutin

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444aeaa22a2f85-eastwood>

# Teacher Tips

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

*Do you have a green thumb?  
Are you interested in supporting the community garden project  
here at Eastwood?*

We are excited to announce that we have received district approval for our garden site, and that 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be designing the space in their math classes (thanks Ms. Isaacson and Mr. Camp)

We are looking for donations of flower seeds, gardening gloves, and hand tools (trowels, spades, rakes).

We will gladly accept gently used garden items too.

We will hold a Community Garden meeting in March, watch the newsletter for details.

**Please contact Mrs. Merrill at [dmerrill@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:dmerrill@msdwt.k12.in.us) or 259.5401 x. 21138 for additional information.**

Remember, creating opportunities for students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real world situations is what IB is all about!

## **LAST CHANCE TO RECEIVE A 2015-2016 YEARBOOK!**

Don't miss out! March 31st is the final deadline to guarantee a copy of the 2015-2016 Eastwood Yearbook. Order forms are available at the Eastwood front desk or you can order online at [jostenyearbooks.com](http://jostenyearbooks.com). The cost is \$25.

Make the memories from this year last forever!

## **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](mailto:jgentry@msdwt.k12.in.us)) or

Kevin Jones ([kjones@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:kjones@msdwt.k12.in.us)) or

Jill Ware ([jware@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto: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.

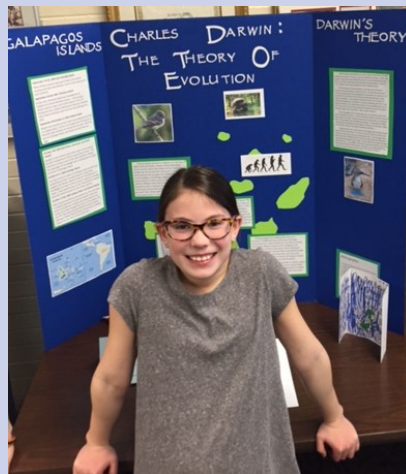
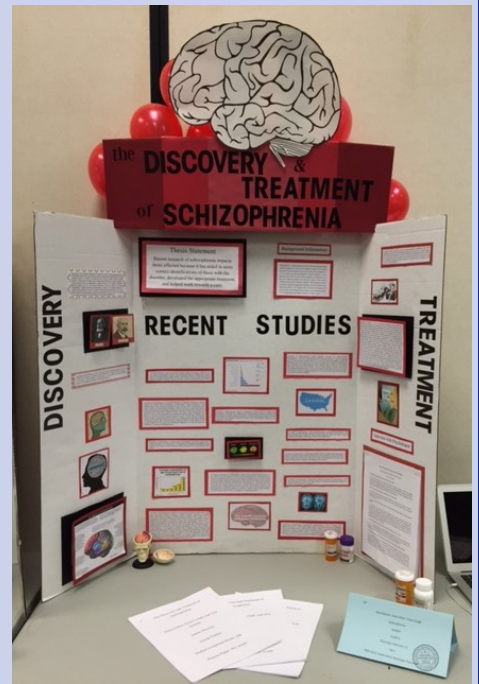
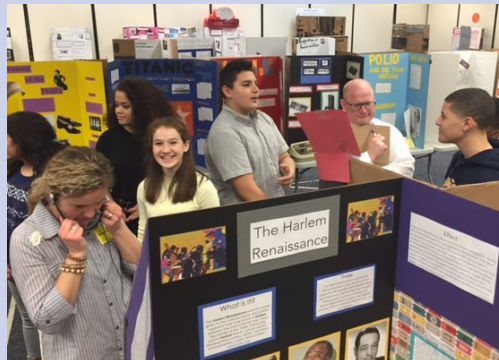
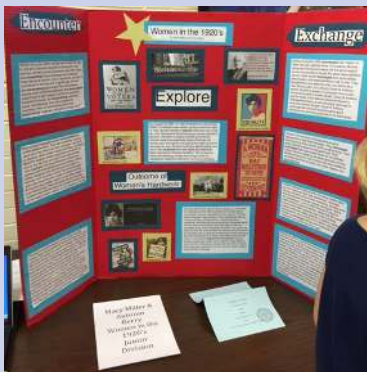
This is in addition to our morning study sessions!

- Your EW Math Team

# STUDENTS IN ACTION!

## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

On February 11 and 12, over 230 Eastwood students in their Individuals and Societies classes participated in National History Day. Students worked for months researching a chosen topic that related to the theme: Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange. Choosing from a performance, paper, exhibit, documentary, or website, students were able to create an authentic project using primary and secondary sources. Judges from the district office, other schools, and universities came in to give students feedback and evaluate their work. Students were interviewed and presented their projects. Winners will have the opportunity to participate in the regional NHD fair March 12 at IUPUI.





# STUDENTS IN ACTION!

## National History Day WINNERS!

### 6th Grade Exhibits:

1st- Amy Harrison  
2nd- Ellen Shepard and Rilee Feeney  
3rd- Alie Lewis  
Honorable Mention- Sophia Knoll,  
Isabel Knoll, Caleb Serban

### 6th Grade Documentary:

1st- Olivia Puckett and Lili Paynter  
2nd- Mona Strodman, Beatrice Ladron  
de Guevara, and Zora Wilcher  
3rd- Victoria Chapital

### 6th Grade Websites:

1st- Kati Roscetti  
2nd- Will Cromer, Jack Strabala, and  
Max Wilson  
3rd- Austin Steigman

### 7th Grade Exhibits:

1st- Aidan Hamilton and William Knoll  
2nd- Nataja Ford and Sophia Burge  
3rd- Aniya Liggin  
Honorable Mention- Sacha Bullock

### 7th Grade Documentary:

1st- Jason Lewis  
2nd- Molly Hampton and Gabrielle Blazek

### 7th Grade Websites:

1st- Brett Barnhart and Jack Totleben  
2nd- Emma Gage  
3rd- Zoe Larrimer and Mary Jia Bassett  
Honorable Mention- Krishan Coffman,  
Luke Naas, and Andrei Petrusca

### 8th Grade Exhibits:

1st- Malia Denney, Sally Jones, and  
Claudia Buddenbaum  
2nd- Daniel Ceglio and Ben Palladino  
3rd- Caleigh Brewer and Lexi Danielson  
Honorable Mention- Drew Hohe

### 8th Grade Documentary:

1st- Gabriela Bell, Laila Hamid, and Avery  
Walker  
2nd- Maggie Maquire, Megan Zoller, and  
Anna Scapone  
3rd- Lorien Donovan  
Honorable Mention- Nathan Day and  
Andy Swisher

### 8th Grade Websites:

1st- Ivory Gichohi  
2nd- Brian Sagarsee

### NHD Performances:

1st- Emma Vermillion and Sarah Fencel  
2nd- Sarah Dilley, Breanna Brooks,  
Demiah Lockett, and Camille Dobbs  
3rd- William Zinn, Mira Stonebraker,  
Kelsery Rose, and Ella Buckner

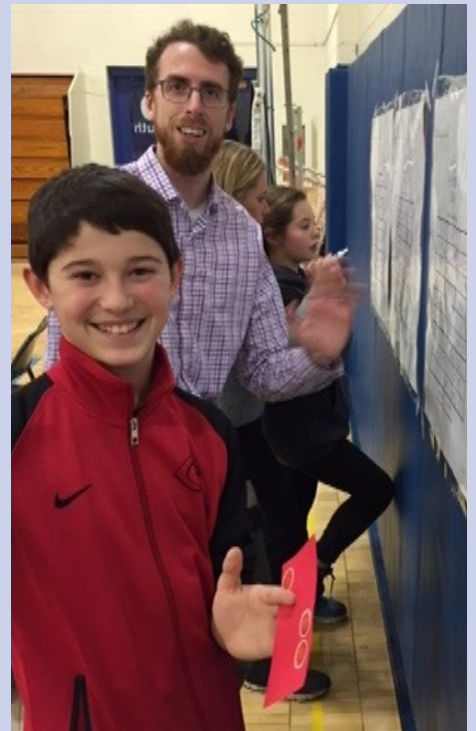
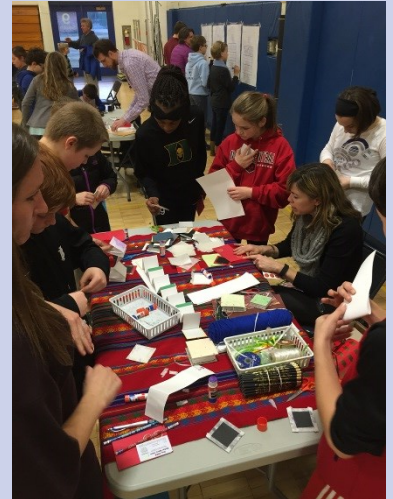
### NHD Paper:

1st- Sam Nemeth

# STUDENTS IN ACTION!

## Eastwood Family Night!

Eastwood Middle School's Family night last Thursday was a huge success! We had an increase of students, parents, teachers, fun and prizes! The pizza, giveaways and atmosphere were outstanding. Families had the opportunity to: make slime, play bingo for books, learn about probability and percentages, get their hands on geometry puzzles, learn about the election, and create artistic bookmarks, and so much more! We were able to provide 3 kindle fires, hundreds of dollars in gift certificates, books, pencils and packages. It was a fun and energetic learning experience for all!





# STUDENTS IN ACTION!

## SPANISH CONTEST!

Eastwood's State Spanish Team did very well at the State Spanish Contest this past Saturday Feb. 27.

Team members placed in many categories, including:

Time and Numbers: Bo Marker 4th place, Danae Ingemi and Emma Vermillion 3rd place

Dance: Jaky Rodriguez, Maddie Watkins, Dayonna Slaughter, Ellie Marker, Mariah Hill, 4th place

Toro Trivia: Jailyn Hardin, Ashley Hibbard, Sam Seybert, and Caleb Serban, 4th place

Non-Native Recitation: Anna Myers 4th place and Macy Miller 3rd place

Scrambled Sentences: Katherine Egan 5th place

Vocal Music: Lucy Neal and Jackie Gundaker, 4th place

Native Recitation: Beatrice Ladron de Guevara and Josselin Sanchez 1st place,  
Jaky Rodriguez 2nd place

Skit: Adeline Lindsay, Max Moreno, Brooke Banta, Bo Marker, Julia Stover, Maddie Watkins,  
Casidy Schenk, Audrey Eikenberry, Ellie Marker, and Zoe Larrimer 3rd place

Spelling Bee: Jackson Hahn 3rd place

Native Spelling Bee: Jaky Rodriguez 1st place and Josselin Sanchez 2nd place

Poster: Malia Denney 1st place, Lilly Rains 5th place

Other participants to be recognized for their hard work include Sarah Dilley in poster, as well as Zora Wilcher, Heather Wright, Nathan Day, Ellen Shepard, Kobe Harris, Garen Meinerding, and Ethan Courtney

**Eastwood took 3rd place Middle School overall in the State! Way to go Eagles!!**





# STUDENTS IN ACTION!

7th Grade Field Trip to the Children's Museum!





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Marion County Academic Pursuit Championship - Our 7th Grade team were runners-up! Congrats on your hard work!



A group of EW students started a fundraiser to help support the Davey Blackburn family. Amazing work, gentlemen!

