



Eagle News

Eastwood Middle School
"Home of the Eagles"



Eastwood M.S. Website



DECEMBER 2015

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

8th Grade Dance

December 4

Five Below Event

December 5 & 6

8th Grade Orchestra

@ Artsgarden

December 10

Jazz/Pep Band @ WL

December 10

District Open House

December 10

Winter Concert

December 15

FINO Celebration

December 17

WINTER BREAK

Dec 17 - Jan 1

First Day of Winter

December 22

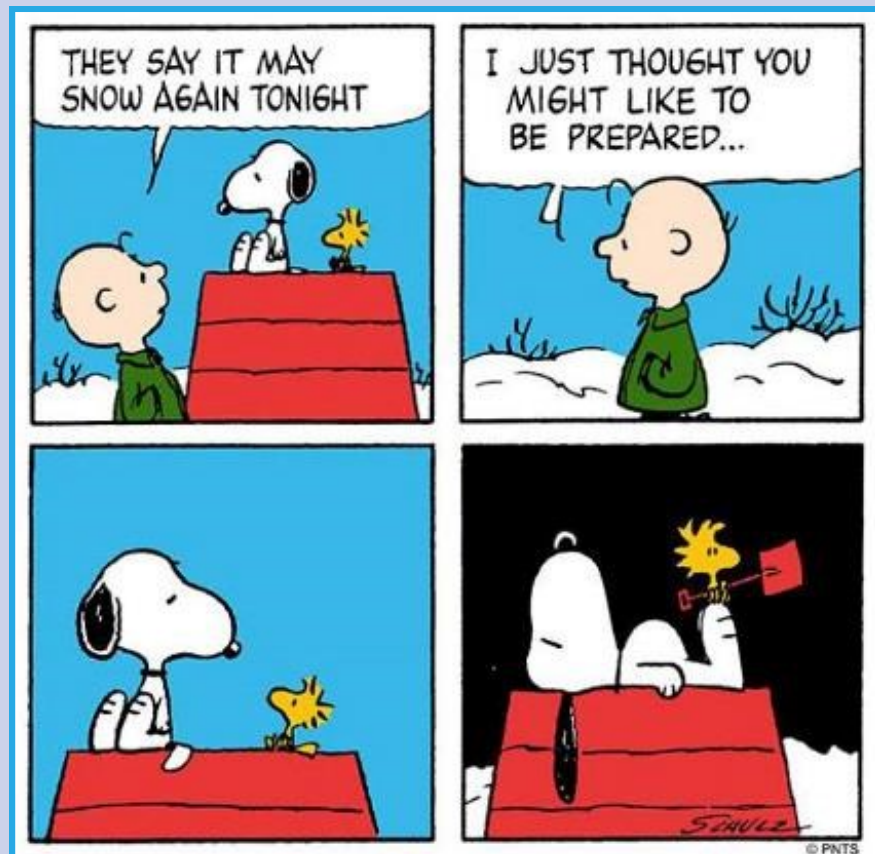
New Year's Eve

December 31

Full School Calendar

[www.msdt.k12.in.us/
ew/events/](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/ew/events/)

Happy December, Eagles!



CONGRATS to
JACK STRABALA
for winning the BOX TOPS
Drawing this month!!

BUZZ!!!

Click the picture to find
out how to help us get
new buzzers!



From the Principal's Desk

Hello Eastwood Middle School Families,

I hope each and every one of you had a pleasant Thanksgiving and that your children enjoyed the week long break. As we turn the corner to completion of this first semester, we have a number of tasks to complete including NWEA Winter Benchmark Assessments, summative assessments for content classes, and ensuring that students are mindful of completing quality work and submitting it on time.

This is also the time of year that we see an increase in illnesses due to flu and other viruses. Thanks to parents and guardians on working with our nurse to get 96% of our vaccination records in compliance with the state requirements, allowing students to attend classes after Thanksgiving break. Communication with all the various systems, requirements, and resulted in our non-compliance list going from an initial count of over 400 down to just 36. A big shout out to Mrs. Bonita Richardson, clinic nurse, for leading this effort!

Our goal is to ensure students stay healthy both physically and academically as well as socially and emotionally throughout this semester and holiday season. Please continue to have discussions with your child about his/her responsibility of contributing to the overall success of Eastwood Middle School by actively demonstrating the IB Learner Profile Traits.

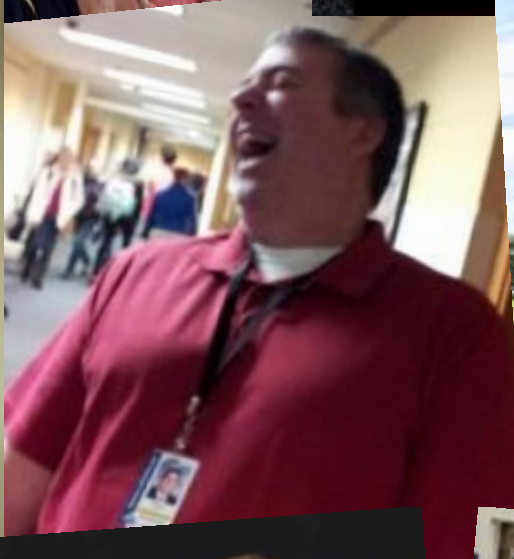
Just a reminder that the final week before Winter Break is a four day week for students. That is, their final day of school is December 17th and teachers' final day for the semester is December 18th. School will resume on January 4th. As previously communicated, Mr. Tutin and Mrs. Mikus will assume the principal role in a co-interim capacity with the start of second semester and Mr. Hon, who retired as the EWMS AP/AD, is returning for second semester. As the transition moves forward, you can anticipate additional information.

Thank you to the parents and students who have provided their well wishes in my new endeavors. I will take many Eastwood memories with me and appreciate the opportunity I have been afforded here to work with your children, the staff, parents, and community.

Best to each of you, happy holidays, and hope for a wonderful new year!

Nathan Day

Good Luck, Mr. Day!



Farewell, Mrs. Deckard!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Bully Prevention: Sixth graders received a course in Bullysafe through their PE and Reading classes in November. Students were able express concerns to counselors and to teach each other how to respond to bullies, how to be helpful witnesses and bully prevention.

7th grade students received their bully prevention lesson through their math classes. Students discussed the importance of bystanders, how to inform adults and teachers and the difference between conflict and bullying.

8th graders had bully prevention lessons in their Science classes with Mrs. Mikus and Mr. Tutin. Students had the opportunity to learn from administrators and to voice their concerns.

Careers: 8th grade students completed two career assessments with Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Franklin in their Individuals and Societies classes. One assessment revealed a list of careers that matched their interests. The other assessment gave students a list of careers that matched their skills. If you would like more information, please log onto www.indianacareerexplorer.org. Your student's username is his or her student ID number; the password is his or her last name in all capital letters.

7th grade students will complete a career interest inventory the first week of December in their PE and Reading classes. This inventory is called "Drive of Your Life." Look for students to bring home a copy of their driver's license with possible careers!

6th grade students completed a learning styles interest inventory and a career party to explore possible careers. Students were able to talk about careers they have already considered and discover possibilities they had never heard of.

Community Service: There is so much going on at Eastwood Middle School!

- Electronic lunch benefitting Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving dinner. Students donate \$1 to use electronic devices during lunch. This event was sponsored by Eastwood's Young Professionals Development Group.

- Our annual canned food drive will be held from Monday, November 30 – Friday, December 11. Students should bring in canned goods that will be donated to Second Presbyterian Church which houses a food pantry utilized by Washington Township families. We are looking for all types of non-perishable food items: baby food, canned milk, pasta, rice, soup, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, etc. This event is sponsored by National Junior Honor Society

- Students will be able to donate \$1 to wear pajamas or hats on designated days to help to purchase toiletries and socks for homeless people in downtown Indianapolis. This is sponsored by National Junior Honor Society and Multicultural Scholars.

21st Century Scholars: 7th and 8th grade students are HIGHLY encouraged to register for 21st Century Scholars. This initiative is sponsored by the state of Indiana and guarantees financial help with college tuition. To apply, please go to www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/ To register, families will need social security numbers for adults and students and financial information. Completing the application takes about 5 minutes, but it could be worth \$20,000 in college assistance!

National Junior Honor Society: Congratulations to all 68 National Junior Honor Society members who were inducted after fall break. In our first meeting, students elected their peers to serve in leadership roles. Jaylen Wilkins was elected president, Mariah Hill was elected Vice President, Sean Oldham was elected Treasurer and Roy McDowell was elected Secretary. Each student is learning to serve in each role.

Mix It Up Day: Ms. Palmer, School Counseling intern, coordinated efforts to celebrate National Mix It Up day by having several lessons during Developmental Design about stereotyping and breaking down walls and barriers. The culminating event was that we "mixed it up" at lunch. Students were given numbers and had to sit at different tables with different people. During lunch, they had a bingo to complete which helped them to meet new friends and to learn new things about old ones.

College Go! Week: Ms. Wells, School Counseling intern, coordinated our College Go! Week. Each Developmental Design class picked a college, learned facts about that university and decorated the classroom door as a sign for that school. The winning classes were Ms. Sullivan in eighth grade, Mrs. Arnold in seventh grade and Mr. Vinton in sixth grade. Students were also encouraged to complete their 21st Century Scholars applications.

At our first quarter honors ceremony on October 27, we were honored to have former students and current high school seniors Shelise McElroy, Luke Haag and Jayna Ratcliff. Each of them shared about their amazing experiences at North Central and the wonderful opportunities that are ahead of them.

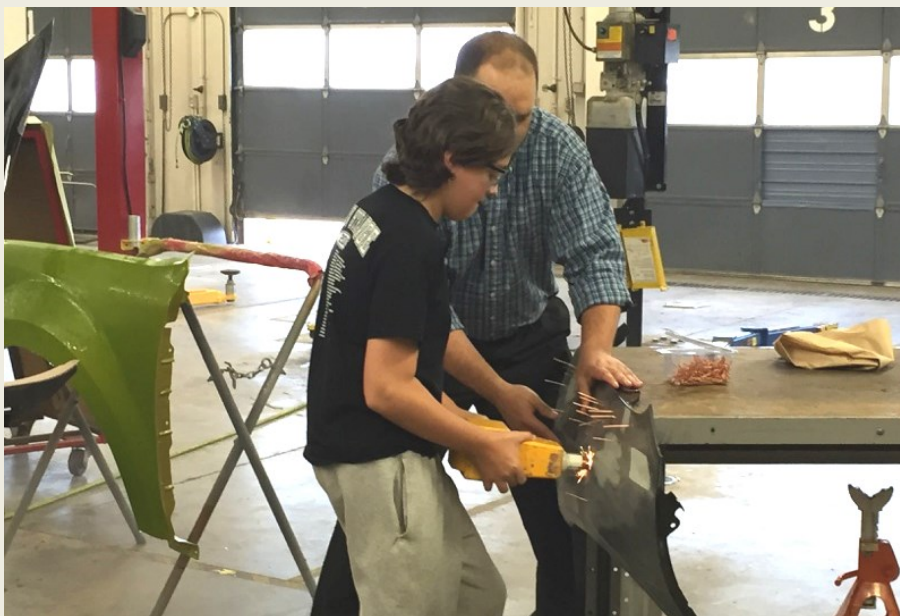
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8th graders went to the J. Everett Light Career Center on Tuesday, November 17. They had presentations on all of the programs of study offered there. Students may enroll in programs in their 11th and 12th grade years. Upon successful completion of program requirements, they will be fully certified to enter the workforce. They may also receive college credit through either Vincennes University or Ivy Tech.

Students in the cosmetology program do polish changing for two of our 8th grade students:



Students were able to participate in hands on activities during the auto detailing and collision presentations. Andrew learned how to fasten nails to sheet metal:



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John was able to start an engine jet:



Caleigh won a tire gauge and learned how to check tire pressure:



Zach was able to practice spray painting a car:



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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



Martin F. Hill, Ph.D.
(Gallahue)—School Based Therapist

Dear Eastwood Parents,

Hello and good day. I hope this memo finds you well and in good health. I trust the school year is off to a successful start. I know each student is planning for a year full of achievement and along the way may face some challenges and need support creating solutions to these challenges. Knowing that you have a support network focused on the success of the students is vital as each of us plays an important role in each student's personal and academic development. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and provide some insight on how I will collaborate with you to help your child achieve.

My name is Martin F. Hill, Sr. I am the new Community Health Network School-Based Therapist for Eastwood Middle School. I have a sincere passion to see students be successful and my vision of student success centers on "teachable moments." I desire to be in a position to help a student grow/develop and acquire the skills to overcome a challenge or barrier. My means of assisting students are through mental health supportive services. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Indiana University-Bloomington, a Master of Arts in Counseling from Michigan State University, and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Michigan State University. My work experience has included working in University Counseling Centers, working with children and adolescents dealing with behavioral concerns through Community Mental Health agencies, and working as a Management Consultant and Leadership Trainer.

Knowing "It takes a village to raise a child", my role is to support the student working closely with the family, teachers, and staff here at Eastwood Middle School. It takes commitment and dedication to help students learn, and my role is to assist when and where I can. I am focused on being a proactive partner and want to provide my services to help the students grow and reach their true potential. Here are ways you can reach me:

Voicemail: 621-2129

Email: MHill2@community.com

Visit the officer here in Eastwood Middle School

If you feel there is a need for my support to help your child be successful, feel free to refer them for services or ask for a referral from their counselor Mrs. Franklin or Mrs. Hopkins.

Sincerely,

Martin F. Hill, Ph.D.

Eagle Express!

Join Us

... FOR A WINTER OPEN HOUSE

Celebration!

December 10, 2015 3-6:00 P.M.

H. Dean Evans Community & Education Center
8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.

International themed hors d'oeuvres & entertainment

On behalf of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township we invite you to a celebration of students, parents, staff and our supportive community. Families and children are welcome. We hope to see you there! - *Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent*



Eastwood

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check us out on
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Twitter!



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!

Busy PTO Bees



SAVE THE DATE!

*8th Grade Dance
December 4, 2015
6:30-9pm LGI*

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this fun event please contact Heidi Gessner at 317 590 0290 or Heidi.gessner@ovsco.com

FIVE BELOW

On Saturday December 5 and Sunday December 6, you can shop at Five Below and 10% of your purchase will go to the Eastwood PTO. This is good all day, both days. You must bring the physical flyer with you as the store writes on the fliers to calculate the amount owed Eastwood. Eastwood will not get credit if you show the flyer on your phone. You can print the fliers from the attachment sent in our email blast. Fliers will also be handed out at home basketball games and will be at the front desk at school. We will send you a reminder right before the weekend of the Five Below event.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

With the holiday season approaching, the PTO wants you to know how you can support your school by doing what you do anyway - shopping! Simply register your Kroger, 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.

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%2BIHqzAFPvRij%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJJkChjT8LUqnEiXjccfX%0AJRWy3V0ESQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/tcoe/home>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

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

Eastwood has been participating in the Box Tops for Education program since 2010, but success with the program has been limited. For the past two years, we tried having a class and grade collection competition, and although we were able to bring in a little over \$1,000 over that two-year period, we feel there are many more Box Tops out there that are not making it into our collection bin.

Therefore, this year, we have decided to **SWITCH GEARS** and focus on individual efforts. Starting in September, there will be a monthly drawing at the end of every month. Anyone, students and staff members alike, can participate in the drawing. Simply place your collected Box Tops in a baggie or envelope, labeled with your name and grade, and turn it in to your first period teacher. For each 10 Box Tops submitted, you will receive one entry for the monthly drawing. At the end of each month, Mr. Day will draw one name from that month's entries.

The winner will receive a \$10-\$15 gift card.

The entry hopper will be emptied after each monthly drawing, so continue submitting Box Tops all year long to increase your chances of winning.

Good luck and Happy Box Tops Clipping!



EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



Welcome Eastwood Families,
Please be sure to visit our November Edition of the Eastwood Athletic Newsletter, by visiting:
<https://www.smores.com/jqaz3>

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



Meet James Tutin Athletic Director/ Assistant Principal

This past year, James began his seventh year at Eastwood Middle School as the new Athletic Director/Assistant Principal. For the past 14 years, James has taught 8th grade social studies, the past six here at Eastwood. As a graduate of Purdue University, James has had a passion for educating students and guiding them on and off the field. As an avid historian, he has led numerous trips of students to our nation's capital. Additionally, James has spent a number of seasons coaching a variety of sports including baseball, basketball, track, and football.

When not at Eastwood, you can find James spending time with his wife of 13 years, Kelly and their two sons, Carter (age 6) and Marshall (age 2).

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.

Music Notes

CHOIR



BAND

ORCHESTRA

BAND NOTES – Laura VanderHaeghen

Solo & ensemble entries were due before Thanksgiving break, and contest is January 30th at Westlane Middle School. We should receive our times for contest after winter break. If you are looking for an accompanist, please let me know (lvanderhaeghen@msdwt.k12.in.us) as I have a list I can provide you.

The jazz band/basketball pep band will perform at the December 10th game against Westlane. Students will stay after school until 6:15 or the 7th grade game is over (which ever comes first), and they should wear school spirit wear. They may bring in \$1/slice of pizza to Monday's rehearsal (12/7) or money for concessions. Check the November newsletter if you still need to sign up for our Celly reminders for jazz band.

The 7th & 8th grade band's winter concert is December 15th at 7 PM in the East Gym. We share this end of the semester concert with the 7th & 8th grade orchestra as well, so we hope you'll be able to join us for a wonderful evening of music! The band students should be in the band room (enter door 10) by 6:30 PM in their concert black and white attire. We will need parent volunteers to sit with the non-performing ensemble during the concert, help the boys with ties, and someone to video tape the performance on an iPad.

There are several upcoming special events that your young musician might want to participate in or attend as an audience member as we enter the holiday season: Jingle Bones is December 6 with a 1 PM performance (<http://jinglebones.com/> for more information), Tuba Christmas is December 6 with a 4 PM performance (<http://www.tubachristmas.com/readtclloc.php?TCState=IN&TCCity=Indianapolis> for more information), Saxy Santa is December 13 with a 1 PM performance (<http://saxysanta.org/index.html> for more information), and Tinsel Trumpets is December 13 with a 3 PM performance (<http://tinseltrumpets.com/> for more information).

8th grade band parents, make sure you have added our Pacers Night pre-game performance to your calendars; we will perform on February 24th as they take on the New York Knicks. We will leave immediately after school, and perform from 5:45-7 PM on the main concourse. Ticket orders will be forthcoming.

Have you checked out our band website? You can find a calendar of all of our events, private teacher lists, and much more. Make sure to bookmark it today:

<http://sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/lvanderhaeghen/>



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ORCHESTRA NEWS – Corinne Imboden

All 7th and 8th grade orchestra students who are participating in an ensemble for the ISSMA contest in January have received their music. Please help them coordinate ensemble rehearsals at home. After the ensembles have rehearsed together and are able to stay together throughout the piece, they can sign up for a coaching session with Ms. Imboden. This is very important so the musicians can have a successful ISSMA experience.

Upcoming orchestra events:

December 10 – 8th grade Orchestra to perform in the Mistletoe Festival at the Artsgarden at 10:15 am. Students will receive permission slips when they return from Thanksgiving break. We will need at least two parents to help transport cellos/basses downtown

December 15 – Winter Concert, 7pm for 7th and 8th graders

February 4 – The 8th grade Orchestra students will go to the Hilbert Circle Theatre to hear the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. We will leave around 9:10 and return early afternoon. This is a highlight of the 8th grade year. We will need a few parent volunteers to join us for the concert.

6th graders have several pieces of sheet music now. Be sure to ask your young musician to play some holiday tunes for you.



Pictured to the left:

EW orchestra student, Brett Barnhart, poses with world famous cellist, Yo Yo Ma. After concert at the Palladium.

CHOIR CANON - Anne Deckard

WE WILL MISS YOU MRS. DECKARD!!!

Good luck in your future, we wish you all the best!

OFFICER'S BULLETIN

Hello Eastwood students, parents and staff. This school year 2015-2016 is well on its way and I have to say I am pleasantly pleased. Many of you I have met but for the rest this gives me the opportunity to introduce myself.



My name is Freddie D. Edwards, Jr. and I am your proud School Resource Officer. I am entering my 24th year in law enforcement in many capacities such as road patrol, traffic, accident investigations and criminal investigations. I have been involved in school policing for 10 years and I will admit I LOVE IT! The opportunity to provide a safe and secure environment for your student and staff is my daily number one mission. The opportunity to provide students with a friendly, empowering, understandable role model in the community is secondary.

I have three children (Freddie III (19), Amajae' (15) and Amaya (11)) who are the joy and love of my life. Having children in age range keeps me abreast of current events and actions. Students here in Eastwood I tell no different than my own when it comes to positive and negative choices. My favorite speech to say is "remember you represent not just you but your family, every choice you make will have either positive or negative consequences." I also encourage others to be leaders NOW, it's never too early. LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

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 nosy. 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 etc.



Teacher Tips

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We are looking for students, parents, and community members to help us create the BEST outdoor classroom and community garden ever!

Do you have gardening tools you don't use? Seeds that you didn't plant but want to donate? Books about gardening that you don't need anymore? Expertise in gardening or construction?

Then we would appreciate your support! Our next meeting will be in January.

Please email Mrs. Merrill (dmerrill@msdwt.k12.in.us) if you have any donations or questions.

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

AVID UPDATE!

7th and 8th grade AVID classes have now begun tutorials! Mr. Ahlfeld's class gets to work with AVID tutors on Tuesdays and Miss Darling's class thinks critically about questions from homework, class notes, tests or quizzes with tutors and classmates on Thursdays. During these sessions, each AVID student presents his or her "Point of Confusion" to a small group of 6 to 8 students and a tutor. The student goes through vocabulary and prior knowledge about the topic and then is assisted in figuring out the problem by classmates with the tutor facilitating the questioning process. Group members take notes on each question so they too can gain more knowledge about the topic and help the presenter figure out the solution. Students then reflect on their learning and the tutorial process is complete. AVID students know that it's a lot of work, but it also is a great way to get a challenging question answered or to review a tricky concept from class!

On days that tutorials aren't going on, each AVID class works on WICOR strategies. W (writing), I (Inquiry), C (Collaboration), O (Organization) and R (Reading) each offer many opportunities to practice skills that will help students in their academic classes and in simply being a balanced learner and person. Mr. Ahlfeld's class has been working on Philosophical Chairs where students read an article about a topic and then are presented a statement related to the article. Students have to think about points from both sides and then they take part in a back and forth dialogue between the "agree" and "disagree" side. Listening, speaking and critical thinking are developed through this process. Ms. Darling's 7th Grade class has been working on Student Learning Logs. These writing and organization activities help student deeply reflect on the curriculum being taught in the content area classes. Students are also able to make important connections from what they are doing in their classrooms to their everyday lives!