



Eastwood Middle School
"Home of the Eagles"



Eastwood M.S. Website



NOVEMBER 2015

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**DATES TO
REMEMBER!**

Meeting for MSDWT

November 4

NC Wind Ensemble -

feat. EW students

Adv. Center BASH

November 7

Choir Fall Concert

November 10

Veteran's Day

November 11

2015 Academy Day

November 21

Thanksgiving Break

November 23 - 27

Thanksgiving Day

November 26

Vaccination Exclusion

November 30

Athletic Tryouts

November 30

8th Grade Dance

December 4

Full School Calendar

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

Happy November, Eagles!



CONGRATS to
JONATHAN HENRY
for winning the BOX TOPS
Drawing this month!!



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



THANK YOU!!!

Your donations are
putting a world map
in every classroom!
Mrs. Merrill thanks you
for your amazing
contributions!!!



From the Principal's Desk

Hello Eastwood Families,

It was great to celebrate the accomplishments of so many students at our Honors Program for the first quarter on October 27th. Students continue to make positive strides in their academic performances as we work diligently to enhance the learning environment within our IB MYP program through a focus on inquiry and collaboration within a rigorous instructional and assessment program. In addition and the continued alignment with IB, we are focusing on the whole child development as well including the conduct of students.

As we reviewed the conduct scores from Q1, which I distributed to parents, questions about this process came to the surface as we recognized the number of students in each grade level varied significantly. While there is no set expectation as to the number of 5s, 4s, etc. are assigned, we do strive to have consistency in how the Conduct Grading rubric (page 110 of student agendas) is implemented. Our goal is to ensure we objectively assign these grades as we would any other grade. It is important to keep in mind that the middle school schedule lends itself to having nine conduct grades, from nine different evaluators, in nine different learning environments. While our goal is to be objective, it is not uncommon to see challenges of applying scores/grades in situations where multiple evaluators provide input. Examples would include professional sports (e.g., gymnastics) or when one self-reports pain levels to a doctor (i.e., two people may have similar injury but report different numbers on the pain scale). The point is that we are reflecting on this practice both within EWMS but also across the district as how to best implement this practice moving forward. Should any changes occur to this practice, it will be shared with both students and parents/guardians.

Speaking of assigning scores, the ISTEP+ Rescore Process for the 2015 assessment is scheduled to begin the week of November 9th. Students will carry home on Friday, November 6th a letter explaining the rescore process along with the account and password parents/guardians will need. Please refer to the [Process for Parents/Guardians to Request Rescore](#) in this newsletter for some additional important information regarding this process.

On behalf of the entire EWMS staff, I wish you and yours an enjoyable upcoming Thanksgiving break!

Regards,
Nathan Day

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



**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@ecommunity.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.



Congressman André Carson

hosts



2015 SERVICE ACADEMY DAY



Learn more about how you can receive a free, top-notch college education while serving our country

Representatives from the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, Naval, and Coast Guard Academies are expected to participate, including the Superintendent from West Point. The representatives will present information on their respective academies and will be available to answer questions from prospective candidates.

November 21, 2015
noon - 2 pm
(317) 283-6516
www.carson.house.gov

Charles A. Tindley
Accelerated School
3960 Meadows Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46205

This event will serve as an information session to students, parents, guidance counselors, coaches, teachers, and other interested parties who would like to learn more about attending an United States service academy. These academies provide much more than an excellent education to their students. Among many other things, **students at the service academies receive over \$400,000 in free tuition, room, board and a modest living stipend.**

Join us on 11/21 to learn more!

Eagle Express!



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!

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.

Planning for the Future of Washington Township Schools Have a Voice!

All WT staff and community members are invited for one last opportunity to give input on the 2016-19 district strategic plan. Over the past 5 months we have listened to thousands of ideas and feedback to plan for the future of WT Schools. November 4th is an opportunity to review a draft of the strategic plan created based on the feedback and give final input.

November 4th (attend one feedback session)

5:00-6:30 PM or 6:45-8:15 PM

WT Central Office 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.



Eagle Express!



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

Process for Parents/Guardians to Request Rescore

During the **November 9-13** "Rescore Request Window," parents/guardians will log in to the CTB Parent Network to view the following:

- Student scale score
- Pass+, Pass, Did Not Pass status
- Number of points possible on applied skills items
- Number of points student earned on applied skills items
- Parents/guardians may request a rescore of any applied skills items for which the student did not receive full credit. This request is to be communicated to your child's school who will then in turn submit the request.
- Directions for requesting a rescore are included in the Parent Network.
- The "Rescore Request Window" will be open **November 9-13 ONLY**.
- Parents who do not have online access may contact EWMS (Mrs. Santiago) to arrange a time to come and facilitate the review and rescore process.

NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Any student who does not have complete shot records in accordance to the State policy (listed below) will be excluded from school, beginning November 30th.

Please turn these into the main office or directly to the nurse's office before this deadline! - Bonita Richardson

2015 – 2016 School Year
IN State Department of Health
School Immunization Requirements
Updated November 2014

3 to 5 years old

3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)
4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis)
3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)
1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
1 Varicella

K & Grade 1

3 Hep B
5 DTaP
4 Polio
2 MMR

2 Varicella
2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)

Grades 2 to 5

3 Hep B
5 DTaP
4 Polio
2 MMR

2 Varicella

Grades 6 to 11

3 Hep B
5 DTaP
4 Polio
2 MMR

2 Varicella
1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis)
1 MCV4 (Meningococcal conjugate)

Grade 12

3 Hep B
5 DTaP
4 Polio
2 MMR

2 Varicella
1 Tdap
2 MCV4

Hep B The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

DTaP Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's 4th birthday.

Polio Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose with only one type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV). For students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade the final dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday, and be administered **at least 6 months** after the previous dose.

Live Vaccines (MMR, Varicella & LAIV) Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than 28 days.

Varicella Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 7th grade. Parental report of disease history is acceptable for grades 8-12.

Tdap There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

MCV4 Individuals who receive dose 1 on or after their 16th birthday only need 1 dose of MCV4.

Hep A The minimum interval between 1st and 2nd dose of Hepatitis A is 6 calendar months

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2015 CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2015 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>

Busy PTO Bees



SAVE THE DATE!

8th Grade Dance

December 4, 2015

6:30-9pm LGI

The 8th grade Winter Dance is just around the corner. Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale November 23&24 during lunch. Suggested Dress code: Girls dresses or skirts must be fingertip length and tops must cover cleavage. Boys nice pants, collared shirt. No jeans or tennis shoes.

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

Don't forget to get your tickets to the Advancement Center BASH - November 7 at the Egyptian Room! If you have any items for our disco themed auction basket, please drop them off at school by Friday Oct. 2. If you want someone to pick up your items, please email eastwoodmid-dlepto@gmail.com and we will be happy to make arrangements.



The Advancement Center
for Washington Township Schools and North Central Alumni
Serving students—past, present and future

**Formerly the
Washington Township
Schools Foundation**

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:
www.smores.com/2eft4

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.

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BAND NOTES —

Laura VanderHaeghen

Congratulations to the 6th grade band on an excellent first recital. We are so proud of your progress, and I am looking forward to what you will be able to accomplish with continued effort!

The NC Wind Ensemble Side by Side concert is on Friday, November 6th at 7 PM in the Northview Auditorium. Many 7th and 8th grade band students were selected to perform with one of the top bands in the state, and tickets are required for this performance.

The All Region Honor Band performance including Aria Sturmer, Evan Schlabach, and Daniel Ceglie is on November 15th at Brownsburg HS. Congratulations to these students on the honor of being selected to this fine group.

ISSMA solo & ensemble sign up is happening now! Envelopes with \$13 for solos or \$7 per ensemble member are due by November 13th to Mrs. VanderHaeghen. Questions about solo and ensemble should be directed to Mrs. VanderHaeghen. All students are encouraged to participate.

Jazz band parents should have received information about signing up for Celly to get reminders about rehearsals and alerts for cancelations. Please see images to the right on how to sign up if you haven't yet.



Join
JazzBand1516
on Celly - <https://cel.ly>

This is a way for me to communicate with the parents and students of the Eastwood Jazz band about rehearsals or performances.



Android

Search for **Celly** in Google Play



iPhone

Search for **Celly** in the App Store

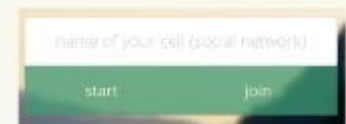


iPad

Same as iPhone, but change your search to "iPhone Only"



Launch the app, enter **JazzBand1516** into this box, tap **join**, and follow our simple sign up



Web Sign Up

Visit <https://cel.ly/q/926d73b7> to join **@JazzBand1516** and sign up for Celly. You can get email notifications, get the app, or connect your phone if you want SMS.

Alternatively, you can visit the Celly homepage, <https://cel.ly>, and enter **@JazzBand1516** there

Text Messages (USA Only)

If you just want to send/receive SMS text messages, text **@JazzBand1516** to **23559**

You can always switch to the app or use the website by texting **PASSWORD** to **23559**

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ORCHESTRA NEWS — Corinne Imboden

All 7th and 8th grade orchestra students interested in participating in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest, be sure to get your completed envelope and money to Ms. Imboden by Friday, November 13. All students taking private lessons should talk to their private lesson teacher about learning a solo and participating. If you want to be in an ensemble, check with Ms. Imboden about appropriate instrumentation for a chamber group. The contest date is Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Westlane Middle School. This is a great opportunity to learn new music, do something fun with your string-playing friends and feel a true sense of accomplishment.

The 8th grade Orchestra will be performing in the Mistletoe Music Festival at the Arts Garden on Thursday, Dec. 10, 10:15am. Please come down to hear us in this unique and beautiful setting. We will need parent volunteers to help transport instruments.

The 7th and 8th grade Orchestras have their Winter Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7pm. This time is different from what was on the calendar given to you at the beginning of the school year. Please make a note of the change and be sure to attend this fun, end-of-the semester performance that we share with the 7th and 8th grade bands.

The 6th grade orchestras are learning sheet music now! The pieces are much longer and sections have different parts. These students also have some holiday music that can be played at family gatherings over the Winter Break. Be sure to talk to your young musician about this seasonal music.



PICTURE ABOVE:

The cellist is an EW Alum and the violinist is a current 6th grader here at EW.
Two sisters playing together over Fall Break at the family farm.

CHOIR CANON — Anne Deckard

Choir News:

All choir students will be participating in the Fall Choir Concert on November 10th. Students should arrive to school no later than 6:30 pm in their concert black and white. The program begins at 7 pm. All students are expected to stay for the length of the concert. This is a required concert and attendance is mandatory. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Deckard.

Drama News:

Congratulations to the amazing cast of Wizard of Oz. Each cast and crew member worked really hard to make this performance outstanding and should be recognized for their hard work. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Rosemeyer, Ms. Jill Maniakas and Love on a Leash, Mrs. Kim Bivens, Mrs. Sally Roscetti, and Mrs. Barb Langdon, who were each integral in the success of the show. Thanks to all for a wonderful show!

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 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 etc.



Teacher Tips

AVID UPDATE!

"On October 22nd, the Eastwood A.V.I.D. classes visited Indiana State University for their annual college field trip. The students were taken on a campus tour, ate in the buffet style student cafeteria, and got to interact and ask question to a Student Panel.

The Sycamore staff was very accommodating of our group and our very own AVID Site Team Coordinator, Sharon Hopkins, was able to revisit her college glory days."



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

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.

STUDENTS IN ACTION!

FIELD TRIP TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY!

On Saturday, October 24th, 48 students from grades 6-8, went with Ms. McWaters and Mr. Snow to Bloomington for IU Science Fest. Students got to participate in a ton of activities focusing on biology, chemistry, and informatics.



STUDENTS IN ACTION!

Language Acquisition News:

Eastwood 8th graders **Caleigh Brewer, Sally Jones, and Ella Todd** were given the honor to have their posters selected as State Finalists for the IFLTA (Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association) annual Poster Contest. Their entries were selected from over 700 students at Eastwood enrolled in a Language Acquisition class to be a finalist for the state contest and compete with students from all over Indiana. Results of the contest will be announced at the end of October and prizes will be awarded for each level (Elementary, Middle, and High School level with the top 3 for each level) at the IFLTA Conference in November. We wish these three students the best of luck as they compete to win the middle school division. Go Eagles!

