



Eastwood Middle School
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Eagle News

November 2016 Edition

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Mock Election
 Nov 1 - Nov 2

Side by Side Concert
 Nov 1 @ 7pm

EARLY RELEASE DAY
 Nov 3

BASH @ Crane Bay
 Nov 5 @ 7pm

Daylight Savings
 Nov 6

N.C. Open House
 Nov 6 @ 2pm

Election Day - At Home Learning Day
 Nov 8

Veteran's Day Assembly
 Nov 11

8th Grade visits JELCC
 Nov 14

Thanksgiving Break
 Nov 21 - Nov 25

Thanksgiving
 Nov 24



From the Principal's Desk

MSDWT *Planning for the Future* Facts November 8th, 2016 – School Referenda on Ballot

On November 8th, 2016 Washington Township voters will go to the polls and shape the future of Washington Township Schools. Two referendum questions will appear on the ballot.

The first question will determine if the MSDWT is able to maintain our current staffing levels and address future staffing needs. Currently, \$4 million of staffing costs are supported by a referendum. If passed, the November 8th Operating Referendum continues funding for current teachers and support staff, includes additional funding to staff an 8th elementary school, and provides funds for additional student support.

The second ballot question will determine if the MSDWT is able to provide upgrades to every building in the district. The funds generated by the November 8th Construction Referendum would be used to provide items such as fire sprinklers, handicapped accessibility to classrooms, stages, gymnasiums and playgrounds, repair and replace roofs, replace heating and cooling systems, secure entrances to our school buildings, and upgrades to our high school's performing arts department and auditorium.

Referendum funds would also eliminate the need for trailer classrooms by adding an 8th elementary school. To review the exact questions as they will appear on the ballot, please review <http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us/referenda/>.

We encourage everyone to learn the facts regarding school funding, our community-based planning process, and the two ballot questions. You will find many helpful presentations and documents on our website: www.msdtw.k12.in.us. Just click on our [*Planning for the Future*](#) link.

-Sean G. Taylor

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

**BUILDING A
BRIGHTER
FUTURE**

Crane Bay Event Center

551 W. Merrill Street, Indianapolis

Discounted parking available on site for \$5 per car

7:00 - 11:00 PM

Check in starts at 6:30

\$70 Advance/ \$85 per person

\$60 Advance/ \$70 Faculty & Staff

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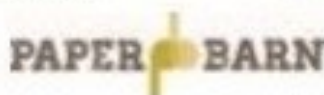
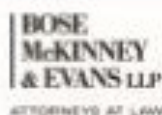
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Online Reservations • Auction Center

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PLANNING *for* **OUR FUTURE**

Schools Facility Tours

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Allisonville Elementary

4900 East 79th Street
RSVP To: mpomerenke@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 26 • 7:30- 8:00 a.m.
Sept. 15 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
29 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Oct. 17 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
28 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Greenbriar Elementary

8201 Ditch Road
RSVP To: jalexander@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 26 • 7:30 am-8:00 a.m.
Sept. 15 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
26 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
24 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Spring Mill Elementary

8250 Spring Mill Road
RSVP To: sbalagopal@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 19 • 7:15-7:45 a.m.
Sept. 12 • 7:15-7:45 a.m.
26 • 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 • 6:00-6:30 p.m.
31 • 7:15-7:45 a.m.

Fox Hill Elementary

802 Fox Hill Dr.
RSVP To: ebeard@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 29 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Sept. 21 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
29 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.
31 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.

John Strange Elementary

3660 E. 62nd Street
RSVP To: minman@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 11 • 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
30 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Oct. 21 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
31 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Greenbriar Elementary

Westlane Middle School

Fox Hill Elementary

Spring Mill Elementary

Crooked Creek Elementary

Crooked Creek Elementary

2150 Kessler Blvd. West. Dr.
RSVP To: kparquet@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 18 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
29 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
27 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Eastwood Middle School

4401 E. 62nd Street
RSVP To: staylor@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 31 • 7:00-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
30 • 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Oct. 19 • 7:00-7:30 p.m.
27 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Nora Elementary School

1000 E 91st Street
RSVP To: awalters@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 23 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.
29 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Oct. 19 • 5:00-5:30 p.m.
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Northview Middle School

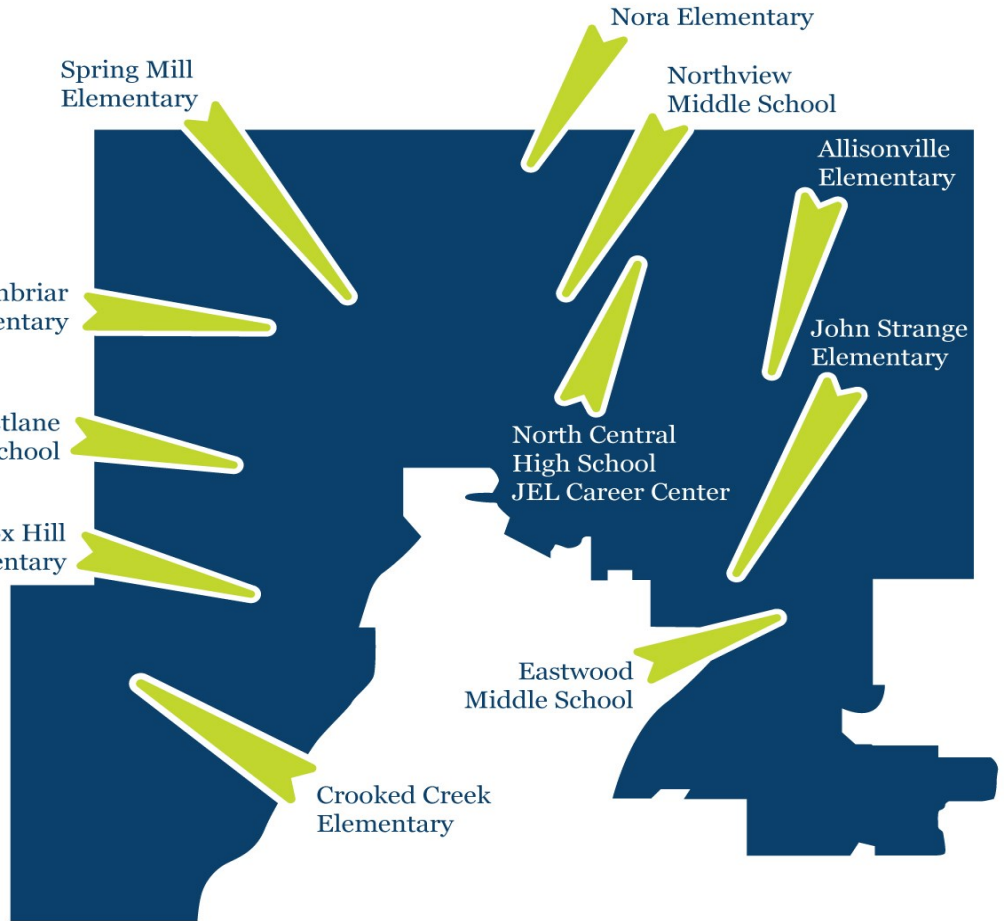
8401 Westfield Blvd.
RSVP To: mkaiser@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 23 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Sept. 19 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
26 • 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Oct. 17 • 7:45-8:15 a.m.
24 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Westlane Middle School

1301 W 73d Street
RSVP To: bpitcock@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 22 • 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Sept. 14 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
30 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Oct. 18 • 4:30-5:00 p.m.
24 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.

North Central High School

1801 East 86th Street
RSVP To: bbranigan@msdwt.k12.in.us
Aug. 31 • 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 9 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.
21 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 • 5:30-6:00 p.m.
31 • 7:30-8:00 a.m.



Nora Elementary

Northview Middle School

Allisonville Elementary

John Strange Elementary

North Central High School
JEL Career Center

Eastwood Middle School

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Sixth graders began their career counseling portfolios this month! Each student has a portfolio located in the counseling office. Sixth graders began theirs with a learning styles inventory and a career skills inventory. Students add to their portfolios at least twice a year and receive them at the end of eighth grade. Seventh grade students will add the Drive of Your Life Career Interest Inventory to their portfolios in November. Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Franklin will lead students through this activity in their Science classes.

We are ready to begin transitioning our eighth graders to North Central! Please consult the enclosed transition calendar for important dates for eighth grade students. The first dates to know are:

Sunday, November 6, 2016 – *North Central High School Open House*
2:00-5:00 pm

Students and families have an opportunity to explore the North Central and talk with teachers, club sponsors and coaches.

Monday, November 14, 2016 - *8th Graders Tour J. Everett Light Career Center* 9:30-11:15am

Students tour the career center and receive presentations on each course of study.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – *JELCC Open House* 5:30-7:30pm

Students and families have an opportunity to explore the Career Center and talk with teachers

Sixth graders will have their second quarter Bully Prevention lesson in their Science classes this month. These will be led by Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Franklin.

Congratulations to the College Go! Week door decorating winners. Advisory classes decorated their classroom doors according to a college. The winning class in sixth grade was Mr. Wallace; in seventh grade was Ms. McCoy and in eighth grade the winning class was Ms. Sullivan. Excellent job on the doors!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

6th Grade Door Decorating Winners - Mr. Wallace's Advisory



7th Grade Door Decorating
Winners
- Ms. McCoy's Advisory



8th Grade Door Decorating
Winners
- Mrs. Sullivan's Advisory



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Seventh and eighth grade students...please do not forget to complete the 21st Century Scholars applications! Remember, this is money that is awarded to students in the state of Indiana for college tuition! You do not want to miss out!

AVID students will be touring the campus of IUPUI this month on November 17. Students will leave Eastwood at 9:30 and will return at 2:00pm. On this trip, AVID students will tour the campus, visit a dorm and dorm room, receive a presentation about admission requirements and have lunch in the dining hall.

It was so exciting to see our North Central High School seniors at our first quarter awards ceremony. Samuel Keedy, Alex Robinson, Amani Miles, Johnathan Call and Anthony Gosling all gave up time from their very busy schedules to share some important tips for success with our students. Among their strategies were: ask teachers for help, push yourself to take honors classes and to get involved with activities and organizations.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 8th GRADE FAMILIES!

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Monday, January 9, 2017 - *High School Planning - Classroom Guidance Lessons in Individuals and Societies classes*

Middle school counselors talk with students about North Central, high school graduation requirements, earning credits, and diploma types and options. Students receive updated 2016-2017 North Central Course Catalogs.

Monday, January 23, 2017– *Choir auditions for North Central to be held at Eastwood*

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00pm – *8th Grade Curriculum Night in North Central Auditorium*

Students and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please take the course catalogs with you!

Monday, February 6, 2017 - *North Central Guidance Counselors Present 9th Grade Scheduling Options*

High school counselors talk with students about North Central, high school graduation requirements, earning credits, and diploma types and options. Course selection sheets are sent home for students to review with their parent/guardian and should be returned by February, 23.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – *Applications for New AVID Students Due*

Students who are not currently in AVID but would like to apply to begin AVID in 9th grade should turn in an application to their middle school counselor. Applications can be found in the School Counseling Office.

Thursday, February 23, 2017 – *Yellow Course Request Sheets Due to Middle School Counselors*

Students turn in their signed course requests to the counseling office.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – *NC Summer School Forms and Money Due*

Summer School payments due to middle school counselors; make checks payable to Eastwood Middle School.

Monday, March 13, 2017 – *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 10, 2017 - *8th Graders tour North Central*

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

July, 2017 – *PantherQuest at North Central*

Freshmen are acquainted with North Central and meet teachers and new friends. Students are assigned to a one day experience by their last names. More information will be mailed home to students in the spring.

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

School Based Services



How to get help for my child:

Contact the administrator at your child's school!

Growing up in today's fast-paced society is a challenge no matter one's age. Children may experience emotional and behavioral problems in trying to deal with issues at home or school.

Reasons to seek help for my child:

- **Mood disturbances (changes in mood/behavior)**
- **Attention deficit / hyperactivity**
- **Disruptive behavior problems**
- **Anxiety**
- **Family conflict**
- **Substance use**
- **Stress or difficulty adjusting**
- **Grief or loss**
- **Suicidal thoughts**
- **Disturbance in eating or sleeping**
- **Social/peer challenges**

Our Mission: To strengthen individuals and families by providing strength-based, family-centered, collaborative care in homes, schools, and communities.

Our Philosophy: To use a trauma informed approach to enhance the resiliency of our students and families. Family sessions can teach you skills to deepen family connections and get through stressful times. We believe families and schools want all children to be successful!

Services provided:

- ◇ Assessment
- ◇ Family Therapy
- ◇ Individual Therapy
- ◇ Group Therapy
- ◇ Parenting Support
- ◇ Skills Training
- ◇ Crisis Support
- ◇ Medication Management
- ◇ Care Coordination

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK GALLAHUE

1525 N. Ritter Ave

Indianapolis IN 46219

317-355-2560

www.ecommunity.com/behavioralhealth

www.HaveHope.com

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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.

The IU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry is conducting a brain imaging study to find out what makes children more likely to make risky decisions. Eligible kids are 11 -12 years old who MAY or MAY NOT have ADHD and a father with a history of substance abuse.

Mental health evaluations will be provided free of charge and participants can make up to \$610!

Call our research team at (317) 278-7795 or email us at iubrain@iupui.edu to find out more.

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.

Eastwood Athletics



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. Beginning his 3rd year as Asst. Principal, he also taught 8th Grade IAS here at Eastwood previously. 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 15 years, Kelly and their two sons, Carter (age 8) and Marshall (age 4).

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

<https://www.smores.com/3eyhr>

We have various Athletic events happening this 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.

Music Notes

CHOIR



BAND

ORCHESTRA

BAND NOTES – Laura VanderHaeghen

Congratulations to the 6th grade band and orchestra on their first recital. It was so much fun to hear the progress they have made, and I am excited about their potential. Applications for switching instruments will come out in late October and are due to Mrs. VanderHaeghen by November 4th. Students will be notified if they are selected to switch instruments by November 18th.

The 7th grade band has a field trip to hear the North Central wind ensemble and jazz ensemble on November 2nd. They will eat lunch from 10:46-11:12, and we will depart at 11:30. We will be back at Eastwood and back in classes by 1:30.

The 8th grade students selected for side by side with the wind ensemble will perform on November 4th in the Northview auditorium. Tickets will be provided for the students participating, and others will be available for purchase at the door. The 8th grade band will perform as part of the Veterans Day convocation on November 11th. The 7th and 8th grade bands will have their winter concert with the 7th and 8th grade orchestras on December 13th at 7 PM in the East Gym.

If your student is in 7th or 8th grade, they will have a chance in class to play on a step-up instrument provided by Paige's Music. If you are interested in renting one of these instruments, we will have a display night where you can find out more information and potentially take a new instrument home that evening on November 15th from 5:30-6:30 in the band room. Schedule an appointment time through Mrs. VanderHaeghen.

The Art, Jazz and Poetry Night for jazz band has been rescheduled from November 1st to April 11th. We will start rehearsing again the first student support morning of February.

Don't forget that private lessons are good for all students, regardless of ability level. If you are interested in getting your students into lessons, check out the list of private instructors on the band website: <http://sites.msdt.k12.in.us/lvanderhaeghen/> Information about ISSMA solo and ensemble will be coming home early in November, and envelopes with payment will be due prior to Thanksgiving break. This is a great opportunity, especially for those students in lessons.

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ORCHESTRA NEWS – Lori Metzger

October was a busy month for the 6th and 7th grade orchestras, as they performed their first concerts of the year. Congratulations to all orchestra students on a job well done!

November will be the calm before the storm with only one performance. On **Tuesday, November 1st**, six 8th grade orchestra students will be playing in a Side-by-Side concert with the North Central Symphony Orchestra. These students are Gabby Blazek, Camille Dobbs, Demiah Lockett, Audrey Ragsdale-Buddenbaum, Julian Fleck, and Michael Goetz. The concert begins at 7:00pm at North Central. Performers should arrive no later than 6:30pm in normal concert attire.

In addition to playing as a full orchestra class, all orchestras will begin playing in small ensembles during class. Students that are interested will also have the opportunity to work on solo pieces. This experience can prepare them for ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest at the beginning of February. More details about Solo & Ensemble will be shared as we approach that time.

Continue to work hard, persevere, and try to be the best musician you can be!

“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.” ~Arthur O’Shaughnessy

Music Notes

CHOIR BAND



ORCHESTRA

CHOIR CANON — Jacqueline Darbro

Fall Greetings From the Choir Director! News! News! News!

Parents, you have such amazing students and I can't express how excited I am to share with you the following information:

This year the Choir Students will have a LATE FALL CONCERT on November 29th, 7:00 PM in the West Gym.

Please note, we have many students, and we will be in need of Parent/Adult supervision to assist (I am only one person, and will be on stage most of the evening...) both before and during the concert. So, if you feel like *herding cats* is your gift, please look for a note from me soon about online sign-up for assistance.

STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO THE MUSIC WING AT 6:15 IN CONCERT ATTIRE (keep reading for instructions on attire).

WINTER IN AMERICA CONCERT WILL HAPPEN on Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm in the West Gym.

(Previously this had been scheduled on DEC 20. Please remove that date from your calendar, as it is quite possibly the worst night in conflict with athletics). WINTER IN AMERICA will cover songs of various beliefs and also civil rights in America (in conjunction with the celebration of MLK) as we recognize and celebrate the melting pot that affords all peoples here the ability to be who we are!

We are removing the worry from CONCERT ATTIRE! Gone are the days of deep distress over having purchased the appropriate shirt!!! Students will perform in *our new performance polo!* Look for more information next week about cost and size charts, but if your student has participated in the FUNDRAISER (keep reading for instructions on the Fundraiser!) then more than likely you may owe NOTHING toward that goal. HOORAY FOR US!

Our first Fundraiser is going great! For several of us, we are on our second sheet! The Domino's Buy One-Get One card is a quick and easy way of raising funds. For each card sold, the school will receive \$1.00 toward the purchase of new materials and assisting in the cost of the Spring Musical (keep reading about the Spring Musical) and your student receives \$2.50. Any quantities sold over 13 (we are estimating that this covers the cost of both their Choir Fest shirt for the District-Wide Event and their PERFORMANCE POLO) will move into an account toward our reward trip in the spring!

Yes, Virginia, there is a *(Santa Claus)* Spring Musical!!! Have no fear! Prior to the Winter Break, there will be information regarding auditions! There will be a Spring Musical and more information is forthcoming about which one and how to prepare!

SPEAKING OF PREPARING!!! SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST INFORMATION WILL BE DUE NOVEMBER 14. Students will be receiving envelopes and information next week. Solo and Ensemble is an Indiana State School Music Association Event over which we have no control, and is not required but is encouraged for those students who wish to move ahead musically. We will assist in preparation! There are events for instrumentalists in band and orchestra and in Piano and Voice.

Thank you for your patience as we make every effort to improve the musical quality of life for your students!!

OFFICER'S BULLETIN

Hello Eastwood students, parents and staff. This school year 2016-2017 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 25th 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 (20), Amajae' (16), Amaya (12), and JaMya (5)) 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.



Busy PTO Bees



Happy Fall Eastwood families! October has been a busy PTO month and it wouldn't have been possible without the contributions and hands on help from so many parents! The 6th grade and 7th grade socials were both held in October and kids had a blast playing games, dancing, eating, and having a chance to spend some time just having fun! Thank you to our amazing chairs for those events -- Andrea Miller for 7th grade and Dena Rae Hancock for 6th Grade. We had a fantastic turn out of kids for both of these events and thank you to the many parents that gave of your time and donated items to make these social events possible!

Thank you to the parents who attended the Coffee with the Principal on Oct. 21. Mr. Taylor gave an extremely informative presentation covering the goals and practices of Developmental Design, as well as looking at our school's ISTEP scores and NWEA scores as whole and discussing how we, as a school, use this information to guide practice. Please take the opportunity to come to these events as they are a great opportunity to learn about what is going on at school and have the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you Mr. Taylor for providing this opportunity for our parents.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chick-fil-A dine out night! These nights are an easy way to grab dinner for your family while supporting the PTO. Thanks to everyone who participated and to Chick-fil-A on Keystone for being a great community partner. Look for the news on the next dine out night coming up in December.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Eastwood BASH basket. We hope to see many of you at the BASH this coming Saturday. This is a fun night out to support Washington Township Schools! Thank you also to all of the families that have donated school supplies for our special education department and for donated snacks for our FINO program -- the response for both of these was amazing! FINO is still in need of volunteers to help with the program after school - if you are interested in helping please email eastwoodmiddlepto@gmail.com.

As you can see from all of the "thank yous" the PTO has been busy ... but there is more to come! In December we will hold the 8th Grade Winter Dance. Look for more information to come on this event, as well as ways to get involved. Thank you Neelu Burgan for chairing this upcoming event.

As we all great ready to ramp up our grocery shopping for the holiday season -- make sure you have your Kroger card linked to support Eastwood PTO! Click this link and follow the directions to link your Kroger card to Eastwood and a portion of your purchase will come back to our school! <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>

Lastly, thank you to IAS teacher April Tuason for planning and implementing the opportunity for students to learn about the voting process on Nov. 1 and 2. And a big thanks to Amanda Santiago for working with the PTO to include our articles and help spread the word about PTO events on social media! The PTO is grateful to partner with the teachers and staff to support the students of Eastwood!

Many thanks and GO EAGLES!
Sharlee Little and Julie Breedlove
Eastwood PTO Co-Presidents

Busy PTO Bees



7th Grade Social!



Busy PTO Bees



6th Grade Social!



Teacher Tips

WEDNESDAY MORNING SUPPORT

Parents, please see the note below for an example of what your child should have in order to attend Wednesday Morning Support. If they do not have this pass SIGNED by a teacher, they will not be allowed into the school. An important note—They MUST be dropped off between 8-8:15am or they will not be allowed into the building. If you have any further questions, please contact the main office at 317-259-5401.

Student Name: _____ Wednesday Date: _____

Write a brief description of what you want to accomplish on Wednesday Morning:

Teacher Name (filled out by student): _____

Teacher Signature (required): _____

Please Note:

Students must arrive between 8:00am-8:15am in order to participate
Students will enter door #1 and sign in upon arrival
Students will not be permitted to go to lockers, so they must bring all materials with them.
Students without a teacher signature will not be allowed to enter.

MATH STUDY TABLES

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

The student must stay until 5:15pm and MUST have a pass to attend.

The teacher on duty will be announced weekly.

This is in addition to our morning study sessions!

- Your EW Math Team

WANTED: FINO VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of some assistance after school with FINO!
If you would like to volunteer to help out our kids after school, please go to this link below or contact Mrs. Santiago for more information!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45abaf2fa31-volunteers2>

We would love to have your help and support with this important program. If you are unfamiliar with Failure Is Not an Option (FINO), this program allows our students to complete their missing/late work for a grade so we do not see their grades suffer for missing assignments. Teachers will often come by to assist any student who may be struggling with an assignment as well. This is a really wonderful opportunity for our students and their education!

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Yoga Club @ Eastwood

The PE Department would like to extend the opportunity to all Eastwood students to participate in our brand new Yoga Club. The yoga practice is taught by instructor Oliva Bell from Indy Yoga Movement and takes place during Wednesday morning student support time.

The benefits of yoga include increased balance & flexibility, improved posture, decrease of stress & anxiety, as well as a sense of accomplishment. Your student will need an orange pass to attend our yoga sessions. They can acquire a pass from Ms. Darling, Mr. Ahlfeld, Ms. Grisson, and Ms. Clippinger. Student will not need to purchase any equipment but should dress comfortably.



Remaining Fall Semester Yoga Sessions

November 30th

December 14th

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Save the Date

Eastwood Middle School

Veteran's Day Assembly

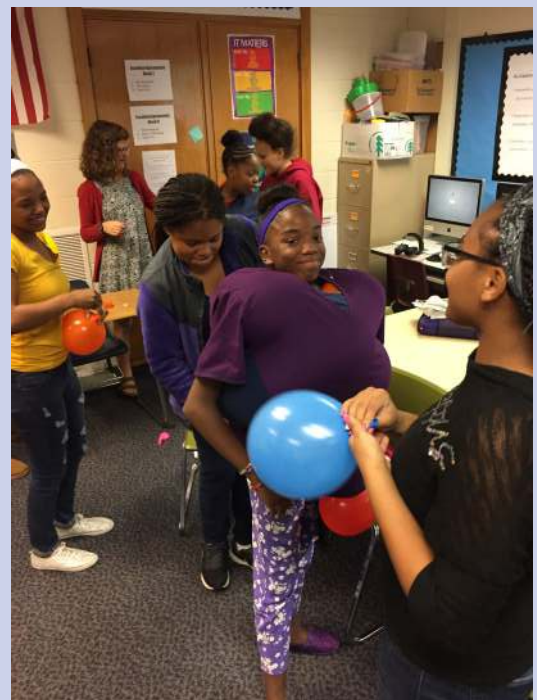
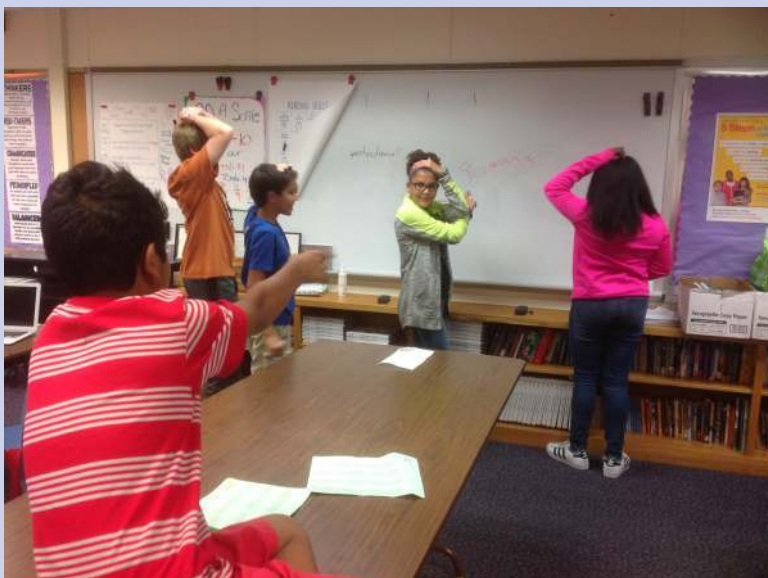
November 11, 2016 10:00am



Please join us as we take time to celebrate our veterans and honor those that have served our nation and community. More information to follow in coming weeks. Please contact April Tuason at atuason@msdwt.k12.in.us if you know of a veteran you would like to honor on this special day. Please also see the invite on the next page for those interested in participating and being honored on this special day.

STUDENTS IN ACTION!

We have daily fun at Eastwood!!!



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On September 30th, 8th graders had the opportunity to experience a career exposition fair at the State Fairgrounds. Students traveled through 8 career clusters learning what it might be like to work in specific jobs. Companies across the state worked with Junior Achievement to put on this hands-on learning experience that motivated students to begin thinking beyond their secondary school years. From learning how to disassemble a bomb, operating in surgery, to preparing culinary treats, students were exposed to a variety of careers. The 8th grade teachers enjoyed seeing the faces of students light up when thinking about job prospects down the road in the not to far off future.



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Eagles Around The World made masks for Dia de los Muertos.

Their next meeting will be November 2nd after school. Then they will be painting the masks and starting to make pinatas! If you didn't make a mask, come make a piñata! Cost is only \$5 which includes supplies, pizza, and drinks! Money is due by Tuesday, November 1st. Come on and join in the fun!

