



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

BOARD HAPPENINGS

May 7 and 21, 2013

MAY 7th

[Ed Mendoza](#), Special Services, provided information to the Board regarding EACS' Alternative School, as well as expectations of dealing with student discipline. Board member [Chris Baker](#) has formed a committee to take an in-depth look at these topics.

MAY 21st

[Kirby Stahly](#) gave an update on new policies and procedures that came out of the most recent General Assembly, ie. funding formula changes, circuit breaker, assessed avalues, tax rates, etc. He also shared the status of the Woodlan and Heritage K-12 projects.

RECOGNITIONS



Our 2013 "Teacher of the Year" winners were recognized at the May 7th Board meeting:

[Lara Marino](#) — Cedarville Elementary; [Austin Will](#) — Heritage Elementary; [Amy Yoder](#) — Highland Terrace Elementary; [Renita Peters](#) — Leo Elementary; [Missy Czaja](#) — Meadowbrook Elementary; [Heather Sorg](#) — Prince Chapman Academy; [Molly Bernard](#) — Southwick Elementary; [Staci Salzbrenner](#) — Woodlan Intermediate; [Nicole Sauder](#) — Woodlan Primary; [Scott Welch](#) — East Allen Choice Alternative; [Tina Antrim](#) — East Allen University; [Andra Kosmoski](#) — Heritage Jr./Sr. High; [Benjamin Shappell](#) — Leo Jr./Sr. High; [Steve Romary](#) — New Haven High; [Darryl Springer](#) — New Haven Middle; [Audrey Wright](#) — Paul Harding Junior High; and [Lori Fendel](#) — Woodlan Jr./Sr. High. EACS' Elementary Teacher of the Year is [Renita Peters](#), and EACS' Secondary Teacher of the Year, as well as the overall EACS' Teacher of the Year is [Benjamin Shappell](#).

Congratulations everyone! Well done!

Fort Wayne Girls ROCK recognized EACS for its support. This program is geared toward young ladies in middle to high school. The focus and mission of the program is to "empower young ladies from the inside and out to support positive growth and change in our community". EACS' [Janell Carswell](#) and [Denita Washington](#) are involved with the program.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz, recently announced Indiana's Four Star School Awardees for the 2011-12 school year. The Four Star School Award will be awarded to [Cedarville Elementary School](#) and [Leo Elementary School](#). The IDOE recognizes schools that perform in the upper 25th percentile of schools in performance on ISTEP+ and ECA state exams, as well as their rating determined by the national No Child Left Behind statute's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). In addition to meeting these criteria, all Four Star Schools must meet the 95 percent student participation rate.



PERSONNEL

~ Resignations~

(Effective end of the school year)

- [Ashtin Balzer](#), teacher, WOHS
- [Marcille Brock](#), paraprofessional, WOHS
- [Benjamin Cunningham](#), District school psychologist
- [Heather Lee](#), teacher, PCA
- [Jonathan Lehman](#), teacher, NHMS
- [Sheryl Makowski](#), teacher, NHHS
- [Melissa Martin](#), teacher, PCA
- [Jennifer Neireiter](#), food service, LEHS, eff. 5/7/13
- [Monique Smith](#), food service, HEEL
- [Erica Widmer](#), teacher, NHHS

~ Retirements ~

(Effective end of the school year)

- [Louise Cartwright](#), teacher, NHHS
- [Jack Clem](#), custodian, HEHS, eff. 7/31/13
- [Teresa Hockemeyer](#), nurse, PCA, eff. 6/4/13
- [Donna LaMaster](#), teacher, LEEL
- [Michael Mommer](#), teacher, NHHS
- [Mary Motycka](#), teacher, LEHS/WOHS
- [Charlyn Parks](#), teacher, HIEL
- [Caryn Roemer](#), secretary, PCA
- [Beverly Thompson](#), non-public school paraprofessional
- [Jessica Wallach](#), teacher, WOHS