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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CENTRAL INDIANA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

SafeSchools

Bringing You High-Quality Staff Training at 50% Off!



If you've ever seen a teacher stand on a desk to hang a poster or a custodian use a chair as a ladder, it might be time for your district to re-evaluate your safety training. CIESC has made it easy for you by partnering with SafeSchools to deliver their award-winning online staff training system at 50% off!

SafeSchools completely automates your staff training and policy acceptance and tracks compliance, all through one easy-to-use system. With over 220 expert-authored courses on important school safety topics like Bloodborne Pathogens; Bullying Prevention; Sexual Harassment; Slips, Trips, & Falls, and many more, SafeSchools will help you decrease injuries and insurance costs, as well as reduce overtime and training expenses, all while making your district a safer place to work and learn!

Want to know why more than 3,000 districts including MSD of Wayne Township, Clark Pleasant, Franklin Township, Avon, Perry Township, and Westfield Washington have made SafeSchools their staff training system of choice? Call Eric Collins at 800.434.0154 for a guest account or visit www.safeschools.com today!



News from IOA

April is off to a big start at IOA. First, Summer School registration is now open and students may register until May 31. Classes start on June 4 and run through July 26. We are currently hiring Summer teachers and training will take place later this month. Students may register at www.indianaonlineacademy.org. Second, IOA Principal, Ronda Eshleman, is featured in the April issue of *Indianapolis Woman*. To view the article, scan the QR code below or visit <http://goo.gl/25Vjl>. IOA continues to grow and is now partnering with 219 schools across the state. To learn more about IOA, watch our video at <http://teachindy.com> and click on the first Indiana Online Academy link.



Lebanon Community Schools Featured in IBJ

Lebanon Community Schools took front page of the Indianapolis Business Journal April 1st. Education finance reporter JK Wall highlighted recent accomplishments by the district including high school renovations currently under construction as well as technology updates. Wall credited the Boone County district with accomplishing so much at a time when many districts are suffering financially. "We've been fortunate to have strong support from our patrons and parents of our young people who are behind our efforts to fully immerse Lebanon Schools into a 21st century learning culture.", said Lebanon Superintendent, Dr. Robert Taylor. Taylor added Lebanon Schools are fortunate to be able to hire new teachers, to have money in the bank while lowering tax rates for residents, all while renovating the high school. To see the progress of Lebanon High School go to www.leb.k12.in.us.

Stergar Library

The Stergar Professional Development Library has a variety of materials that our member schools may use free of charge. We have resources in the following categories: literacy, instructional strategies, discipline, assessment, health and wellness, leadership, and more. If you are looking for a specific title, be sure to check our website, www.ciesc.k12.in.us. The Stergar Library can be found under the Professional Development tab. If you have questions, call Tami Wieder at 317.387.7120.

"Application Saturday" Success for Driver Education

On Saturday March 17, CIESC hosted "Application Saturday" to assist over 50 CIESC driver education instructors complete steps towards license renewal. The new licensing requirements for driver education instructors requires a physical examination and criminal history background check. Staff members from Community Health and L-1 Identity Solutions were on hand to facilitate the process. Visit www.driveredsafety.com to learn more about our driver education and traffic safety program.

Daniel McNulty is the New PATINS Director

Please join us in congratulating Daniel McNulty as the incoming State Project PATINS Director. We wish Vicki Hershman a fond farewell as she retires this summer. She will be missed! Yet, we are very excited to welcome Daniel to his new role. While he will begin assuming new duties along the way, his new role will be effective July 1. Daniel's knowledge and skills will be an asset to the project. Congratulations to Daniel!

Decatur Students Make a Difference

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels specifically called on lawmakers in his State of the State address to tighten the state's law on human trafficking before the Super Bowl. At the Decatur Enrichment Center, students learned about this complicated and many-faceted topic. Theresa Flores, author, speaker, and victim of human trafficking told DEC students her story. Student Devin Johnson said, "When you think of human trafficking, you don't think of it anywhere but third-world countries. It is sort of amazing how much it is happening right around us and we don't know it. There are lots of ways that today's society negatively promotes sex and prostitution. Today's normal is yesterday's disgusting and derogatory acts. I learned so much from Theresa Flores and her personal story of how she was trafficked. She has made me want to take a stand and help stop human trafficking." The presentation was excellent and the students had lots of questions for Theresa. As a follow up, the students took part in filling bags with soap labeled with a phone number. This soap is then delivered to motels near known trafficking areas. Motel owners are asked to leave this soap in the bathrooms so girls can call the number for help. For more information on presentations for students or to read Theresa's book, email her at tflores@traffickfree.com.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Exciting things are happening at CIESC as two additional school districts are coming on board. On April 18th CIESC hosted events at both Nineveh Hensley Jackson and Hamilton Heights School districts. We will hold additional events at the two schools district headquarters May 1st.

It's time to RISE up and prepare IDOE's new Teacher Evaluation program. For more information go to www.riseindiana.org for valuable resources, including the Teacher Effectiveness Rubric. You can join the Learning

Connection community: IDOE Developing New Teacher Evaluations and attend the May 11th session on Student Learning Objectives: Step One (see www.ciesc.k12.in.us Professional Learning for flyer and registration).

We would also like to congratulate MSD Decatur Township for it's "Journey Toward Excellence". The district recently held it's Project-Based Learning Breakfast highlighting several students' projects. Soon to be retired, superintendent Don Stinson told the gathering that over the past decade the school district has truly been transformed into a culture of learning. "We've seen attendance, test scores, and graduation rates increase, while disciplinary problems have decreased in the PBL culture", stated Stinson. Superintendent Stinson will retire June 30th. His successor is long-time Decatur administrator, Dr. Debbie Sullivan, who will take over leadership of the district July 1st.



Sincerely,

Mary Ann Dewan

DR. MARY ANN DEWAN
Executive Director

Hornet Park Brings Breakfast to the Table

Hornet Park Elementary in Beech Grove, with a 69.6% free & reduced rate, is a big believer in serving breakfast. A new time efficient strategy has been implemented increasing the time students spend in class. Previously, it took 50 minutes to serve breakfast in the cafeteria. Now students select prepared foods to put in a bag for them to grab on their way to their first class. The students simply take the bag with them and eat in the classroom. It only takes about 15 minutes to serve breakfast, enabling them to start their academic day sooner.

In 2010, the daily average participation was 122 students out of an enrollment of 387. In 2011, the daily average participation increased by 62% to 197. Between August and December, the average participation was 2,264 in 2010 and 3,984 in 2011, a 76% increase! Fresh fruit was introduced as an important addition to the breakfast program.

This program is gaining popularity while helping lead to fewer discipline and tardiness issues. It has also led to fewer visits to the school nurse as well as increases in student attentiveness, attendance and an overall satisfactory learning environment. According to Principal Erin Probus, "the student appetite has not changed, but the approach to satisfying it and organizing the distribution has." She also states that the food service department provides a "fresh and healthy balance for students at breakfast and lunch."

Beech Grove City Schools and Franklin Township Community School Corporation are currently enrolled in the CIESC Child Nutrition pilot. The goal is to facilitate the cooperative sharing of purchasing, management services, resources, and talent of member districts with the intent to improve program quality and services while increasing fiscal accountability and efficiencies.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 2012
4/9 - 5/31 **IOA Summer school registration**

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5/11/12 Food Service Directors meeting *
5/15/12 SLO's *
5/17/12 RISE Training, Cohort 1 Session 4
5/25/12 ICASE Central Roundtable *

JUNE 2012
6/4-6/15 IOA late enrollment *
6/4/12 IOA Summer School Starts *
6/7 - 6/8 Super Seminar Crime Prevention
6/25/12 RISE Training, Cohort I Session 5

JULY 2012
7/26/12 IOA Summer School ends
7/30/12 IOA Final grades to schools

AUGUST 2012
8/6 - 8/8 RISE Evaluation Training

Visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us to register for workshops!
* No Registration Required

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