

# MCAS Communicator

an e-newsletter for the staff of the Michigan City Area Schools

## June 2015

*(Please post for/share with those employees who do not check email!)*

### **Wall of Fame & Retirement Dinner**

Tonight is the MCAS/MCEA Wall of Fame and Retirement Dinner at Blue Chip! We will be honoring 43 MCAS retirees and 2015 Wall of Fame recipients Dan Migliorini, Fran Oberlie, and Gene Parrett. Some have asked if tickets are required...the answer is no. Check in at the registration desk begins at 6:00pm when the doors open. Dinner is at 7:00. See you there!

### **Reminder: We are "Educate MC"**

When giving out our web address, remember that we are just: [EducateMC.net](http://EducateMC.net). (No need to give anyone the loong [www.mcas.k12.in.us](http://www.mcas.k12.in.us)).

### **Memo for Teachers from Payroll**

**(PLEASE NOTE THIS ONLY APPLIES TO TEACHERS/CERTIFIED STAFF COVERED BY AMERITAS DENTAL)**

We were informed by APEX, the insurance manager, that the rates they initially quoted were incorrect. Please see the corrected rates below:

#### **INCORRECT**

Single: \$3.07 per pay

Family: \$13.72 per pay

#### **CORRECT**

Single: \$2.52 per pay

Family: \$16.83 per pay

We are sorry for the confusion. If you selected family coverage and want to change to single due to the increased rate, please send an e-mail to Pat Brennan or Kathy Burroughs indicating same.

### **Food Service Kudos and other News**

The Food Service Department would like to congratulate Knapp, Edgewood, Lake Hills and Marsh Elementary Schools as the recipients of the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant. All the employees of the food service department gathered together for a Hawaiian Luau to celebrate the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Our Summer Feeding Program will start on June 15th and end on August 7th. All children 18 years and younger are welcome to participate in breakfast and lunch at no charge. Sites serving meals will be posted on the MCAS Child Nutrition website. Have a great summer!

### **A SUPER HELPFUL Link from Technology**

Be sure to visit the link below... this is a go-to resource for Zimbra-to-Gmail transition, Google calendar, Google Apps tutorial videos, etc. Check it out!

<http://www.mcas.k12.in.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=12494>

### **CPR Update**

(for Teachers in need of license renewal)

Dolphin Solutions will provide CPR training next school year at Mullen. The following companies provide certification if you want to go this summer:

- 1. IU Health LaPorte** - contact Vicki Gushrowski at 219-326-2322. They offer classes every other month from 6-9PM. The cost is \$50. They have classes scheduled on 5/18 and 7/20
- 2. YMCA Elston** - contact Bobi Petru at 219-325-9622. The cost is \$50 for Y members and \$80 for non members. Dates/times TBA.
- 3. Opportunity Enterprises** - 2801 Evans Ave. Valpo. Contact Kirstin Krenz at 219-464-9621, ext 280. or email her at [Kirstin.Krenz@oppent.org](mailto:Kirstin.Krenz@oppent.org). The cost is \$35 and the class is held in Valpo.

Also, if anyone would like to review CPR techniques and medical information regarding CPR, there is a booklet available in each school in the nurse's office for you to borrow. This availability is required by the American Heart Association. By having them available for you, it saves everyone the purchase fee of \$10. **Please contact Linda Bechinski ([lbechinski@mcas.k12.in.us](mailto:lbechinski@mcas.k12.in.us)) if you have any questions about CPR.**

### **Summer Professional Development Palooza!**

Be sure to visit the professional development web page for info about MANY opportunities for teachers new to the district or new to a grade level (offerings include high ability, Everyday Math, Care Math, Read 180, Springboard, Science Kits) plus a number of Special Ed opportunities (for Guidance Counselors, teachers, autism, etc.) CPI training will be by special invite. For the latest info, select "Professional Development" under the "Staff" menu tab at <http://educatemc.net>

OR for a link directly to the sign-up form visit this page:

<https://docs.google.com/a/mcas.k12.in.us/forms/d/1vxj7ZIRIE8Dpt7Nx3QSiohoidjU2X4HeTBv7UqnWbCM/viewform>

### **Math & Science Partnership Workshops**

The Summer 2015 Math & Science Partnership Institute will again be about "MASTERing Videos." The institute is scheduled for 10 days (June 15 to 19 and July 27 to 31). Participants are expected to attend all 10 days. First 35 teachers to register will receive stipends and an iPad mini. The institute is open to math & science teachers in grade 5 to 9. Sign up here:

<http://educatemc.net/Page/11436>

### **Summer School and Summer Camps Info**

Looking for info on summer school? Click on the big red button on any school home page for dates/times/locations of remediation, community camps, sports camps, driver ed resources, and much more. Here's the direct link:

<http://educatemc.net/summer>

### **Back to School Rally**

The Citywide Back to School Rally will be Thursday, Aug 13 at Elston Gill Field, 3-7pm. Info on exhibiting, volunteering, sponsorships, and etc. is all here:

<http://educatemc.net/backtoschoolrally>

### **School Registration**

Online registration will be open July 13 through August 5 this summer... families will be able to visit <http://educateMC.net/register> to complete the process online again this year. ON SITE Student Registration will take place at ALL schools on Tuesday, August 4 (noon-6:00pm) and Wednesday, August 5th (8:00am-1:00pm). To view a flyer about registration, follow this link below... feel free to share this with anyone who may need this info!

[http://educatemc.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/2462/OnlineRegistration2015\\_16.pdf](http://educatemc.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/2462/OnlineRegistration2015_16.pdf)

### **Join us for a Parade!**

Michigan City Area Schools is participating in the Summer Festival Parade on Saturday, June 27th. Please join us to march along the parade route with some of our school principals, mascots, and our MC Wolves activity bus. Wear a school t-shirt or your "Team MCAS" shirt and bring patriotic accessories. (We'll have some flags and beads for marchers, too.) Lineup location will be listed in the News Dispatch the day before; please meet there at 10:30am. Parade is at 11:00. All are invited, bring a MCAS friend!

### **IUSB Announces New Program in Ed Leadership**

IUSB is now offering a MSE in Educational Leadership! If you are interested in earning a license (and master's) in Educational Leadership, contact Dr. Bruce Watson (info below) asap. Classes for the new cohort begin in the fall; seven candidates are registered and they may cap the class at sixteen.

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### **Online Courses - IU**

Indiana University East is offering a number of self-paced, online continuing ed courses for educators. Here is the link for more info: <http://www.virtualeduc.com/e-announcements/iue.htm>

### **Lilly Teacher Fellowship Program**

Lilly Endowment is pleased to announce the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program (TCFP) for 2015. TCFP supports lifelong learning among educators by enabling them to pursue dreams and passions, explore new areas of interest, expand existing talents, develop new ones and so forth. Up to 100 Teacher Creativity grants of \$12,000 each will be awarded in 2016. Licensed teachers (including library/media specialists), guidance counselors, principals and assistant principals in Indiana's public, private and parochial schools are eligible to apply. Deadline for proposals is September 1. For more info: [http://editor.des08.com/lilly/2016\\_TC\\_Announcement.pdf](http://editor.des08.com/lilly/2016_TC_Announcement.pdf)

### **Healthy U @ Work!**

Click the link below to access Working Well's April newsletter... read up on allergies and asthma, exercising with arthritis, high blood pressure, artichokes (yum!) and more. [http://www.workingwellsite.org/images/newsletter\\_may2015.pdf](http://www.workingwellsite.org/images/newsletter_may2015.pdf)

### **Calendar**

Need a copy of the 2015-16 school calendar? Here is the link: <http://educatcmc.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/shared/forms%20-%20public/MCAS%20Calendar.pdf>

### **WAY TO GO**

- Congrats to the entire staff of **Lake Hills**, which just received word that they are among the first group of schools to receive official certification as an Indiana STEM school. More info on this to come...including an official recognition by the IDOE that will take place in the fall.

- Congrats to MCHS teacher **Bruce Stahl**, who had 18 of his photographs published recently in *Passenger Train Journal*.
- Congrats to **Jeff Edinger's** Class at Marsh, which finished first in the regional "Sumdog" online math contest. Congrats also, to additional classes from **Marsh, Joy, and Lake Hills** who finished in the regional Top 10! Results: [http://www.sumdog.com/contests/IN-NORTHWEST-INDIANA-DISTRICT-SET\\_REGIONAL\\_20150522080000/results](http://www.sumdog.com/contests/IN-NORTHWEST-INDIANA-DISTRICT-SET_REGIONAL_20150522080000/results)

### **MCESP GIVE BACK**

MCESP is having a "give back" all day TOMORROW at Holly's (Wednesday, June 3). See your friendly MCESP member for the needed coupon. Funds raised will support scholarships for MCHS seniors who are children of MCESP members.

Congratulations to this year's MCESP Scholarship recipients, Brad Pawloski (son of Coolspring EAP **Debra Pawloski**) and Raven Wood (daughter of **Brigitte Wood**, IA at MCHS). Brad will attend Purdue to major in Engineering and Raven will attend Spelman College majoring in Exercise Science. Alex Wyman was the winner of ISTA's IFIE Scholarship for ESP this year. He is the son of IA **Marita Wyman** at Joy; he will attend Purdue to major in Aeronautical Engineering. Way to go!

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **City Hosting Environmental Conference FRIDAY**

In Celebration of Coastal Awareness Month the City of Michigan City is presenting "A Conference on the Environment" on June 5 at Blue Chip from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. This conference is free and open to the public. Registration is available online at <http://michigancity.weebly.com/>

In addition to the conference, the City of Michigan City will be hosting 2 free concerts featuring the Banana Slugs String Band. The Banana Slugs String Band is a group of lovable musicians, songwriters, and educators who blend music, theater, puppetry, and audience participation to create a lively learning environment. The concerts will be held at Millennium Park on Thursday June 4th and Friday June 5th at 6:30pm.

Also, on June 12-14, the City of Michigan City will be hosting the W.G. Jackson in Trail Creek Harbor. The W. G. Jackson serves researchers and educational groups from her berth at ports of call along Lake Michigan. Her home is the Lake Michigan Center, Grand Valley State University, Muskegon, Michigan.

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS IS FRIDAY! HAPPY SUMMER, EVERYONE!**