

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Joy Elementary

Michigan City Area Schools



September 17 through 21, 2012

1. Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing weekend.
2. Teacher PM Supervision—Door C Outside—**Magnuson**; Carroll Street Lot (In front of playground/Challenge Ed.) – **Falbo**; 4th Grade Doors Outside - **Radke**; Main Entrance Outside—**Sloane**; 5th Grade Doors Outside—**Crosby**; Horseshoe Parking Lot – **Dabagia, Schreeg, and Stepp**
3. Evening Cleaning Schedule—Monday—B; Tuesday—A; Wednesday—B; Thursday—A; Friday—B (Primary classrooms, GT, Room 101, 110, and 111, and the Counselor and Speech Offices are cleaned on Night **A**; Intermediate classrooms, Art, Library, and Rooms 125-126 are cleaned on Night **B**; Please remember that on days when your classroom is not being cleaned to place your trash can outside the door at the end of the day. If there is a stain that needs cleaned, please place a not on your door for our custodian to see.)
4. This Week's PLC—Please refer to the reddish pink cardstock sheet for a copy of this week's activities. More information will be coming to you soon.
5. Instructional Assistants Coverage Schedule—(For September 17-28) Diane and Brandi will provide lunchroom supervision; Dana, Mary Ann, and Marita will provide recess supervision
6. Teachers—Starting this week, the four instructional assistants who provide Tier II services will not be on duty at the end of the school day. They desperately need additional planning time so they will be using the last 20 minutes of their day to plan and prep for groups. Teachers who have PM supervision need to be at their post as quickly as possible. Thank you for your help with this need.
7. Teachers—If you would like to sign-up to use the Science Room/Room 127, the Conference Room, the Sensory Room, or the Linux Lab, sign-up clipboards are posted inside each room by the door. You must sign-up daily or weekly for a time in order to use these rooms.
8. If we have a school delay or closing, you will receive a phone call from School Messenger. Please make sure that Bev has your current telephone number(s) that you want to be called at. Bev will need your information by Friday, September 21, 2012.
9. First Grade Parent Orientation Night is Monday, September 17, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
10. Fourth and Fifth Grade Parent Orientation Night is Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
11. The mCLASS Reading assessment window is from 8-22-12 through 9-20-12.
12. The mCLASS Math assessment window is from 9-12-12 through 10-11-12.
13. Students not in Read 180 may take the SRI from 8-22-12 through 9-23-12.
14. The Acuity Predictive A assessment window is from 9-24-12 through 10-5-12.
15. Teachers—Here are some upcoming professional development opportunities offered by the Northern Indiana Educational Service Center which MCAS is a part of:
  - A. Connecting the DOTS: Understanding Common Core Standards Math: Grades 3-5 October 2012 <http://events.niesc.k12.in.us/?info=109> This is a new event with time spent on Implementing the Transition Document for this school year provided by IDOE
  - B. Vocabulary Awareness Math Practices Scoring Student Work from ISTEP+ GPS Workshop: Generating Productive Student Engagement for Grades K-5 October 11, 2012 <http://events.niesc.k12.in.us/?info=112>
  - C. RISE Teacher Evaluation for Special Education Teachers October 16, 2012 <http://events.niesc.k12.in.us/?info=111>
  - D. No Bullying Now: Bullying Prevention for Schools K-8 October 22, 2012 <http://events.niesc.k12.in.us/?info=108>

*Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each. –Plato*