August 2011

MSD Highlights

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County

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Superintendent's Message

Welcome back to another exciting school year at the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve the students who attend our school corporation. We strive each and every day to fulfill our mission of providing a comprehensive educational program. It is imperative that our students are prepared to be lifelong learners and contributors to society. This can only be accomplished through a partnership of staff, students, parents, and community members.

At MSD of Steuben County, we hold true to the belief that all students can learn. We value each student and understand that the attitude of the individual affects performance. We realize that students learn differently and a variety of instructional methods must be utilized to reach each individual. We provide a nurturing and caring environment to enhance our students' self-confidence and contribute to their success. We know that the family is the primary influence on a student's development and count on our parents for their support of our efforts.

Our dedicated faculty members work hard to fulfill our mission by remaining focused on the educational process. They are true professionals who understand the important role that education plays in the life of our students. Our teachers desire the best for each student and make every effort to make our students successful. Our staff members also play an important role in supporting the educational process. Food service, transportation, custodial services, instructional assistants, and office personnel are just a few examples of the numerous people who often work behind the scenes to support the classroom. We are very proud of all our employees and feel fortunate to have such outstanding people.

Even the best educational programs accomplish very little if students are not prepared or willing to take advantage of them. The key to long-term success is to make students responsible for their own learning. The desire and motivation to be successful has to come from within each individual. High expectations for student learning and achievement must continue outside the classroom. Parents are encouraged to be part of the educational process at MSD of Steuben County. I hope that you feel welcome in our schools and take advantage of opportunities to become involved in school activities. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Again, welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. Together, we can provide every child with the opportunity to reach his or her maximum potential.

Sincerely,
Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent

2011-2012 Textbook Fees Are Due

All textbook and supply fees are due the first day of school. Please see your building secretary to pay your students' textbook and supply fees or if you have questions or concerns.

Ryan Park Elementary — Exploring and Expanding Literacy at Ryan

Ryan Park Elementary teachers had a busy summer, as they honed their expertise on implementing literacy workstations during the 90-minute reading block. Most of the staff actively participated in summer book studies as well as a special "Literacy Workstations: Make-It and Take-It" day on August 8, 2011.

A literacy workstation is an area within the classroom where students work alone or interact with partners or small groups. Students use familiar instructional materials to practice, explore, and expand literacy.

Workstations contain a variety of engaging activities that reinforce and extend learning. Materials can be set up to address learners' literacy needs through use of different levels of texts and/or through varying tasks at a given station.

Working at stations provides time for children to practice reading skills/strategies to deepen comprehension, reading fluently, responding to literature, speaking, listening, and working with letters and words/vocabulary.

Some possible workstations that you might see (over time) in your child's classroom could include a: Classroom Library Station, Reading Response Station, Computer Station, Word Workstation, Poetry Station, Listening Station, Drama Station, Big Book Station, and even stations that help students develop literacy skills in areas such as science and social studies!

Here are benefits of using literacy stations at Ryan Park (and district-wide in our elementary schools). Literacy stations:

- provide opportunities for independent *practice* of literacy skills and strategies
- provide opportunities for students to expand on learning through application and exploration;
- facilitate opportunities for the teacher to work with students in small groups to meet each learner's specific needs;
- develop students' responsibility for practicing, constructing, and (at times) recording new knowledge;
- can be designed to address a wide range of skill levels, learning styles, and interests; and
- provide students with additional opportunities to learn self-monitoring, problem-solving and collaboration skills.

Be sure to ask your child about literacy workstations in his/her classroom; look for excitement to build as the year progresses.

Hendry Park Elementary — Fall 2011

The staff at Hendry Park is looking forward to working with our parents, community members, organizations, and students to make this a rewarding and productive school year. Both the certified and support staffs are dedicated to providing a caring environment where every child is expected to learn regardless of ability, gender, or ethnicity. We are counting on the active involvement of Hendry Park stakeholders as we strive to make the new school year a meaningful educational experience for our students.

We invite anyone who is interested to visit our school and learn more about Hendry Park's efforts to improve student achievement. If you are willing to serve as a volunteer, please contact Mrs. Sine for more information at 665-3215. People who are willing to read with children, help them practice their math facts, or assist them in improving their writing are always welcome!

On June 10th, at our 5th grade "graduation," Miss Lauren Stowe was awarded the "Phillip J. Martin, Jr. Positive Attitude Award." This honor is given to the 5th grade student who most consistently demonstrates a positive attitude, even when circumstances are difficult or challenging. The award was presented to Lauren by Mrs. Cari Martin, Hannah Martin, and Mrs. Sine.

Our Vision: *"Hendry Park, a caring school community, is dedicated to exemplary achievement and personal responsibility."*

Pleasant Lake Elementary —"Reading's Cool At Pleasant Lake School"

Pleasant Lake students were challenged early in June to read four grade level appropriate books over the summer months. Students who document that they have read four books by Tuesday, September 6, will receive a bright blue tee shirt that says "Reading's Cool At Pleasant Lake School". Incoming kindergarten students may participate by parents reading with their child four books by the September 6 date. Throughout the school year, Pleasant Lake will have special event blue shirt reading days where all staff members and students are encouraged to wear their reading shirt. The shirts are provided by the Pleasant Lake Elementary School student council and the Pleasant Lake PTO.

Pleasant Lake students were welcomed to the 2011-12 school year at an all school picnic, provided by the PTO, and back to school open house, on Wednesday evening, August 24.

Carlin Park Elementary — This School R.O.C.K.S!

The Carlin Park staff is looking forward to another great year. We are happy to report that our ratings by the state of IN and the federal government were positive this year. AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) was achieved in ALL 15 of 15 measured cell groups. Our state P.L. 221 rating was an "A - Exemplary Progress". Obviously we will continue to pursue and expand our academic focus for all students as we live out our Mission and Vision Statements.

Mission Statement: Carlin Park strives to provide students with a quality education to help them be successful now and in the future.

Vision Statement: Success for all students.

In addition to our academic emphasis, we work hard to build and promote good citizenship. This year we will be using the theme: This School ROCKS! Rock is an acronym based on the following:

This School R.O.C.K.S!				
Respect for Others	**On Track for High Knowledge**	**Citizenship for Success**	**Kindness for All**	**Safety Always First**
Respect the needs, feelings, and opinions of others Treat staff, parents, and other students politely Be courteous; always use "Please" and "Thank you"	Always strive to do your VERY best Pay attention and listen attentively to others Work with enthusiasm and never give up	Treat other students, yourself, and the environment as YOU want to be treated Treat your body with pride and respect Follow instructions carefully and correctly	Consider the needs of others before your own Stop/Think how your actions will affect others Think of ways to bring happiness to others	Play it safe and never take unnecessary risks. Report problems and any potential violence Be honest and encourage others to be truthful

Angola Middle School — Updates 2011-2012!

Angola Middle School is a school community that inspires the highest level of successful lifelong learners. Our staff will model lifelong learning this year by exploring Professional Learning Communities. Our staff's collaboration focus will continue to be on improving literacy instruction in all curricular areas.

> "While it is clear that content-area teachers cannot be expected to teach struggling readers basic reading skills, they can teach strategies, use appropriate instructional routines, lead and facilitate discussions, raise standards and create engaging learning environments that help students improve their ability to comprehend text."
>
> *Improving Literacy Instruction in Middle and High Schools, Center on Instruction*

Mark your calendars for our monthly Parent Advisory Meetings. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on 9/29, 10/27, 11/17, 1/26, 2/23, 4/26. We look forward to hearing from you about issues or concerns you may have. We will offer sessions on bullying, social media, etc. Stay tuned. You will hear more about the sessions in our newsletters. Our school website http://ams.msdsteuben.k12.in.us/ has greatly improved and will be used to help us communicate. Check this frequently. We will post announcements, classroom expectations, calendars and athletic information. In another effort to communicate better with you, we look forward to utilizing an improved version of School Messenger.

The Athletic Department would like you to know that all student athletes must have a physical on file prior to beginning practice. Physicals are only good for the current school year. Parents must also indicate that his/her child has adequate accident coverage prior to participation in any school sponsored sports activity. Supplemental accident insurance is available. The cost is $55.00 for the entire year. Please call the office if you have questions.

We urge you to be involved in your child's middle school education. Talk with them about what is happening in classrooms. Check your child's agenda. Make plans to study for tests. Visit often to check your child's locker. We encourage you to check your child's grades on a weekly basis. We will do our best to keep all grades current and up to date. Angola Middle School is your partner in providing a wonderful and engaging learning experience this year for all students. We look forward to working with you.

MSD Staff 2011-2012 Staff Changes

DISTRICT

Rob Bach (Reassigned)Safety and Security Director / Middle School Assistant Principal

Scott Poor (Reassigned) ... Transportation Director / High School Assistant Principal

ANGOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Edward Bentley (New)..... Instructional Assistant

Karen Huber (Retired).....Business and Psychology Teacher

Carmen McDaniel-Parr (New).....Food Service

Chris Smith (New) ..... Instructional Assistant

Jodie Smith (New) ..... Instructional Assistant

Russ Tingley (New) ..... Instructional Assistant

Susie Zimmer (Resigned).....Health Occupations Teacher

ANGOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

JoAnn Schworm (Retired).....Custodian

CARLIN PARK ELEMENTARY

Rebecca Knight (Reassigned) ..... First Grade Teacher

HENDRY PARK ELEMENTARY

Jennifer Abbott (New).....After School Child Care Assistant

Debbie Buell (Resigned).....After School Child Care Assistant

Anna Flint (Resigned) ..... Instructional Assistant

Shawn Foltz (New) ..... Instructional Assistant

Kylee Light (New) ..... Instructional Assistant

Megan McDermid (One-Year Temporary) .....Fifth Grade Teacher

Chelsea Rice (One-Year Temporary)..... Title I Teacher

Janet Peterson (Resigned) ..... Instructional Assistant

Peggy Sluis (Resigned) ..... Early Intervention Assistant

Kalee Waltemath (Resigned) ..... Early Intervention Teacher

PLEASANT LAKE ELEMENTARY

Angela Harpenau (Reassigned).....Second Grade Teacher

Jamie Reinoehl (One-Year Temporary)..... Kindergarten Teacher

RYAN PARK ELEMENTARY

Carol Atha (Resigned)..... Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Lisa Chard (Reassigned) ..... Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Amanda Jolin (New) ..... After School Child Care Director

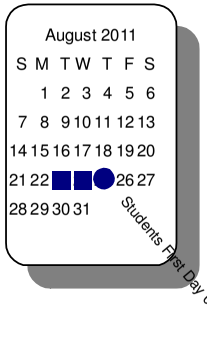
Briana Knoll (New)..... Functional Skills Assistant

Stephanie Leaman (Resigned)..... After School Child Care Director

Terri Moor (Reassigned)..... Kindergarten Teacher

Metropolitan School District of Steuben County
2011-2012 Corporation Calendar

June 6th and days beyond are make-up days. Days will be added as needed and as required by the State of Indiana.



August 2011
23 Staff Work Day
Non-Student Day
24 Staff Work Day
Non-Student Day
25 Student First Day

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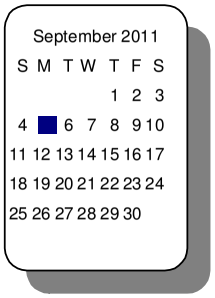

September 2011
05 Labor Day

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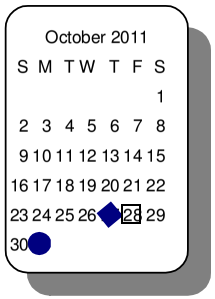

October 2011
27 1st Quarter Ends
28 Parent Conferences
Non-Student Day
31 2nd Quarter Begins

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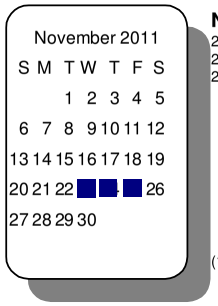

November 2011
23 Thanksgiving Break
24 Thanksgiving Break
25 Thanksgiving Break

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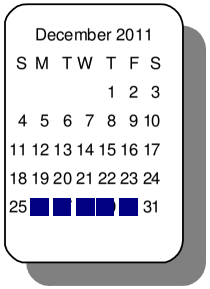

December 2011
26 Winter Break
27 Winter Break
28 Winter Break
29 Winter Break
30 Winter Break

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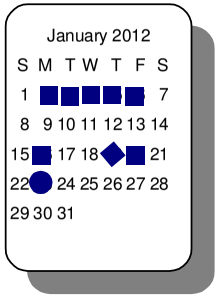

January 2012
02 WinterBreak
03 Winter Break
04 Winter Break
05 Winter Break
06 Winter Break
16 Martin Luther King Day
19 2nd Quarter Ends
20 Staff Work Day
Non-Student Day
23 3rd Quarter Begins

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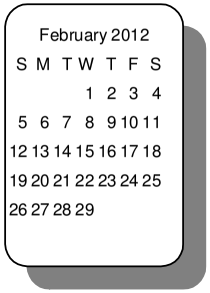

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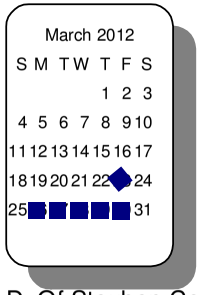

March 2012
23 End of 3rd Quarter
26 Spring Break
27 Spring Break
28 Spring Break
29 Spring Break
30 Spring Break

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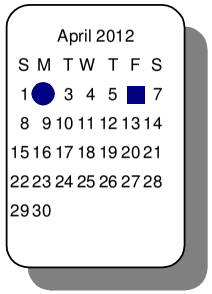

April 2012
02 4th Quarter Begins
06 Good Friday

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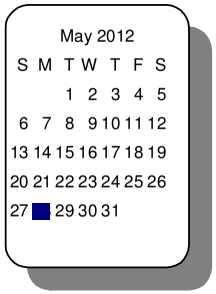

May 2012
28 Memorial Day

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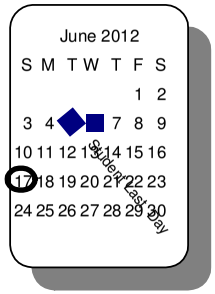

June 2012
05 End of 4th Quarter and Student Last Day if no make-up days
06 Staff Work Day
Non-Student Day
17 Graduation

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M.S.D. Of Steuben County
2011-2012 School Calendar
- ☐ Parent/Teacher Conference
- ■ Student Vacations
- ● Quarter Begins
- ◆ Quarter Ends

***Every Wednesday classes will dismiss 30 minutes early for teacher collaboration (collaboration canceled on weather delay/closings)**

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New for 2011-2012

3 Hour Delay- The Metropolitan School District of Steuben County may use a 3 Hour Delay schedule during inclement weather in the upcoming year. As of the beginning of the 2010-2011school year, the state structure only allowed for the use of a 2 Hour Delay schedule causing MSD students to have to make up more days at the end of the school year. This year, our school board approved the use of a 3 Hour Delay schedule on days of inclement weather. If a 3 Hour Delay is called, students will begin school 3 hours later than scheduled and 1 hour will be added to the end of that day. If the extended day runs into scheduled after school events, arrangements will be made to hold the activity at a later time or date.

Website - Take a few minutes to explore our new website www.msdsteuben.k12.in.us that includes: Document Library, where you can find almost every document you could need; Calendar, five different viewing options; Weather delays/closings; Email, from the website you can email staff; and Employment, postings and applications. Keep in mind this is new to us also and we are working on making it as up to date as possible.

2011-2012 Lunch Fees

The MSD of Steuben County Food Service is looking forward to the opportunity to provide such a vital part of the educational process to our students during the 2011-12 school year. Breakfast and Lunch prices are as follows:

Paid Student Breakfast: $1.00
Free or Reduced Student Breakfast: no charge
Adult Breakfast: $1.55

Elementary Paid Lunch: $1.65
Middle School and High School Paid Lunches: $1.80
Reduced Lunch (K-12) $ .40
Adult Lunches: $2.80

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