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GRAMMY AWARD SEMI-FINALIST

A total of 25 music teachers from 25 cities across 16 states have been announced as semifinalists for the Music Educator Award™ presented by The Recording Academy® and the GRAMMY Foundation®. Initial nominations were submitted from all 50 states with over 3,000 applicants vying for top honors. To be nominated is a big deal, but to make the top 25 in the entire nation is beyond impressive. Ten finalists will be announced in December, and the winner will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 59th annual Grammy Awards ceremony.



The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public, and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in schools. A joint partnership and presentation of The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation, the recipient will be honored during GRAMMY® Week 2017. With “civic center level” concerts and multiple awards, the Earlham community, especially his students, are aware of the impact of Nate Sletten, and his motivational soapbox moments and inspirational teaching. Congratulations, Mr. Sletten, on this huge honor!

Upcoming Events

November 5 & 6
Seussical the Musical

November 7
NO School
Staff PD Day

November 23
1 pm Early Dismissal

November 24 & 25
No School for Thanksgiving!

See the master calendar at home.ecsdcards.com for more scheduled events.

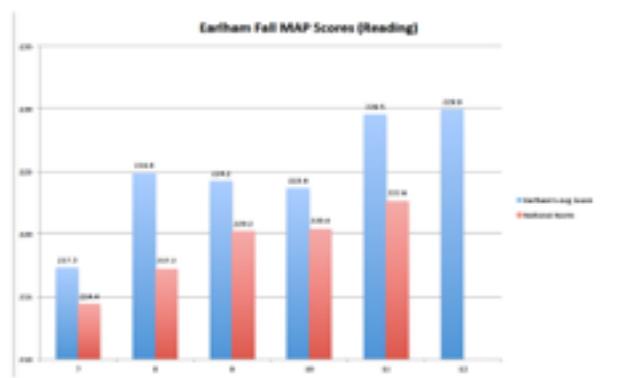
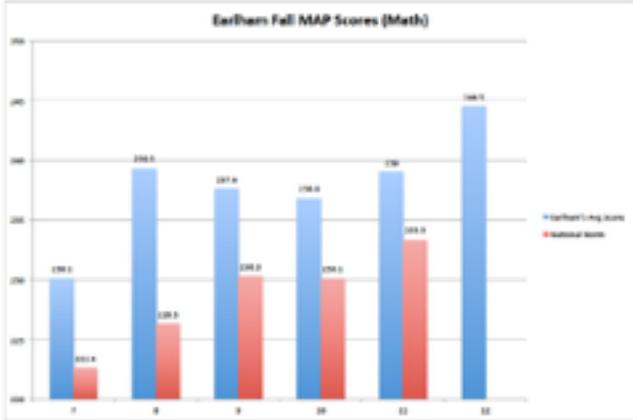
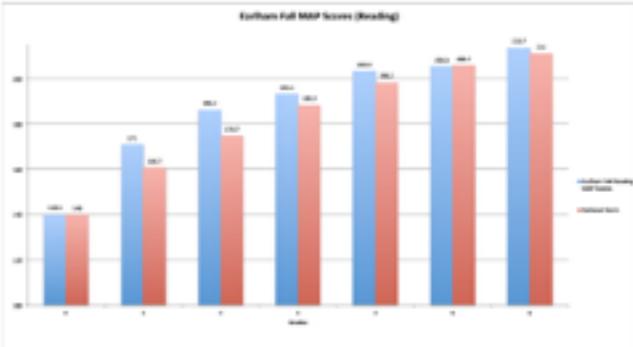
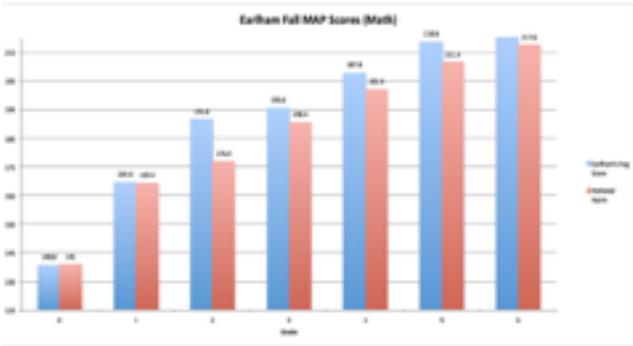
FALL MAP TESTING RESULTS

The Earlham School District has all students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade take the Measures of Academic Progress, or MAP tests, as one of the standardized tests to formally measure students' academic progress in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics and science. The MAP tests are taken in the Fall (September), Winter (December) and Spring (April) cycles so that teachers can analyze individual and class data more frequently, and change instruction to adapt to student needs more readily.

As a reminder, the MAP tests are intuitive, meaning that students take these for an unlimited amount of time on their laptops using a lockdown browser. As they answer a question, the test will give increasingly more difficult questions to the student. If a student answers incorrectly, a question at the same level will be asked again to determine if the next questions should increase or decrease in difficulty, thus providing a more accurate assessment of what a student truly knows and where any gaps in learning may be occurring. The tests are broken down into categories. For instance, mathematics scores at the secondary level are a compilation of statistics and probability, operations and algebraic thinking, geometry and real and complex number systems; while reading scores are a mix of literature, informational text and vocabulary acquisition and use.

The top two graphs on the left show mathematics first followed by reading for elementary grades Kindergarten - 6th. The blue bar represents Earlham scores as compared to the red bar that shows the national norm. In all grades, in both mathematics and reading, Earlham students exceeded national norms (with the exception of matching results in kindergarten, the first year the test is taken).

The third graph to the left shows mathematics for grades 7 - 12 while the bottom graph has the reading data for those same secondary grade levels. Once again, Earlham students are represented by the blue bar while the national norm is demonstrated with the red bar. Seniors do not have national data as some schools do not require seniors to take standardized tests (our district does in order to see preparation for college and career readiness factors). As clearly indicated, secondary students are exceeding national norms for every grade level in both mathematics and reading tests.



All parents were e-mailed the complete MAP testing results for their individual student(s) by their advisory teacher (grades 7-12) and by elementary homeroom teachers by mid-November.

ALL-STATE AMAZING

On Saturday October 22nd, Alexa Losee, Stephen Woolcott, Alexis Huls, Grant Becker, Lauren Thomson, and Danielle Geneser



auditioned for the All-State Chorus in Atlantic. For the first time ever, four student vocalists were selected from Earlham. From left to right in the photo above: Grant Becker (bass), Lauren Thomson (alto), Alexa Losee (soprano) and Stephen Woolcott (tenor). Congratulations to all of these amazing singers! They will perform at the All-State Festival on November 18th and 19th. IPTV will broadcast the concert on Thanksgiving Day.

On Friday November 11th, the Earlham Cardinal Music Boosters is hosting a fundraiser concert. Soloists and small groups from our school will perform some popular tunes to open, followed by Shy of a Dozen, an all male a capella group from Iowa State University. They sing a wide variety of popular music, a capella, barbershop, and various theme songs.



"Horton the Elephant hears a noise coming from a speck of dust on a clover and commits himself to protecting it and the Whos who live on it; Jojo, a misfit Who "doesn't Think normal Thinks," struggles to find his place in the tiny Who society; Gertrude McFuzz tries to catch the attention of her love - the kind and compassionate Horton. Through mishaps and adventures, these unique characters finally find what they seek - their places in their world." (taken from broadwaymusicalhome.com).

Come see your favorite Dr. Seuss characters brought to life by the Earlham Drama Department the first weekend of November! This show involves 56 Earlham students in grades 7-12 in various roles, both on the stage and off! You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll groove in your seat as they take you from the Jungle of Nool to the tiny town of Who! You can even take home your own Cat in the Hat Red Stovepipe Hat for just \$5! We've been working hard and we hope you know, we can't wait to see you at our show.

Show times: Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 pm AND Sunday, November 6th, 2:00 pm

Ticket Prices: \$8/adults; \$5 students; PK and younger are free!

CASSIE BOND TO CLERK IN SPRING

Cassie Bond, a senior at Earlham High School was recently selected to clerk for State Senator Tom Shipley for the 2017 Legislative Session. As a clerk, Cassie will work with Senator Shipley, sitting in on committee meetings and sessions assisting the Senator with his political activities.

Senator Shipley graduated from Iowa State and has been a High School VoAg teacher, feed department manager and a director for the Iowa Cattleman's association. Senator Shipley has devoted much of his career as an advocate for Agriculture. Cassie has also devoted much of her high school career to Agriculture, currently serving as a South Central District officer for FFA.



Cassie will graduate in May of 2017 from Earlham High School and will attend Iowa State in the Fall.

Cardinal Run

“Hey! Slow down! We don’t run in the hallway!”

Oh, actually we do, but only when the students have done something SUPER awesome!

The elementary has started a new tradition this year called “The Cardinal Run!” Students get the chance to run the halls after they have received the Earl’s Excellence Award and the Cardinal Conduct Award during their monthly PBIS Celebration. The Earl’s Excellence Award is given to students who have shown great academic progress throughout the month. The Cardinal Conduct Award goes to a student who has shown outstanding character.

During the run students get a chance to snake the hallways while high fiving their peers. So far, it has been a huge hit and a great way to recognize our students for all of the great things they are doing at Earlham Elementary.



The Earlham National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive next Saturday, November 5, from 8:00-11:30 am at the school. Come help us save lives!
Please contact Bailey Gulley at the school (bgulley@ecsdcards.com 515-758-2214 ext. 483) if you are interested in scheduling an appointment.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS RUN LIKE THE WIND!

Eva Fisk (placed 14th) and the Boys’ Team (placed 11th) represented Earlham well at the State Cross-Country Meet! According to Coach Dion Braet: “ This season, Thomas Payne set the senior record, Emaleigh Carter the junior record, Kaylee Zweigart the sophomore record and freshmen records for boys and girls were set by Wade Feltner and Eva Fisk (respectively).”



Earlham High School Marching Band

The EHS marching band received their 7th Consecutive Division "I" Rating at the IHSMMA State Marching Band Contest in Waukee as they performed their “Jersey Boys” routine! They performed at each home football game, in parades and at the October 25th concert!

Jazz Band is now rehearsing for their first competition at the SCIBA Jazz Festival.





Football Season Ends

The Cardinals finished the season at 6-4 overall, 6-1 in district play. Coach Chris Caskey stated: "We did end the season as one of the top 16 teams in Class A. The offense finished in the top 10 in rushing, and in the top 10 for total offense in Class A at the end of the regular season. The defense had another great season holding opponents to 19 points in district play, most of those points coming late in the game after things were no longer in doubt. We also held 4 teams to under 100 yards rushing." Go Big Red!

FB Photo taken by Shannon Payne. For sale in District Office for \$5 (all proceeds to yearbook).

From the Board Table

At their meeting on October 12, 2016, Ms. Michel presented information to the Board on her method of using storytelling to teach secondary Spanish. Using storytelling, the students learn the language through conversation as opposed to strict memorization. She led the Board through a lesson in which she had the Board members repeat the words in Spanish from charts on which she had the English words written underneath. Ms. Michel then told a story in Spanish to the Board. The Board attempted to follow the story and then write the story on paper in Spanish. Ms. Michel also shared a list of cognates with the Board. These are Spanish words that sound somewhat like English, like "el restaurante" or "el doctor". She also mentioned several on-line resources that she uses with the students.

Mr. Hammen and Mrs. Knight presented the fall Measures of Academic Progress or MAP testing results to the Board. Math and Reading assessments were presented and compared to fall MAP testing from 2015. The data presented was to show the growth of the cohort groups from year to year. The national Norm score was shared for each grade level and compared with the district student scores. The average grade scores in Math and Reading from K-12 indicated that every grade level average score is above the national norm score. The district will perform further analysis to identify the growth areas for individual students. New individual student goals will be set for both winter MAP and spring MAP assessments.

A letter of resignation from Teresa Waldron was acknowledged by the School Board. Teresa Waldron has served the Earlham Community School District for the past 7 years. The Board discussed the process by which an appointment is made to fill this vacancy. A notice of this vacancy will be published in the local newspaper.

The School Board will hold a Special Meeting on November 2nd to appoint a new member to the Board. The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Get the *Cardinal Chatter* delivered to your mailbox or inbox!



We will publish this newsletter monthly throughout the school year to keep our school community updated on our progress as a district. Copies will be available at local businesses and it will be posted on the school website, but you can elect to have the Chatter delivered directly to your home via email or mail! Simply go online to <http://goo.gl/dJ08ds> or call the district office at 758-2214 to get signed up to receive all future issues!

Looking for more information about our school? Check out our school website at home.ecsdcards.com for additional announcements, a calendar of events, the staff directory, program information and more.