

Cardinal Chatter



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Earlham Community School District, Earlham, Iowa

E-CAB Promotes Cardinal Pride

E-CAB, the Earlham Cardinal Athletic Boosters, is a club dedicated to supporting Earlham Athletics. It's mission is "Supportive, Positive and Determined: Helping our Student-Athletes in their Quest for Success!"

Color Events Planned

Earlham High School basketball fans can participate in three "color" events later this season. In an effort to strengthen school pride and expose the positive Cardinal inside all of us; ECAB is encouraging all students, parents, family and fans to wear either the appropriate colored attire at the future games indicated below.

A "Code Red" has been issued for the January 7th game against Woodward-Granger. All fans are encouraged to wear **red** Cardinal attire and be loud to support their Cardinals!

On January 17th, the Earlham Student Council is sponsoring the Coaches vs. Cancer game when the Cardinals host the Madrid Tigers. The Student Council plans are currently underway to raise funds for the American Cancer Society programs that help people stay well, get well and fight back against cancer. The EHS Drill Team will have a special performance during halftime of this game. Be sure to show your support this night by wearing **pink**!

The Boosters are hoping that wearing **white** Cardinal attire for the seniors will become an annual tradition at Earlham. This color event is set for February 11th when the Cardinals face West Central Valley in the final home game of the season. Cardinal fans will also be treated

with free popcorn when wearing white and showing their Cardinal spirit!!

Please mark your calendars to attend these basketball games and show your support for the boys and girls basketball teams!

Elementary Students Give Time & Toys

The elementary Cardinal Council sponsored a toy collection drive for Toys for Tots. Elementary students were asked to bring in new, unwrapped toys in from December 3 through December 13 for boys and girls ages 0-14.

Cardinal Council members took 113 donated toys to the Toys for Tots warehouse on Thursday, December 19. They spent about 90 minutes at the warehouse, sorting and counting toys, and helping load deliveries.

The students enjoyed volunteering and being able to give back during the holiday season.



PBIS & Youth Sports



Right before break, PK-8 students enjoyed some reindeer games at their December celebration. Students with zero minors, zero majors and zero late assignments earned an extra 20 minute PE session as their reward. Some students and teachers were paired up for a snowball fight (students threw

marshmallows to be caught in the teacher's bucket). Winners were given a red Cardinal cookie cutter made by Mr. Moon and the 3D art printer (shown above). The celebration ended with some awesome elf videos of the teachers.

Those students earning the semester PBIS award for maintaining a flawless PBIS record for the entire fall semester celebrated on



Everyday Math

In *Everyday Mathematics*, students use calculators to learn concepts, recognize patterns, develop estimation skills, and explore problem solving.

They learn that a calculator can help them solve problems beyond their current paper-and-pencil capabilities; they also learn that, in some situations, they can use their own problem-solving abilities to get an answer more quickly than they can with a calculator.

Students learn to use their basic facts and operations knowledge and estimation skills to decide whether the calculator's solution is reasonable. Students do not become dependent on calculators. Instead they become comfortable and skillful users of a practical technology tool.



MS Math & iXL

MS students have been completing extra math practice using iXL, a fun, interactive math application that provides an individualized learning experience for every student. Motivational awards and certificates with core-aligned content to all grade levels of math create an engaging, self-paced practice environment.

The students had an ice cream celebration in early December for reaching their goal of 100,000 completed problems. As of January 3, these students had correctly completed 135,000 math problems and spent over 900 hours in the iXL system.

Students use iXL one day a week during M&M time and use the system during math class to preview and review skills. They are also able to access the program outside of class to practice as well.

Monday. Students in PK-6 grades were able to watch "Despicable Me 2" while those in middle school grades got Casey's pizza and soda for lunch.

To kick start PBIS for spring semester, students and teachers will complete a PBIS Boot Camp!!! No climbing walls or long runs through the woods, but an active re-learning of PBIS core values and expectations is on target for all. Everyone in grades PK-8 will go around the building and answer questions and complete tasks based on QR codes that are posted on PBIS posters. The idea is to refresh expectations in the common areas for everyone. Students will go with their homeroom or advisory teacher on Thursday and/or Friday to reinforce expectations and start the semester out fresh. Using the QR code app on their i-Pads to determine the question or action request, students will work to complete the task and answer the questions.

BE RESPONSIBLE! BE RESPECTFUL! BE PROUD!



Technology

On Monday, December 9, Special Agent Karen Gale from the FBI's Internet Crimes unit came to Earlham to talk about Internet Safety.

Agent Gale spoke to grades 6-8 and then 9-12 on age-appropriate matters regarding how to stay safe online. This opportunity was set up by our school liaison officer, Angie Clouser, and was very well received by the students.

In our highly connected society, teaching the students how to protect themselves is a high priority for Earlham Schools. You can find activities to work with your students at www.netsmartz.org



From the Board Table

At their meeting on December 18th, the Earlham School Board approved open enrollment applications for students requesting to enroll at the Earlham Schools as well as those requesting to enroll at other area school districts. Open enrollment has been available for students and their families since 1996. As stated in Chapter 17 of the Iowa Administrative Code, “It is the intent of Iowa Code section 282.18 to maximize parental choice in providing a wide range of educational opportunities which are not available for pupils because of where they live.” For the State of Iowa, open enrollment is how the State Legislature is providing school choice.

When the open enrollment laws were first enacted, students and families were required to make application by January 1st of the prior school year in order to open enroll for the next school year. Currently, the timeline for filing for open enrollment is March 1st for students in grades 1-12 and September 1st for Kindergarten students. For example, an application must be received by March 1, 2014, for a student in grades 1-12 to open enroll for the 2014-15 school year. Applications for a Kindergarten students must be received by September 1, 2014, to open enroll for the 2014-15 school year.

The Earlham Community School District has had a history of having more students open enrolling into the district than open enrolling out. The chart below is a summary of the past few years.

School Year	Open Enrolled In	Open Enrolled Out
2013-14	63	62
2012-13	64	62
2011-12	71	58
2010-11	60	59
2009-10	69	49

Fall 2013 Open Enrollment Count

Open Enroll In	West Central Valley (47)	Winterset (9)	Adair-Casey (3)	All Others (4)
Open Enroll Out	ADM (33)	Winterset (7)	Waukee (7)	All Others (15)*

*The 15 students who open enroll out and are included in the All Others category are grouped together to maintain their confidentiality.

These students attend five neighboring districts in addition to those listed in the chart above.

The next regular Earlham Community School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. There will also be a special meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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