

Cardinal Chatter



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Earlham Community School District, Earlham, Iowa

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



Graduating seniors move their tassels at the conclusion of graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 25.

Health & Wellness Fair

On May 7th, 5th-8th grade students had the great opportunity to participate in the Health and Wellness Fair hosted by Earlham Schools.

There were over 20 presenters including the DCI, American Lung Association, Winterset Vet, Earlham Savings Bank, Montross Pharmacy, Earlham Fire and Rescue, Earlham Police, the National Weather Service, Infection Control, Madison County Extension, Middle River Hospice, Madhaus Art Gallery, Winterset Family Eye Care, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Lowe Chiropractic, Crisis Intervention, Rehab Visions, Iowa Donor Network, Crossroads Mental Health, and Internet Safety.



A special presentation was given at the end of the morning by Dr. Matz, doctor and professor of osteopathic medicine at Des Moines University, on the anatomy of the body. He spoke to the students about the function of the brain, lungs, heart, spleen, spinal cord, and other internal organs. At the conclusion of his presentation, the students had the opportunity to observe and touch these organs first-hand.

Eighth Grade Promotion

On Friday, May 30, students from the Class of 2018 were recognized for completing middle school. Middle school students were also recognized for their academic achievements.



Remembering Chris

On Friday, May 23, the 5th grade class held a ceremony in memory of their classmate, Christopher Allsup.

Parents of 5th grade students organized the ceremony. They also collected donations to purchase an engraved memorial rock to place by the tree that was planted in Allsup's honor.

During the ceremony, students shared memories and released balloons after a moment of silence.

It was also announced that Carver's Ridge donated the engraved rock, so the \$500 in donations will be used in another manner to honor Allsup's memory.



HS Beautification Day

On May 14, the high school students and staff participated in a "Beautification Day" organized by the HS Student Council.

By coordinating with the custodial staff, school transportation director, and city, the Student Council identified sixteen different activities for groups to complete.

Groups painted and cleaned at the rec park concession stand and city pool, landscaped at the school and museum, cleaned school vehicles and busses, washed school windows, cleaned tables and chairs at the community center, and picked up trash and sticks throughout the town.

Additional photos can be found on the Student Council Facebook page.



State Track

The high school boys' and girls' track teams had a strong showing at the State Track Meet on May 22-24, participating in 15 events.

The boys' team qualified in the 4x100, 4x200, Shuttle Hurdle Relay, 4x800, 800 and Long Jump.

The girls' team competed in the 800, 400 Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, 4x100, 4x200, 4x400, Sprint Medley Relay and Distance Medley Relay.

For a complete list of participants and results for our school, visit the district announcements page on the school website.

Teacher Leadership Assignments for 2014-2015

Jon Peterson will serve as the secondary instructional coach and Janelle Conry will be the elementary instructional coach next year as part of the district's Teacher Leadership & Compensation Plan. In this full-time role, the coaches will work directly with teachers to analyze student data and plan and improve instruction to boost student achievement.

Alli Waugh will serve as the Technology Integrationist, while remaining the PK-8 Technology Teacher. As a technology integrationist, she will work directly with teachers to effectively incorporate technology into instruction to increase student engagement and learning.

Angie Ridgely, Brian Becker, Mai Morris, Janet Grush, Justin Johnson, Nate Sletten, Ivan Helmus, Kirk Gilson and Dion Braet will serve as Mentors. These teachers will retain their full-time teaching positions and provide support for new teachers as they transition into our district and/or the profession.

Jessica Enger, Mindy Harskamp, Brian Becker, Dion Braet, Tim Harskamp, Holly Homan and Kirk Gilson will be CLT Facilitators. These teachers, who will remain in the classroom full-time, will lead collaborative groups that focus on analyzing student data to improve instructional practices while growing professionally.

All teacher leaders will be compensated for their additional responsibilities with funding awarded by the Teacher Leadership & Compensation Grant through the Iowa Department of Education.

Wrapping up a successful year

ECSD Staff celebrated many successes this year, including strengthening the PBIS program, implementing reunification procedures, being chosen as a TLC Grant Recipient, implementing a Everyday Math in the elementary, improving Iowa Assessment Scores, and working with great students and colleagues and a supportive school community, among other accomplishments.

During the final professional development day, staff worked to identify areas for academic improvement in preparation for the upcoming school year. Many staff members will be continuing their professional development throughout the summer by taking classes, reading professional books, and participating in workshops and trainings.

Next year, the district will welcome new staff members who will fill openings in 1st grade, 5th grade, Elementary Special Education, Elementary Physical Education, High School Social Studies, High School Science and Secondary Guidance. Watch for the August issue of the Chatter, in which new staff members will be introduced and a preview of school goals will be included.

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