

PUMA Team,



Well, here it is May and time for the final newsletter of this school year. It is kind of a bummer to end the year because I, and the staff, have really enjoyed seeing the kids each day. It has been a fantastic year! Our academic teams had a tremendous Regional Competition. Our English, Social Studies, Science, and Interdisciplinary teams all won Division II in our region. Our English team, consisting of Emily Chamness, Elyse Talley, Grace Gill, and Hannah Nelson, was state runner-up; our Interdisciplinary team, Emily Chamness, Sam Valadares, Trenton Young, and Bryce Flake, placed 7th in the state; and our Math team, Claire O'Reilly, Sam Valadares, Haley Haynes, and Matthew Vaught, placed 10th in state. Tremendous job students! Our Science team members were Isaac Laugel, Trenton Young, Will Strueh, and Tensei Nakamura. Social Studies team members were Jason Chamness, Hannah Harrison, Andrew Koonce, and Bryce Flake. Congratulations to all the students and coaches for their excellent preparation and performance!

Continuing on the academic theme, a huge pat on the back goes to Elyse Talley, grade 7 and Owen O'Reilly, grade 6, for their perfect scores on the Acuity math tests A, B, and C. They were the only middle school students in the EVSC to achieve this feat! Awesome! Congratulations and kudos also go to all the students earning Distinguished, A, and B Honor Roll. Our attendance at the reception and banquet was the best ever! Parents, many thanks to you and the children for the excellent work ethic and discipline in the classroom and at home.

In addition to the excellent academic strengths, many students are involved with orchestra, band, and choir. The Spring Concerts were such a pleasure to attend. The proficiency level and effort put forth by these students is to be commended. Excellent work, students and directors!

Our PTSA, once again, has supported the students and staff so wonderfully this year. Our Teacher Appreciation Week was exceptional! I gained a few pounds, but all the food items were so delicious. Thank you so much to all the families who made this week so enjoyable. In addition to Teacher Appreciation Week and sponsoring our Honors Nights, the PTSA also sponsors our

Citizenship Ice Cream Social in partnership with Dan Grunow of G. D. Ritzzy's. Again this year, the students enjoyed themselves as they were rewarded for their excellence in the classroom and in earning citizenship. To cap off the school year, the PTSA sponsored a pizza luncheon for the students on May 16. The kids sure enjoyed this treat, as you can imagine!

Our school-wide attendance has been exceptional throughout the year. As of May 21, our attendance for 6th grade is 99.1%, 7th grade 98.9%, and 98.5% for 8th grade. Overall our attendance is 98.8%. Awesome work students and parents! Thank you so much for your backing!

I also want to thank our anonymous friend for providing the entire staff with homemade cookies earlier this spring, and just recently a STEM-related surprise of blue and gray stenciled M&M candies in a miniature scientific beaker. They were such a perfect gift for our STEM staff!

Congratulations to Gary Loveless, 8th grade Math teacher, for being honored with the Peabody Energy Leaders in Education award. What a deserving recipient! Congratulations, again, to Gary and his family. I, too, was honored with this award last week. I can say that nothing I do here could be accomplished without the tremendous support of my family and the work of the students, my fine staff of teachers and support personnel, and you, parents. What a blessing it is to work for you and your children.

In closing, thank you for another fantastic year! Good luck to our outgoing 8th graders. I look forward to welcoming back our next year's 7th and 8th graders, as well as our new 6th graders in August. Mark your calendar, our Back-to-School Picnic is August 7, from 5-7 p.m. Have a wonderful and safe summer with your families!

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CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

6TH GRADE: Kylie Drysdale, Bailey Menacher, Cecelia Jacobson, Kenzie Hartz, Asia Wright, Kyle Wagner, Keegan Williams, Bailey Adams, Miriam McDonald, Canaan Lutz.

7TH GRADE: Trevor Fulton, Xavier Peek, Mary Werner, Warren Hall, Lucas John, Bronwyn John, T.J. Thornton, Madalynn Wargel, Garrett Thomas, Jack DeVries, Audrey Gibson, Brooklynn Bonham, Alys Whitaker.

8TH GRADE: Haley Crowe, Morgan Bryant, Brandon Sitzman, Tyler Ruckman, Makenzie Davis, Elizabeth Bailey, Matt Lynch, Matt Yurks, Kaleb Kemper, Renee Kasper, Haven Messel, R. J. Bohrer.

Mrs. Wendelene Kluesner

My teaching position with the EVSC, including seven years at Reitz H.S. and twenty-two years at Helfrich Park, has been at times very challenging, but quite rewarding. A teaching career was my goal starting early in my life, and it is an occupation that has been important to my own continuous, lifelong love of learning. Reading leads to so much knowledge, and literature can open imaginations to many ideas and worlds. Teaching German has been my passion, and I have tried to pass that on to my students. Some have been able to travel to German-speaking countries and use their knowledge of German while there. Others have continued their language study to major or minor in German in college. It has been a pleasure to have had so many great students in my classes throughout these years. I am now looking forward to traveling and having time to pursue other interests and activities. I am grateful for the opportunity to work at two great schools with so many wonderful colleagues. Living on the West Side, I expect to still see many co-teachers and former students. Auf Wiedersehen!

Mrs. (Frau) Wendelene Kluesner



6TH GRADE STARS



Wow, what a year it has been for the sixth grade! The students have had many wonderful field trips this year: LBL, UE basketball game, Angel Mounds, field day at Barker Complex, Lloyd Pool, and Skate World. As the year comes to an end, we would like to say thank you to the students for all their hard work in the classroom and a big thank you to the parents and guardians for all your hard work, support, and dedication to your child's education.

In science, the students have learned how to perform the abdominal thrust and CPR for adults and infants. In some classes the students completed a Pringle project while others worked on crystals and buoyance. In math, the students did a field trip WebQuest on their netbooks. They used Google Maps to find the distance, and time it takes to get to each field trip destination. They also worked with conversions and mean, median, mode, and range. The students ended the year with a math baseball unit, using statistics of baseball players to create spinners for a baseball game. Honors math students took a final to end their year and did a really great job! In language arts, the students completed a how-to project. The students have been busy completing research projects and reading class novels. In social studies, the students have been studying World War II and Europe.

7TH GRADE M&MS



Mrs. McDurmon, Mrs. Todd, and Mr. Hartmann thank each and every seventh grade math student for their hard work this school year. From Acuity testing, homework, ECA testing, projects, and ISTEP, the students have handled each challenge with determination. As we enter the summer, it is time to reflect on a great year and look forward to the new school year. We wish all of our students the best of luck in the future.

English and language arts teachers, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Greenwell, and Mr. Loehrlein hope you have a great summer! Join the Summer Reading program at the public library, and enjoy a good book under the summer sun!



8TH GRADE G8TORS

Eighth grade science students have finished the year with learning about the environment and the world around them. Ocean currents, renewable and non-renewable resources, the water cycle, and weather systems have been covered through several hands-on activities and experiments. The students will take several topics and experiments with them as they continue their education next year in high school. This will include a recently completed lab on ocean currents experimenting with temperature of water, salt, and food coloring. Current 7th grade students will have an exciting start to their year in 8th grade science learning physics.

Eighth grade math students have worked through all the 8th grade standards and even began covering some high school math topics. Students did their best on ISTEP! All parents should be proud of their efforts!

Mrs. Kluesner's English classes have written research papers about a state and presented the information to the class. They have heard interesting facts about our many states. The literature classes have read *The Outsiders*, a classic teen novel. They are really enjoying watching the video made from the book at the end of the year. German classes have recently studied about birthdays, buying presents, and some German grammar lessons. Students also learned a little about Austria, another German-speaking country, by reading a selection and seeing a video. They saw scenes of Vienna, where Frau Kluesner spent a year studying during college.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have had a wonderful year with all of you. We are just finishing up collecting locks and cleaning out the lockers. Mr. Mahan and Mrs. Redd would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer and can't wait to have you again next year. Remember to put on plenty of sun screen and drink lots of fluids this summer. We would also like to wish our 8th graders all the best in high school next year. You will be missed, make sure you come back and visit.

WASHINGTON D.C./NEW YORK

Seventh grade students have started signing up for the field trip of a lifetime to Washington D.C. and New York City. There have already been 17 students sign up; we can take the first 50 that register. Sign up early for only \$49 and also receive a \$100 discount. Contact Mr. Loveless for more information.

TECH

Mrs. King is proud to announce Tech has received a PEF grant for a new classroom set of robots. Thank you, Public Education Foundation! Wishing everyone a relaxing summer break!



VOCAL MUSIC

This has been a great year in music class. The students have been developing their skills on the guitar and singing in class. The Choir had a good performance at their concert on May 8. Next School year, 2014-2015, there will be a 7th grade choir class and an 8th grade choir class during the school day. Also, there will be an after-school choir for 6th grade students once a week as a club. The choir will perform at two concerts and a contest.



MATH CONTEST

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, approximately 400 middle and high school students participated in a state mathematics competition. Organized in eight locations throughout the state, tests were organized by the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The 90 minute tests in each category were followed by a Math-O-Rama tournament that placed students in different groups. Thirty-one sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Helfrich Park STEM Academy participated in the Pre-Algebra, Algebra, and Geometry divisions of the competition. Hosted locally by the University of Southern Indiana, the contest pitted the day's best math students against their peers.

Jeremy Norman, Helfrich Park eighth grade Geometry student, placed third overall in the Geometry category. This was a phenomenal feat, as he faced stiff competition from eighth and ninth grade students. Congratulations, Jeremy!

In the Math-A-Rama competition, our top scholars were Tensei Nakamura in Pre-Algebra, Madeline Schneider in Algebra, and Hayley Kaelin in Geometry.



Listed below are the 31 participants from HPSA:

Jasmine Ahmed	Kate Hawkins	Spencer Rogers
Tanner Bell	Haley Haynes	Madeline Schneider
Emily Chamness	Allison Herr	Wade Schneider
Jacob Cree	Katelyn Hobbs	Brendon Shoptaugh
Ellora Daily	Hayley Kaelin	Sophie Symon
Zoe Devries	Abigail Kornberger	Elyse Talley
Jackson Elaman	Olivia Miller	Matthew Vaught
Kye Fehrenbacher	Tensei Nakamura	Ansley Volkman
Alaina Fritts	Jeremy Norman	Amaura Ware
Hannah Harrison	Kinsey Peralta	Gage Wormald
Kyle Hartmann		



REITZ SPORTS INFO

Spring and summer activities will be upon us before you know it! Reitz has forwarded the below dates for their spring and summer sports-related camps and related activities. You may want to mark your calendar or plan ahead for some of these events.

May 27-30 – Girls Basketball

May 30 – One day combine for youth football, grades 4-7

June 2-6 – Baseball

June 2-5 – Girls Soccer

June 9-20 – Boys Basketball

June 16-18 – Softball

June 23-26 – Drums on the Ohio

June 21-August 1 – Band Camp

June 30-July 6 – IHSAA Moratorium

July 8-10 – Volleyball

July 8-10 – Wrestling (Grades 6-12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon-2:00 pm)

July 11 – One day combine for youth football, grades 4-7

July 15-17 – Wrestling (Elementary from 5:30-7:30 pm)

July 26-August 2 – Conditioning only for Fall athletes.

August 1 – Girls Golf - First day of practice

August 4 – First day of practice for: Boys and Girls Cross Country, Football (non-contact), Boys and Girls Soccer

FROM THE NURSE

Free school physicals, sports physicals, and immunizations for uninsured and underinsured students (Grades K, 6, 9) are available Saturday, August 2, 2014 at Echo Community Health Care, 315 Mulberry St. Students must be accompanied by a parent and have their current immunization record. An appointment is required. Scheduling begins on May 27. Please call 435-8343 for an appointment.



DATES TO REMEMBER

8 th Gr. Recognition, 10:30 am	May 23
Last Day of School	May 23
Back-to-School Picnic, 5-7 pm	Aug. 7
First Day of 2014-15 School Year	Aug. 11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – AUGUST 2014 **

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Student Council 4-7 pm Teacher Meetings Back to School Picnic, 5-7 pm 	8 Teacher Meetings	9
10	11  Back to School First Day of School for Students	12 Cross Country 3-4	13 Cross Country 3-4	14 Cross Country 3-4 VB Try-Outs 3-5	15 VB Try-Outs 3-5	16
17	18 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 VB 3-5	19 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 Tutoring 3-4 VB 3-5	20 STAFF MEETING	21 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 Tutoring 3-4 VB 3-5	22 FUN NIGHT 3-5	23
24	25 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 Student Council 3-4 VB 3-5	26 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 Tutoring 3-4 VB 3-5	27 Cross Country 3-4 VB 3-5	28 Cross Country 3-4 Speech 3-4 Tutoring 3-4 VB 3-5	29	30
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** Parents, the times listed for the above after-school activities are susceptible to change in August due to EVSC’s new school hours for 2014-15. EVSC Bus Transportation will be working on after-school activities bussing schedules this summer. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

