



Currents

Curriculum Update

This summer the ECSD purchased and trained the Advanced Mapping Team in **Curriculum Connector**, a curriculum mapping software program. This software will be used to record our District curriculum—both course level expectations (“core maps”) and daily teacher lesson plans (“diary maps”). In 2009-2010 we will pilot this curriculum process in math only. Our work with Susan Udelhofen will continue throughout the year as we develop math core maps and pioneer the process for teacher diary maps. All math teachers will diary map in the 2010-2011 school year once the mapping process has been clearly defined.

Assessment Calendar

The **MAP testing window is September 21—October 9, 2009**. Planning and preparation is already underway. Principals will work with Marilyn Brink and Paula Landers to establish the building testing schedules.

The **WKCE Testing window is October 26—November 27, 2009**. Paula Landers will be working with principals to establish testing dates within this window for each building.

[What is the Future of the WKCE?](#) The DPI states that Wisconsin will develop a “balanced assessment system” that will combine state, district, and classroom assessments and be more responsive to the needs of students, teachers, and parents. Read more at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/pdf/NGTFbr.pdf>

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Thank you to Nancy Kress and Butch Beedle for the School Forest Display on Staff Development Day!

DPI Draft Standards

During the 2008-2009 school year, the DPI organized teams to revise the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and align them to 21st Century Skills as endorsed by the American Diploma Project. Go on-line to examine the draft standards in math and reading/language arts: <http://dpi.wi.gov/cal/standards-revisions.html>

Staff Development



Many hands went into making our school start and staff development days successful. Thank you to everyone for your efforts this year!

During our staff development day on August 28, 2009, thirty different workshops were offered on topics related to instructional technology, instructional differentiation, and strategies to help students be successful in school. Out of the thirty workshops offered, twenty four were presented by fifteen of our district’s staff! This is truly a testament to the talent amassed in the Evansville Community School District. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and skills with your colleagues!

Beginning Teacher Program

**DCNTP New Teacher
& Instructional Coach Meetings**
4:30—7:00 p.m.

September 24—Candlewood Suites,
Fitchburg
November 12—Holiday Inn, American
Center
February 4—Candlewood Suites,
Fitchburg
March 18—Holiday Inn, American
Center

Evansville is pleased to be a member of the **Dane County New Teacher Project (DCNTP)**, affiliated with the New Teacher Center Wisconsin. The DCNTP will provide additional resources to assist Evansville to further develop our new teacher induction program through high quality training designed to keep new teachers in the profession and help them develop sound instructional practices. Both instructional coaches and beginning teachers will attend support meetings and informational meetings lead by the DCNTP.