

Utica Elementary Named Four Star School

Congratulations to Utica Elementary School for being one of 281 schools across the state to be named a Four Star School for the 2013-14 school year by the Indiana Department of Education. In order to achieve this designation, a school must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in two ISTEP-based categories. Additionally, a qualifying school must have earned an “A” in the state’s accountability system and be accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz stated, “Winning this award is a testament to the excellent work done by teachers, administrators, students, and parents throughout the school year.” Congratulations Utica Elementary!



Important Dates

- May 4-8 - Employee Appreciation Week
- May 6 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- May 11 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Northaven Elem.
- May 13 - Elementary Academic Competition @ Jeffersonville H.S.

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Jeffersonville Area Elementary Art Show

The Jeffersonville area elementary schools currently have an art show on display at the Jeffersonville Public Library until Tuesday, May 19 . Elementary schools represented in the show include Bridgepoint, Thomas Jefferson, Spring Hill, Maple, Utica, and Riverside. The purpose of the show is to recognize National Youth Art Month and to emphasize the value of art education for our students and encourage support for quality art programs. Artwork will be on display during normal business hours and the library is located at 211 East Court Avenue in Jeffersonville.

Joe Luce to Lead Red Devil Boys Basketball Program

Superintendent Dr. Andrew Melin will make the recommendation to the Board of School Trustees at their meeting on Wednesday, May 6 to approve Joe Luce, USA Today’s 2015 Indiana High School Coach of the Year, as the new Jeffersonville High School varsity boys’ basketball coach.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Joe, his wife, Amy, and their four children to Jeffersonville and into the Red Devil family,” said Jeffersonville High School Athletic Director Todd Satterly. “He has a tremendous record as a basketball coach and will be an outstanding leader for our program, and mentor to our student athletes.”

A native of Muncie, Indiana, Luce has served as the varsity boys’ basketball coach at Richmond High School since 2009. During his time at Richmond High School, Luce compiled an overall record of 117-33, two 4A sectional champions and one regional title. He has been named the North Central Conference Coach of the Year for two consecutive years.

Prior to leading Richmond High School, Luce led the 2008 Marion High School varsity boys’ basketball team to the IHSAA 4A State Championship game. The 2007 team competed at the Final Four and 2009 team in the Elite Eight.

“An impressive group of candidates were vetted and Joe Luce clearly rose to the top for his numerous coaching accomplishments,” stated Satterly. “Luce will have a long-lasting and positive impact on the Red Devils basketball program and the Jeffersonville community.”



GCCS Now Accepting Preschool Applications

Greater Clark County Schools is pleased to announce that there will be a preschool class in every elementary building for the 2015-16 school year. Each preschool will have a morning session and an afternoon session, five (5) days a week for 2½ hours per day. Each session will have approximately 16 students and be taught by a certified teacher.

The Greater Clark Preschool program is an integrated program serving students with special needs, low-income students, and a limited number of typical peers. Typical peers are selected based on age, with preference given to children closest to Kindergarten age. Transportation is provided to students with special needs and students of low income. For all other students, parents must provide transportation to and from preschool.

In order to attend preschool, the child must be 4 years old by August 1, 2015. If the child is 5 years old by August 1, 2015, he/she is eligible for Kindergarten and is not eligible for preschool. Children attending preschool must attend the program at their home school. Proof of residency will be required in August.

There is a fee of \$150 for each child in preschool due at the time of registration. Students who are eligible for reduced lunch are able to pay \$75 at the time of registration and pay the balance throughout the school year. If a child is eligible for free lunch, the supply fee will not have to be paid and transportation to and from preschool will be provided.

To determine if a child is eligible for free/reduced lunch, the parent must complete the Free/Reduced Lunch application. Free/Reduced Lunch applications and preschool applications are available at each elementary school. Completed forms should be returned to the student's home elementary school or to the Administration Building.

Letters will be sent to all applicants the week of June 15 to inform parents if their child has a slot in preschool, or will be placed on the waiting list.

Riverside & Utica Elementary Student Councils Named Honor Councils

Greater Clark County Schools is proud to announce that Riverside Elementary and Utica Elementary student councils have recently been named Honor Councils by the Indiana Association of Student Councils. The Honor Council Program recognizes outstanding student councils that meet all of the prescribed requirements, such as community service and coordinating student activities. This award distinguishes outstanding student councils by guiding student leaders and their advisers through a process using standard-based criteria and demonstration-based outcomes. Both student councils are recognized for their hard work, leadership in their respective school, and commitment to their school community. Riverside Elementary Roadrunners: Student Council Sponsor Kerry Holder and Student Council members Abby Robertson, Jenna Burden, Corey Higdon, Arieana Williams, Allison Holder, Derek Leanhart, Brecken Maddox, Emily Proctor, Logan Bingham, Macy Scroggins, Emma Byrne, Ema Howell, Brayden Nakata, Michael Truax, and Daniel Hollis. Utica Elementary Jets: Student Council Sponsors are Ashleigh Emily and Amber Anderson. Student Council members include Kaycie Garrett, Cooper Sanders, Nolan Schultz, Noah Benningfield, Rachel Lowe, Lucas Mashburn, Victoria Alverson, Kyler Arthur, Olivia Clive, Savannah Gaither, Madilyn Hyatt, Cole Phillips, Emma Barnes, Landon Gaines, Emma Scott, Gage Grimes, Raelynn Rufer, Tate Adams, Carly Allman, Shavonda Okyere, Jaret Phillips, Mason Timberlake, Scooter Stewart, and Charlie Weber.

Dr. April Holder Named District 12 Principal of the Year by IASP



Congratulations to Wilson Elementary Principal Dr. April Holder for being selected as the Indiana Association of School Principals District 12 Principal of the Year. The organization annually recognizes outstanding school leaders in each of the 12 Indiana districts who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for exemplary contributions they have made to the profession. The program honors principals who have demonstrated excellence in leadership at the building level, district and community level, as well as the state level. Dr. Holder will attend the IASP conference this fall where a state principal of the year will be named. Good luck Dr. Holder!

Our Vision: Greater Clark County Schools' vision is to become nationally recognized as a premier provider of education by serving as the bridge connecting stakeholders to ensure all students are college and career ready.

Our Mission: Greater Clark County Schools' mission is for stakeholders to give 100 percent effort in meeting the academic and behavioral needs of each student ensuring acceptance to a post-secondary opportunity.