

TIGER TIMES



PREPARE FOR NWEA & ISTEP+

Winter is here and the new year is quickly approaching ; so is the time for **NWEA testing**. Students will be assessed in Reading, Math, and Language beginning **January 17th** through **February 10th**. As an extra incentive, students who reach their NWEA goals will receive *special recognition and rewards*. While we all strive for success and continuous improvement, it is important that parents of students who perform within the **35th percentile** meet with administrators during assessment conferences to review action plans for their child.



ISTEP+ is also just around the corner! Third through eighth grade classes have been rigorously preparing for this assessment coming up in **March**. Here are a few things that you can do to help:

- Attend our **ISTEP+ Parent Meeting** on **January 30th**
- Review sample test questions (grades 3-8) with you child at: **www.doe.in.gov/assessment/3-8_gqe_resources.html**
- Encourage your child to *write daily* (short stories or journals)
- Play *educational games* with your child at home

P.E.A.R.L.S. WINS 1ST PLACE

Pretty, Elegant, Articulate, Respectful Young Ladies Society (P.E.A.R.L.S.) participated in the City of East Chicago’s School-wide Tree Decorating Contest. Ms. Burnett, P.E.A.R.L.S. and volunteer parents created homemade tree

decorations and ornaments. P.E.A.R.L.S. was chosen as the **first place winner** and won a **trophy** that is on display in the case in the front foyer.



Upcoming Events:

- Parents-In-Action Meeting—Jan. 17
 - 3:45-4:15
- NWEA Testing —Jan. 17-Feb. 10
- Parent University: Nutrition—Jan. 24
 - 5:00-6:00
- ISTEP Parent Meeting—Jan. 30
 - 5:00-6:00
- Family Math Game Night—Feb. 10
 - 5:00-7:00

****MARK YOUR**

Remember to **BUNDLE UP...**
It's **COLD** outside!!!

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CHARACTER COUNTS ~ Caring

ECUEA students, parents, and staff displayed a caring attitude this holiday season. Santa’s Secret Shop and a staff gift exchange were examples of this wonderful holiday spirit. Students and parents spread holiday cheer and helped the Parents-In-Action committee raise money by purchasing gifts for family and friends at our Santa’s Secret Shop during the past two

weeks. Heaven Mobley from Mrs. Zak’s 4th grade class said, “I bought gifts for other people so that they know that I am caring and loving and so that they can have something to open on Christmas day.”

Our staff also participated in giving this week with our annual Secret Santa. We took this time to show appreciation for our fellow colleagues. “Some people associate this time of year with receiving gifts. I take great reward in ‘giving’ to others because that is what makes Christmas special to me!” —Ms. Gatlin



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

*“Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered . . . just one kind word to another person.”
— Fred Rogers*

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| KA: Aubrie Jones | 3B: Angelica Rodriguez | 7A: Brianna Figueroa |
| KB: Angela Alvarez | 4A: Jessanay Payton | 7B: Marcelino Gonzalez |
| 1A: Skylar Bishop | 4B: Kendall Dennis | 8A: Datavia Stewart |
| 1B: O’Shae Russell | 5A: Evan Norfleet | 8B: Guillermo Perez |
| 2A: Julianna Estrada | 5B: Roberto Garcia | |
| 2B: Kaleb Peterson | 6A: Ana Piña | |
| 3A: Ronald Stanley | 6B: Raquel Rivera | |



PARENTS CORNER ~ ABC’s of Parenting for a Healthy Self-Esteem

- A... Accept & value yourself & your child.
 - B... Be consistent, honest, fair & firm as you relate to your child.
 - C... Concentrate on what you like about your child & comment on it.
 - D... Develop interests of your own.
 - E... Encourage your child to discuss ideas & goals, expressing the belief that he or she can do many things well.
 - F... Forgive your child's mistakes, which are a natural part of learning.
 - G... Gladly share your time, affection & support.
- **Look for the next set (H–M) in our February issue***



CHARTER RENEWAL

The Academy was granted a charter to open in 2005 through Ball State University. Every charter must undergo a renewal process that closely examines the school's academic program, student achievement, school operations, management, governance, financial viability, and overall progress towards

the school's goals. This year marks the Academy's 7th year under the initial charter and we are now up for renewal. We will keep you abreast of all information and activities concerning the renewal.



MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

Do you enjoy working with others, giving back to your school and community, and have a positive outlook for our future?

Well, East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy's **School Board** is looking for motivated individuals who believe in the vision and mission of our school and who would like to make positive contributions to improve student achievement and success. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please pick up an application in our front office.



PARENT UNIVERSITY ~ Nutrition: Jan. 24th

ECUEA will hold its second Parent University on Nutrition on **January 24th** at **5:00 p.m.** Please come out to receive valuable information to help you and your family begin the new year on a *healthy* note! Look for a flyer with more details in your child's Thursday folder next month!

"The bottom line is that there is a lot more that could & should be done to help people with nutrition & exercise."

—Parris Glendening

FAMILY MATH GAME NIGHT ~ Feb. 10th

Are you looking to spend some quality time with your child that is not only fun, but educational as well?

Then, mark your calendar for our second annual **Family Math Game Night!** We'll play exciting

math games, have light refreshments, raffles, and giveaways! Learn tips on how to make math fun and practicing study skills a bit easier. Last year was a great success and this year will be too! Please come join us... **February 10th**, from **5:00—7:00 p.m.**



VISION STATEMENT

At East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy all students are provided with and utilize the tools they need to become successful learners, responsible citizens, and productive members in a global economy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the staff of East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy, are committed to empowering students, parents and the community (as well as each other) in an unified effort to accomplish educational excellence. Through individualized learning and character education, we create well-prepared, active citizens. We embrace diversity in a safe environment that is conducive to learning. Through our dedication, students achieve maximum success from beginning to end.



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THE SPOTLIGHT David Maldonado

David Maldonado is a 2nd grader in Mrs. McKee's class who showed great responsibility and trustworthiness when he found \$60 in the main office which belonged to Ms. Burnett. David made a positive choice to return all of the money to Ms. Burnett without hesitation. The spotlight shines brightly on David... "Thank you, David, for showing great ECUEA citizenship!" —Ms. Burnett

ATTENDANCE

In recognition of perfect attendance for the month of December, students who have no absences during the entire month will be rewarded with a **dress down pass** and **19 Tiger Bucks** to spend at our Tiger Shop!

Attendance is essential to your child's success. *Thank you for making sure that they arrive every day safely and on time!*

***School begins at
8:00 a.m.!**

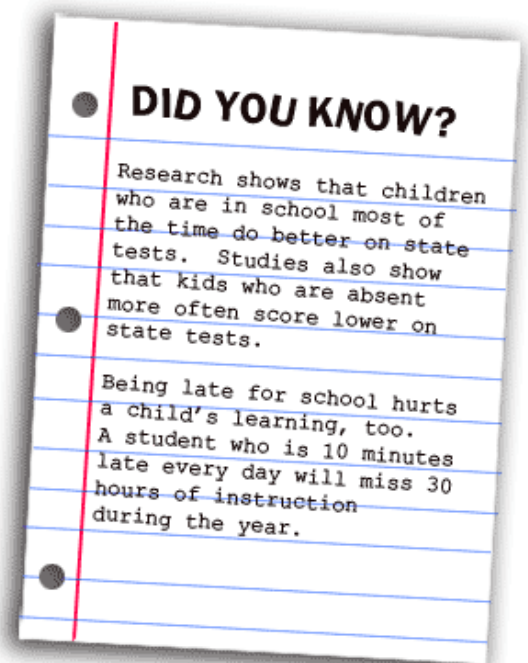
Here's to the classes with the top attendance rate for December:

1. Mrs. McKee—2A: 97%
2. Mrs. Player—KA: 95%
3. Mr. Baker—6B: 95%

Congratulations Top Gainers!

School-wide average attendance
for December: **92%**

**Monthly GOAL: 95% or
more!!!**



DID YOU KNOW?

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

***JUST A REMINDER: All items in the LOST & FOUND will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of each month!**