

Hi Teachers and Staff,

I hope your first full week of school went great and the positivity I saw during the first few days is continuing. I was able to attend the Gavit football game Friday night and it was great to see so many of our students and community in attendance. I also had the privilege to interview Clark senior Fortune Woods on the radio this past Wednesday. Fortune got a Division I scholarship to Bowling Green to play football and is proud to lead in the classroom and on the football field.



This Thursday we will welcome State Superintendent Dr. McCormick to SCH. We will be conducting a live stream Q&A at 1:00 p.m. on our SCH YouTube channel. Please check it out and like our page.

- Scott

## Curriculum

### Head Start



Head Start students begin their College and Career Readiness journey as part of the routines introduced during the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 Days. Every day each student picks a “job” that supports their classroom family. Jobs include: Electrician (light helper), Problem-solver, Meteorologist, Medic (carries the First Aid bag when going outside), Line Leader, Plant Whisperer, Wish You Well Helper, Classroom Inspector, Librarian and a variety of other important tasks that help students develop a sense of responsibility and foster feelings of belonging and value.

### Language Development Program



#### LDP Recognizes EL Licensure Recipients

The Language Development Program is extremely proud to recognize several LDP teachers who have earned their EL licensure. The Indiana Department of Education requires that all teachers of English learners must hold a valid EL license by July 1, 2022.

Title III funds have been earmarked to pay for the courses, materials, books, fees and state exam for teachers going through the program. The EL licensure program is a rigorous one-year program which consists of 5 graduate level courses. Candidates must successfully pass all courses, complete a portfolio and pass a state exam to receive the EL license. Congratulations to the following teachers:

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| Raquel Aranda       | Liz Delmer        |
| Alex Duarte         | Martha Flores     |
| Christine Hernandez | Paola Hernandez   |
| Patricia Mesalina   | Marie Cruz Pérez  |
| Miriam Soto Presley | Patricia Quiñones |
| Araceli Salazar     | Cristina Sanchez  |
| Greg Ruiz           | Tony Salinas      |
| Nadia Caporales     | Rebecca Parques   |
| Donna Dobrijevic    | Sarah Darkish     |
| Aida Darkish        |                   |

The following teachers will complete the EL licensure program in August 2020.

Miguel Frausto / Sarah Olivier / Liz Bustamante  
Cristal Alas / Mary Moreno/ Michael Mendoza

### Title I

**Meet the team!** In the Title One office, our staff members each wear many hats. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need anything that has to do with the following areas: Title One program & grant, School Improvement programs & grants, McKinney Vento program & grant, Foster students, Migrant eligibility, PACT preschool program, Family & Community Engagement, and the Non-Public Title One schools’ program & grant.

Catherine Danko – Ext. 1062

Title One

Kriss Byquist – Ext. 1066

Family Involvement, PACT Preschool, Non-Public School, Migrant Family

Debbie DiAnni – Ext. 1065

McKinney-Vento, Foster Care Students, Non-Public School Tutors

Nancy Talavera – Ext. 1064

Title One (financial) & School Improvement Grant (financial)

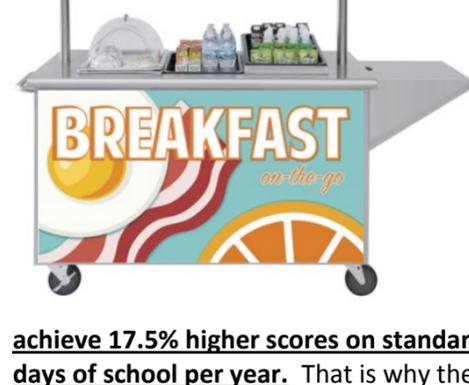
Cyndee Tanas – Ext. 1063

Title One, McKinney-Vento, & PACT

**\*\* We’re Hiring! \*\*** We have an opening for a PACT preschool teacher at Irving Elementary. Please apply online and send an email to [Catherine Danko](#) by Wednesday if you are interested. The candidate must have kindergarten or early childhood on their teaching license.

## Food & Nutrition

### School Breakfast Challenge!



We’ve all heard the old adage ‘Breakfast is the most important meal of the day’ over and over and over. As the district’s registered dietitian-nutritionist (RDN) I can tell you that this is true! There are SO many benefits to ‘breaking the fast’ when you get your day started –and EVERY SCH student gets a breakfast every school day AT NO COST! According to No Kid Hungry – research has shown that **on average, students who eat school breakfast have been shown to**

**achieve 17.5% higher scores on standardized math tests and attend 1.5 more days of school per year.** That is why the Department of Food and Nutrition heavily pursued grant funding that will allow us to serve both the traditional cafeteria breakfast meal – and new this school year - ‘grab & go’ bagged breakfast meals from strategically placed breakfast carts in the mornings. One school that is even going above and beyond is Maywood Elementary – we are serving Breakfast in the Classroom at Maywood – HOORAY!!!

It is our hope that by at least the first week of September all of our schools (with the exception of Jefferson & O’Bannon who weren’t interested at this time) will have their breakfast carts up and running:

- Elementary schools will have a portable cart with bagged meals that will be placed at the main entrance of the school so that students who arrive late will still get a breakfast meal and take it with them to their classroom.
- Secondary schools will have more substantial-looking carts that will be placed in the hallway(s) where students can grab a meal and head to their classrooms; students will still have the option of the traditional breakfast meal served in their cafeterias.

We cannot spend any of our federal foodservice dollars on anything other than program operation costs – but thanks to No Kid Hungry (a branch of Share Our Strength) Action for Healthy Kids we have a little over \$10,000 to give out as incentive money for breakfast participation! The way our School Breakfast Challenge is set up is: from now through Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> whichever secondary school (with the exception of the ACC which unfortunately did not qualify for this contest) has the highest average daily breakfast participation percentage (ADP%) – they will receive \$7,000 to go towards a principal-approved school activity such as the prom, a DJ for a school dance, spirit wear, school garden, class trip, etc. The second place school will get \$3,000 for a principal-approved school activity. And finally the school with the largest increase in ADP% will receive \$1,000 for a principal-approved school activity.

Our sincere hope is that the tradition/habit of eating breakfast every morning at school will long outlast the excitement of our School Breakfast Challenge. We will be posting weekly updates to our Facebook page (@SCHLunch) – so be sure to ‘like’ us and stay up to date with fun facts and tidbits about breakfast!

And staff – don’t forget you can get a breakfast with us too! You can purchase a full breakfast meal for \$2.25 or purchase it a la carte if you don’t want the full meal.

## Technology

We are making strides every day on getting PowerSchool up and running with everything we need it to do. We appreciate everyone’s patience. The Clever Portal and the Pearson Portal are operational. All students now have a username/email address – the offices have a list until we get a report to view it inside PowerSchool. If you have a technology hardware issue(s) in your classroom (non-PowerSchool related), please make sure you put in a Technology Work Order.

## Stay Informed

An update from the Superintendent is distributed every Monday.

## Follow us on Social Media

If you are on these platforms, please LIKE, FOLLOW or SUBSCRIBE to see the great things happening in our district!

