



WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

1. Review Master Facility Committee Website: www.msdt.k12.in.us/master-facility-planning
2. Attend monthly School Board meetings
3. Ask your neighborhood school Principal for information
4. Contact the Superintendent with questions nwoodson@msdt.k12.in.us
5. Invite the Administration to speak to your community group: 205-3332 x 77200



Washington Township Schools' VIP Card

Washington Township (WT) is offering a VIP Card to residents who live in WT and are 60 years of age or older. VIP Cards provide our seniors with FREE ADMISSION to any scheduled WT events. This includes WT concerts, plays and sporting events (excluding events not hosted by WT). In a typical school year, there are over 400 plays, musicals, choir, band and string concerts in our schools. Identification showing that you are a resident in Washington Township and 60+ will be required. To schedule a time to get your VIP Card and for more information, call 845-9400, ext.



Please plan to join us on May 20, 2016 as we Celebrate Washington Township! This exciting event is planned by district parents for the purpose of celebrating amazing teachers and staff in Washington Township! More information at CWT-TICKETS.com



A home is the largest lifetime investment for most people. When we moved to Indianapolis, we first considered where we would find a strong public school system. Based on our research we chose to live in Washington Township. Now, we invest in the upkeep of our home in order to maintain it and to increase the value of it over time. We expect our school district to consider and make the same kinds of investment decisions regarding school buildings and educational programming, and they do. We believe that the value of our home is directly related to the quality of education provided by our school district. Strong Washington Township schools will support continued demand for housing in Washington Township.

Our decisions to live in Washington Township and to educate our children in Washington Township schools were thoughtful decisions that we do not regret making. Even though our children have graduated and moved on, Washington Township is still our school district. Investment decisions made by the School Board and the administration will, in part, over time determine whether our home investment decision was wise. Whether you live in a home or an apartment or condominium, quality schools make a difference for all of our communities. We support prudent investment in our schools for the sake of continued positive value in our home.

-Kevin Buchheit, Washington Township Resident and School Supporter

The Mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop lifelong learners and globally-minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment.



District Newsletter

Washington Township Schools
www.msdt.k12.in.us
 (317) 845-9400
 Spring 2016



PLANNING for FUTURE

2016 marks the 200th anniversary of our state's founding! As we celebrate this milestone and this general election year, we invite you to exercise your right to vote and to make sure that you are registered.

REGISTER TO VOTE! You have the opportunity to make a difference in the future of your community by registering to vote and participating in the electoral process. So many decisions (student financial aid levels, college tuition costs, minimum wage levels, funding for job creation, and so many more) are made by elected and appointed officials. Please take the time to register to vote online at IndianaVoters.com, and vote to make your voice heard when decisions are made that will make a difference for your future. If you missed the April 4th deadline to register for the May primary, you can still register for the general election! The deadline to register for the November 8th General Election is October 10th, 2016.

November 8th, 2016 General Election
 October 10, 2016 Deadline to Register



Spring is always a time when my pride in Washington Township swells. Though my daughter is only in elementary school, I find myself at North Central often for programs and events. What I witness reminds me of what a special place our community is. Recently the Great North Run, Saturday Science, and the North Central show choirs continuing their state championship tradition, are just a few examples of the enriching opportunities that are available to our students and families. We truly offer Superior Schools in a Supportive Community.

To ensure that we will be able to continue this excellence for decades to come, our district is in the midst of a major planning process for the future. Many of you have already heard the spring community outreach presentation, outlining the needs that have been identified, and a plan for how to meet them. The presentation has been shared at recent Advisory Council meetings, Parent Council, and PTO meetings, and there will be many opportunities throughout the

spring to hear it in person. The presentation has also been posted online as a convenient way to watch and give feedback. After you watch the presentation, there is a very short survey that all stakeholders are being asked to complete. Both the video and the survey can be accessed at this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSDWT_Outreach

Thank you for taking the time to watch, learn, and engage with other parents and community stakeholders regarding this important information that will help to continue and shape the long legacy of Superior Schools in a Supportive Community.

Kristina Frey,
 Washington Township Schools Parent Council President

The Washington Township Parent Council is an independent not for profit organization





**The Future of Washington Township Schools Needs YOU!
Community Outreach & Feedback**

If you have not been able to attend a Community Outreach meeting this spring, you can access the video presentation and survey at this link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSDWT_Outreach

Superior Schools in a Supportive Community
A Message from the Washington Township Schools Board of Education

As we have learned from extensive community feedback that has been taking place since last year, many of our aging facilities are of great concern to community members. We have heard your voice and as a result, the board is awaiting a recommendation that will encompass your feedback, and address your facility concerns.

Like you, all five members of the School Board are taxpayers in the District and we know that property values matter. Making an investment in our schools can help to maintain the value of our homes. During this critical time, your support will do more than help our schools. The work ahead will take commitment from all of us. We hope that you will stay engaged in the process, and will eagerly support the plans for the future of Washington Township Schools.

Washington Township School Board
 Mr. Anthony Dzwonar, President
 Mr. William Turner, Vice President
 Mr. Donald Kite, Secretary
 Dr. Wanda Spann Roddy, Member
 Dr. Jay Hill, Member



Choose, Act, Reflect - IB in Action in Washington Township



Spring Mill Elementary 5th graders present their 2015 IB Exhibition project on water pollution.

Primary Years Program (PYP) In Action

Washington Township students are learning how to take action, evidenced this spring as nearly 800 Washington Township fifth graders are completing their Primary Years Program (PYP) Exhibition Project. What is the PYP Exhibition? It is a culmination of the Primary Years Program for the fifth graders. This is a time that students celebrate their learning and demonstrate what it means to be a PYP student. They apply all that they have learned and who they have become throughout their journey in the PYP. Exhibition projects are completely student centered, so the students develop their central ideas and what action they are going to take based on their research. Students begin working on this action research at the beginning of the second semester. It is amazing to see their talents and impressive and comforting to know that we are educating children to choose to research, based on their passions, act on their findings, and reflect on what they have done for the community and world!

Middle Years Program (MYP) In Action Living History at NCHS

The Living History Series at North Central High School is designed to provide high school students with access to primary source teaching from community veterans. The highlight of US History class for many students, the Living History series, offers a morning and afternoon session where students come for presentations in small groups with our veterans. Every year students are moved by the unselfishness and experiences of those whose past has helped pave their futures, and through the stories that are shared North Central High School students take with them a lasting impression when the day is done. If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran



who would like to participate in this important event, please contact Leslie Wilson at 259-5222 to be added to the guest list. This year's event takes place on April 21.

The NCHS ROTC salutes ALL veterans who have served or who are currently serving. Thank you!



This spring Vincennes University is graciously donating between 3-5 books per Washington Township kindergarten student, in an effort to increase student reading over the summer.

"M.S.D. Washington Township is excited to be partnering with Vincennes University and First Book," said Suzanne Zybert Director of District Partnerships. "The donated books will help support the ongoing development of our students as proficient readers. Having the books at home for summer will support our kindergarteners as well as their family members by encouraging daily reading practice."

Thank you to First Book and Vincennes University for supporting Washington Township students and community in their development as readers.

