



# District Newsletter

Washington Township Schools

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## Renderings of New School Buildings

### Clearwater Elementary



Clearwater Exterior

### Willow Lake Elementary



Willow Lake Exterior



Clearwater Front Entrance



Willow Lake Front Entrance



Clearwater Classroom



Willow Lake Classroom



Clearwater Discovery Center



Willow Lake Discovery Center

## 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 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. 77200.

Join us on March 10th for the 15th annual Great North Run, an event of the Advancement Center!

Bring your family and neighbors and help raise funds for teaching and learning in Washington Township!

[www.advancementcenterwts.org](http://www.advancementcenterwts.org)



## Balancing Enrollment & School Hours

The administration is currently reviewing the comments from the stakeholder survey as well as comments shared at two Community Meetings. The administration will update the School Board at the February 28th and March 14th Board Meetings. A draft of the recommended new attendance boundaries for all MSDWT elementary and middle schools will be presented at the April 11th Board Meeting and recommended for adoption at the May 9th Board Meeting.

The administration is also reviewing stakeholder feedback from the survey and Community Meetings regarding the potential change in school hours. Because the bus routing times are directly dependent on the school attendance boundaries, the MSDWT will be delaying the presentation and recommendation of school hours to late summer / early fall. We believe moving the timeline later for school hours will allow us to examine more precise and accurate data.

Connect with us:



<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/facility-planning/>

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

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## School Board Update

Mr. Donald B. Kite, Sr., Board President

The School Board is pleased to report that the District and its construction and design professionals are hard at work implementing the vision which was embraced by our Washington Township community when it voted, just over one (1) year ago, to make a significant investment in the future of our children and our community. To date, our partners in this substantial effort, architects CSO and Schmidt Associates, construction management firms Skillman Corporation, Smoot Construction, and Hagerman/Powers/CorGroup joint venture, supplier diversity and vendor relations consultants J. Beard Management and Winston/Terrell, Owners Representative Marvin Murdock, and a number of other companies and individuals, are hard at work in the early stages of planning and constructing two (2) new elementary schools and renovations district-wide. Various aspects of this important work and the highlights associated with it are the focus of daily meetings with District Administration and are shared with, discussed with, and voted on by the Board at its regular meetings. The Board is excited for the future of Washington Township and for this important investment in education that the community is making.



## CEC Staff Breaks Time Capsule Seal

Recently Washington Township employees and administrators had the honor of unsealing a time capsule which was discovered on the former Wyandotte building site during the demolition process.

At the October CEC staff meeting, employees gathered in anticipation as Superintendent Dr. Woodson opened the capsule to reveal the contents. Among the items revealed were several Indianapolis newspapers, a State and Local Officials Roster, curriculum digests for both elementary and secondary, minted coins, several official district documents ... all from 1955, the year that the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township was established. It was determined that these items had been sealed inside of one of the building's cornerstones during the time in which the Wyandotte site served as the central offices for the school district.

The district and its construction and design professionals are on the lookout for a time capsule that may have been buried in the ground on the former Harcourt Elementary School site.

The contents of the time capsule are now on display at the CEC, 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd. Stop in to see them or visit the district website to see photos.



## Groundbreaking Recap

On October 4th, the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township broke ground on two new construction sites that will become the home of two new district elementary schools, increasing the number of elementary schools in Washington Township to eight.



This groundbreaking is the result of a two-year process inclusive of strategic and facility planning, and culminating in an overwhelming approval vote of the largest public school capital referendum project in Indiana history. After months of seeking input, hosting focus groups, and listening to students, employees, and families, the community's voice was heard. In November 2016, the District won the support from voters approving \$185M designated for building two new elementary schools and renovations district-wide, including renovations at North Central High School.



The projects will bring innovative designs to the classrooms and the latest technological and safety improvements.

For more information on these district projects, please visit: <https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/facility-planning>.

To see photos of our groundbreaking celebration, please visit: <https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/project-schedule/>

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



### Curriculum Update

#### IB Exhibition and Personal Project

As our fifth grade students prepare to move on to our middle schools and the IB Middle Years Program, they engage in a project that incorporates presentation skills, research, problem solving, and teamwork through what is called the Fifth Grade Exhibition. The students investigate, research, and brainstorm ways to solve a variety of problems from



around the globe. The Exhibition is the culminating event of the PYP for all fifth grade students in Washington Township. It is a great opportunity for students to apply the skills that they have been developing throughout their years in the PYP as they engage in a personal and collaborative inquiry and take action on a local or global issue. The Exhibition enables our students to enter middle school with the skill sets and attitudes necessary to take ownership of their learning and make a difference in the world.

Our North Central tenth grade students culminate their IB Middle Years Experience with a Personal Project. The students self select a direction for their Personal Project. Some may learn to play an instrument, start a business or write a business plan, or engage in a service project to name a few.

The Personal Project allows students to move outside the walls of the classroom to connect what they have learned to a topic that is meaningful to them. For those students who will be applying to college, participation in the Personal Project differentiates them from other applicants as they can create something that has the potential not only to change them but also to change the world they inhabit outside of school. For those students not attending college, the Personal Project is an opportunity to explore a profession in which they might be interested or design a project related to a profession of personal interest.



For more information about the International Baccalaureate program, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).



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