

# AS GOOD AS GOLD

## A message from the Superintendent



Dr. Peggy Hinckley

### District makes AYP

We are proud to announce that Warren Township made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) as measured by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2002. All of our elementary schools made AYP, which then qualified the district for this distinction.

It is difficult, indeed, to meet the benchmark of 72.6% passing ISTEP+ in English/language arts and 71.5% in math. Our students must not only achieve these standards overall, but also in all subgroups such as free and reduced lunch, black, white, special education, Hispanic, Limited English Proficient, and other groups. Schools must meet these standards in EVERY subgroup. If a school misses just one, they fail. So the achievement of making AYP is significant given all the subgroups our schools serve.

Our middle schools continue to gain ground. Raymond Park made AYP in 19 out of 21 categories. Stonybrook and Creston are not far behind. Our middle school teachers are working hard to meet these standards.

Our Eight Step Instructional Process is the key to our success. We are grateful to all of our educators and staff who contribute so much to our students each and every day. During American Education Week, November 14-20, please thank our educators for their hard work and dedication.

## STUDENTS SALUTE NEW ROTC PROGRAM

"Yes, Sir. Good morning, Sir. How are you today, Sir?," are all phrases heard more often these days in the halls of Warren Central High School. This fall the high school implemented a new course, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (MCJROTC), under the instruction of Master Sergeant Vincent Liddle. Liddle retired from the Marine Corps after twenty-one years of service.

The Marine Corps describes MCJROTC as a course of instruction that combines the advantages of military training with the educational principles of secondary schooling for the purpose of teaching leadership and citizenship. It is designed to develop discipline, confidence, and pride and to instill a desire for improvement and achievement in cadets.

These traits are already apparent in the cadets at Warren Central. Mr. Rich Shepler, principal, has spent some time observing the class this fall and is very pleased with what he has seen. "Anytime you develop positive cells in the building it will benefit the entire environment. By instilling discipline and responsibility in the cadets, they set a standard for all of our students and teachers. Developing strong moral character will benefit us as a whole." Teachers are also commenting on the positive behavior of the cadets in their classrooms.

The cadets themselves can testify to the difference that MCJROTC is making in their lives. Tyree Penick, a sophomore student speaks of the changes the class has helped to manifest in him. "I used to be the kid that didn't care. I have a great attitude now and I'm confident in myself. I look



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*-Rich Shepler*

at things differently than I used to look at them. I take school more seriously." Tyree hopes to enter the Marines following high school and become a

Master Sergeant himself.

MSgt Liddle says he chose Warren Central because of the potential to mold cadets and the people that he met during the interview process. He says, "In the beginning of the program the Cadets had it extremely hard due to having to learn Marine Corps discipline. The little things that might seem fine in other classes now were prohibited and were considered to be wrong."

Warren Township is fortunate to have this program. This type of discipline and training offered by the MCJROTC Program and the development of pride in self and country is a key element in helping students of Warren Central succeed.

*submitted by Bre England*

# BUSTING THE

## about MSD Warren







### Myth

Our student test scores are not competitive.

### The truth is...

Warren students are achieving at high levels locally and in the state.



-  Warren Township students have shown an increase in the percentage above standard for ISTEP+ from 2009 to 2010 in all grade levels.
-  In comparison with other districts in Marion County, Warren consistently places in the middle in the percentage of students scoring above standard for the Spring 2010 ISTEP+.
-  A 2009 Education Week article places Warren Township at the top for graduation rates and the strongest growth, relative to expectations.
-  The August 21, 2010 *Indianapolis Business Journal* profiled Warren Township's academic success ranking us #1 in Math and #4 in English.
-  Warren schools and programs have been recognized locally as well as nationally.
-  The high school counseling department works to assist students in developing a course of study which will lead to a successful post secondary plan.





### Myth

The schools are spending too much money.

### The truth is...

We have been good stewards of the tax dollar.



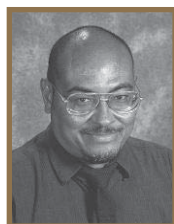
-  Warren Township schools annually make the necessary operating adjustments through its Budget Prep process to maintain optimal efficiency within their General Fund.
-  Warren Township schools General Fund expenditure per pupil has continued to decline over the past eight years while standardized test scores have continued to rise.
-  Warren Township has prepared for the final phase-out of Desegregation for the past 10 years by making annual adjustments to its Budget in relation to the loss of revenue from the State of Indiana.
-  While many other school districts are struggling to maintain a positive financial outlook and increasing class size, Warren Township schools continue to operate within a balanced budget and has maintained consistent class sizes.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Kris Presley**  
Lowell Elementary  
Teacher of the Year  
for Warren Township 2010

**Tony Knight**  
Warren Central High School  
Support Employee of the Year  
for Warren Township 2010



**Leon Carter**  
Recipient of the Phil Douglas  
Distinguished Service Award  
2010

## Recognized as Title I Distinguished



**Phil Talbert**  
Hawthorne Elementary

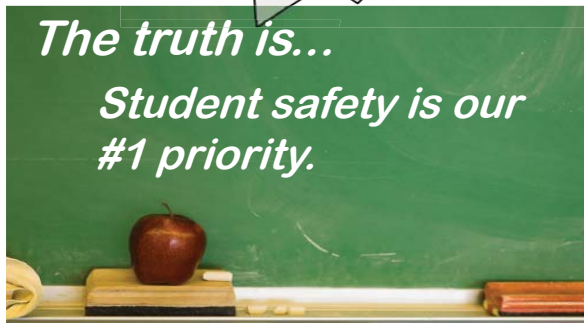










**Steve**  
Creston Intern

# MYTHS

## Township

**Myth**  
Our schools are not safe.



-  Staff has received training in emergency response procedures.
-  At least 650 security cameras have been installed to allow for surveillance of school campuses.
-  School police and administrators are trained as school safety specialists.
-  All classrooms have a Crisis Classroom Guide and Crisis Kit.
-  Each school has a designated Crisis Team Leader.
-  All schools have a plan for supervision of students.
-  Lobby Guard is installed at Warren Central High School which allows for background checks on visitors.
-  All buildings are equipped with keyless entry.



## UPCOMING DATES

**November 16, 2010**  
Celebrate American Education Week  
Washington Square Mall, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**November 25/26, 2010**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
No School

**December 16, 2010**  
Last day before Winter Recess for  
**Warren Central students**

**December 17, 2010**  
Last day before Winter Recess for  
**K-8 students**

**January 3, 2011**  
School reconvenes

**January 17, 2011**  
Martin Luther King Day  
No School

**February 21, 2011**  
President's Day  
No School

**March 18, 2011**  
Last day before Spring Intersession  
2-week break

**April 4, 2011**  
School reconvenes

**April 18, 2011**  
Wellness Extravaganza  
WCHS Fieldhouse, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**May 30, 2011**  
Memorial Day  
No School

**June 1, 2011**  
Last day of school for all students

### Principals



**Foster**  
mediate Academy

### Scott Black

Warren Central High School  
Finalist for Indiana  
Teacher of the Year



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.  
Warren Education and Community Center, 975 North Post

November 17, 2010  
December 15, 2010  
January 19, 2011

February 9, 2011  
March 16, 2011  
April 20, 2011

May 18, 2011  
June 15, 2011  
July 13, 2011

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The future begins here for  
life-long learning in our  
diverse community: integrity,  
achievement, success.

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## Did You Know...

Warren Township schools, in conjunction with Senator Lugar, are conducting a Children's Book Drive during the month of November. New or gently used infant-6th grade books may be dropped off at any school or the Warren Library.

Warren Township offers free full-day, every day kindergarten to all students.

Dr. Hinckley was awarded Senator Lugar's Patriot Education Award.

All schools follow a blended calendar which allows for nine weeks of instruction followed by a 2-week break.



The Jane Pauley Community Health Center (JPCHC), located at the Renaissance School, 8931 East 30th Street, recently celebrated its one year anniversary. The JPCHC serves the local community, regardless of insurance or income, and provides a wide range of primary health care services including treatment of common illnesses and minor injuries.

The center was established in 2009 with generous support from the MSD of Warren Township, Community Health Network, and the Community Health Network Foundation.

For hours and to schedule an appointment please call the center at 317-355-9320.