

AS GOOD AS GOLD

WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Whether you are 3 or 93, Warren Township has something for everyone!

- **Warren Early Childhood Center**, located at 1401 N Mitthoeffer, offers preschool classes for ages 3 and up. Preschool classrooms are staffed with licensed teachers. Childcare is also offered. Contact **869.4750** for more information.
- Engineering, nursing, teaching, biomedical sciences, welding, finance and on and on. . . The **Walker Career Center** has opportunities for students as they explore and prepare for their careers. Programs focus on project-based learning allowing students to learn the needed skills for their future careers.
- **Adult and Community Education** can add value to the workforce, community, and personal life. You can learn to communicate in Spanish; get in better physical shape; learn to drive, swim, scuba dive, golf; browse the internet; sell on ebay; or improve skills to advance your career. The best minds are always learning and it's all possible through Warren's Adult & Community Education program. Contact **532.6150** for information.
- **Kindergarten through 12th grade** students in Warren Township schools have many opportunities - a gifted/ talented program, performing arts, sports, and much more. Visit our website, www.warren.k12.in.us.

COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

YES!



Dr. Peggy Hinckley

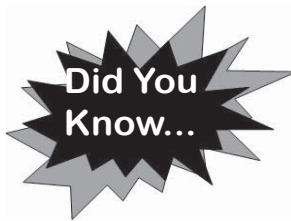
Did you know that students can take select high school courses for **college credit**? Last year Warren Central High School and Walker Career Center students earned over 2000 collective college credits **while still in high school!** And if that student was on free and reduced price meals, the cost to the student was **zero**. Transcribed credit (course, grade, and credit documented) at **no cost** is a bargain, given the average college cost of \$260 per credit hour.

The Indiana Department of Education would like to see students earn a high school diploma and an associate college degree at the same time through

dual credit. The high school course must mirror a college class in rigor and intensity. Whatever grade is earned for the high school course is the transcribed grade for the college credit. But, the advantage to the student is they leave high school with a jump start on college credits at a **lower cost!** They can earn up to 30 hours of college credit!

How does a student enroll in dual credit? Check the Warren Central High School Course Description Guide for dual credit courses. Then see your counselor!

Further information on dual credit can be found at the Warren Central High School/Walker Career Center website at www.warren.k12.in.us.



- ◇ Plans are underway to use Rosetta Stone to offer Spanish to students in grades 3-6 and grades 7-8 Excel. Chinese will be added to our World Language program at the high school.
- ◇ Warren Central High School Speech Team was named 3A State Champions.
- ◇ Creston Intermediate Academy's Sixth Grade Academic Team placed first in Marion County.
- ◇ Even if you reside outside the Warren Township school boundaries, we may be just what you're looking for. Contact 317.869.4300 for application information.

The Future Begins Here - Spring 2011

WARREN TOWNSHIP STAFF SERVE AS MENTORS

STEPPIN' HIGH WITH THE EIGHT-STEP PROCESS

School districts all across America are searching for answers to increase student achievement. Warren Township adopted an instructional strategy, the *Eight-Step Process*, in 2002 and has seen significant improvement in student test scores. This process creates a customized school-based plan that achieves results.

The results have caught the attention of The Indiana Department of Education (DOE) and the DOE is coordinating the training of Indiana schools in the *Eight-Step Process*. Because of Warren's success, Warren teachers and administrators are serving as mentors for many schools in Indiana.

The *Eight-Step Process* features instructional calendars aligned to state standards that are created by teachers, three-week assessments that

measure student progress, and a daily 30-minute Success Period. During Success Period, students receive individualized instruction according to their level of mastery of the standards.

Success has led to other schools visiting Warren Township to get a firsthand view of the *Eight-Step Process* in action. Visitors observe Warren teachers and principals discussing test data. In addition, they

visit classrooms and meet with the building leader and instructional coaches.

Serving as mentors to teachers and administrators from other school districts is very fulfilling for Warren staff. It gives them the opportunity to reflect



Christina Ballard, Math Coach at Creston Middle School, interacts with site visitor.

The Eight-Step Process

1. Data Disaggregation
2. Instructional Timeline
3. Instructional Focus
4. Assessment
5. Tutorials
6. Enrichment
7. Maintenance
8. Monitor

on what has become "business as usual" in Warren. "Our successes are directly related to excellent instruction, high-levels of student engagement, positive relationships and the implementation of the *Eight-Step Process*," said Jeff Hoog, principal of Lakeside Elementary. "Collaboration is the heart of education and we are very proud to have the opportunity to share with our colleagues from around the state of Indiana."

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE SMART!



It's interactive! It's motivating! It's appealing to all students! It's a SMART Board! As you walk the halls of Warren Township schools you will see big white boards in classrooms with students working math problems, diagramming sentences, exploring the world of sea creatures, and more. Teachers incorporate the use of this technology tool into their every day lessons.

Through a technology grant, in partnership with New Castle Schools, Warren was able to purchase inter-

active SMART Boards for many K-6 classrooms in Warren. The grant also included funds for training which included learning the mechanics of working with a SMART Board and how to incorporate a SMART Board into daily instruction, bringing many lessons alive for students.

*"I love the SMART Board."
~Tyler*

Teachers from Lowell, Liberty Park, and Brookview Elementary schools were identified to serve as Mentor teachers. Fifteen New Castle teachers and 14 Warren teachers made up the initial pool of eager learners. Training was held over several months and included a summer "Boot Camp" allowing teachers to receive in-depth instruction from SMART Board experienced teachers and SMART Ed staff on the use of SMART Boards in the classroom. Lauren Dunlap, a Liberty Park teacher, stated, "The training I received was

conducted in a way that allowed me to gain hands-on experience while becoming acquainted with new educational tools."

Rob Lugo, principal of Liberty Park Elementary and coordinator of the project, organized Saturday trainings where over 150 Warren teachers volunteered to attend. Many teachers did not have SMART Board technology in their classroom but wanted to be ready with the knowledge. After attending a Saturday training, Lynne Quimby, a Warren kindergarten teacher asked, "Can I have a SMART Board?" Her wish is being granted. The plan is to equip every K-6 classroom with a SMART Board, projector, and document camera.

First grader Tyler sums it all up, "...When we do stations and morning work we can use it to help us learn. I love the SMART Board."



Summer Food Program



Food that's in...
When School is out!

Free Breakfast and Lunch to anyone
18 years old and younger!!!

Sponsored by MSD Warren Township
June 6th through July 15th, 2011 (Monday-Friday)
(Closed Monday July 4th, 2011)



Pleasant Run Elementary
1800 N. Franklin Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Enter thru Main Door

Breakfast: 8:00am-9:00am Lunch: 11:00am-1:00pm
Adult Meals available:
\$2.00 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch.

If you have any questions concerning this flyer, please
contact MSD of Warren Township Foodservice Department
at 317-869-4381 or 317-869-4389.

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UPCOMING DATES

May 18, 2011
School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 30, 2011
Memorial Day
No School

June 2 & 3, 2011
Weather Make-up Day; school in session

June 3, 2011
Last day of school for all students

June 8, 2011
Graduation
Conseco Field House, 7:00 p.m.

June 15, 2011
School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 13, 2011
School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012

**Preschool, Elementary (K-4),
and Intermediate (5-6)**
Tuesday, July 19
12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.

**Middle School (7-8),
Renaissance**
Wednesday, July 20
12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.

High School
Contact 869.4300 for schedule

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Monday, August 1



Registration is currently taking place for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year.

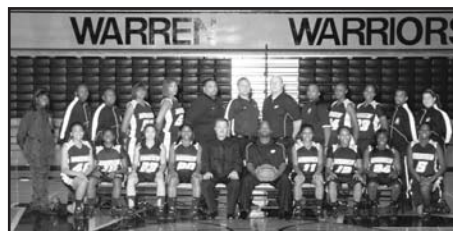
- Preschool students must be 3 years of age by September 1. Classes meet half-day for 2, 3, or 5 times per week. Contact 869.4750 for cost and registration information.
- Open enrollment for full-day kindergarten is occurring in all elementary buildings. Contact 869-4300 for registration information. Families residing outside the Warren Township school boundaries should contact 317.869.4300 for application information.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Walker Career Center's Threshold is in the Top 100 in the nation!

Warren Central High School's Lady Warriors named Sectional Champs.



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Persons living outside the Warren Township Schools attendance area may receive As Good As Gold since some carrier routes serve Warren Township and adjacent areas.

A look at recent legislative decisions

The Indiana General Assembly recently completed its session. Several bills were related to education.

- ▶ HB 1003-Vouchers
 - Parents can also receive a tax reduction for homeschooling or sending their child to private school.
- ▶ HB 1002-Charter Schools
 - Expands sponsors for charter schools
 - 90% of teachers must be licensed
- ▶ SB 575 - Repeals most of current teacher contract language; may only negotiate wages and wage-related benefits
- ▶ Full-day Kindergarten - Funding increase from \$58.5 million to \$81.9 in each year of the biennium

For details, go to www.in.gov/legislative

The Arts are Alive in Warren

The Arts – art, physical education, and music – are indeed alive and well in Warren Township! Students in kindergarten through 6th grade participate in a variety of lessons designed to develop the artist in them using both conventional and 21st century media. Fourth grader Jakob Deford wrote, “I make art to draw things I feel inside, show emotions, and give people ideas of how I think.”

Every time students do an aerobic exercise and get their heart rate up, brain cells are created. Emphasis on activities that encourage exercise is a way to help children become physically fit and mentally sharp. Activities to help make students healthy and fit include strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility, dance, and sports like tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, etc.

“Our overall goal is to provide a well-rounded, fitness-based physical education program for all students and foster a lifelong enjoyment of exercise and physical activity,” states Jill Simala, Physical Education teacher at Raymond Park Middle School.

In Warren, music opportunities are available at all levels. The study of music at the elementary level is a group process where students improve their social skills and learn to express their feelings in positive, creative ways. Sixth grade students grow their music talents through the playing of alto recorders. Orchestra, choir, and band are offered to students as they move into the middle and high school. Performing at area nursing homes, showcases at school, concerts – they are all part of a rewarding experience being offered to Warren students.

Warren Township recognizes the impact The Arts has on a student and continues to offer many opportunities for students to explore and experience.



Exhibit at the Elementary Art Show