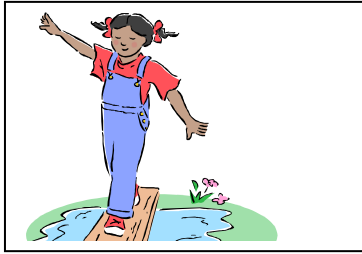


Lisa's Newsletter

GPW Coop

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New Article 7 Info:

Many changes will be taking place in July once the State of Indiana completes the adoption of the Federal Law. Major changes that will affect us starting the 2008-09 school year.

- Early Childhood
- 1. Eliminates the full-time minimum hours of instruction per week requirements (12.5 hrs)
- 2. Caseload requirements are also eliminated (**continue pg. 2 New Article 7**)

Paraprofessional Training

I was hoping to have training for all Paraprofessionals this semester, however, with all of the ACR conferences I plan to attend and the changes in Article 7, I will be unable to do this. Though, it will be a priority the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

GPW Paraprofessional Reminder

All GPW Paraprofessionals will be working the make-up snow days and will be paid as the teachers will be doing. Corporation employees may have a different policy.

More ACR Dates:

Missy Houchins; BJHS: April 7-10, 2008

Dennis Bell; Yankeetown: Grades K-2 = April 15 and 17, 2008

Grades 3-6 = March 11, 13, 18, and 20, 2008

Gretchen Fleming; BJHS; 8th gr. = March 17-20, 2008 and 7th gr. = April 1-4, 2008

Jason Roy; BHS: March 10-14, 2008

Anne Scherer; Tecumseh: April 8, 10, 16, 18, and 21 (ED Students) 2008

Kara Lewis; Oakdale: March 18-20, 2008

Loretta Hasenour; John H Castle: April 7-11, 2008

Marsha Rhodes; CJHS: April 8-9, 2008

Donna Mason; East Gibson: April 17-29, 2008

Donna Snider; Tecumseh Jr High: April 10, 2008 (7th gr), April 14, 2008 (8th gr),

April 21, 2008 (ED students am / pm; others)

Jennifer Nisley; Sharon: April 14-18, 2008

Charles Held; Sharon: April 7-11, 2008

Judy Campbell; BHS: April 8-10, 2008

Heather Bradfield; Owensville: March 18-19, 2008 and April 9, 14, and 24, 2008

Keep Them In Your Thoughts

Tammy Patterson, Paraprofessional, FBCS: Father passed away.
Shelby Stevens, PrMS; Possible open heart surgery.
Jean Krieg, GPW Treasurer; Husband continues to have many test due to a back injury.

Continue New Article 7

- Consent for change in placement
 1. Change in placement is not identified so problems occur when parent doesn't attend cc or they don't agree with the cc decision
 2. Change in placement doesn't require parent signature.
 3. IDEA recommends if parent disagrees goes to mediation /due process, (DOE recommends having another meeting before this)
- Evaluation Timelines
 1. Current 60 instructional days when parent request verbally or written

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New Addition

Nursery

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Specific Conference Dates

I have a list of several teachers ACR dates and times; the following is a list. If you are in need of any of these for your information, email me and I'll send them to you.

Laurie Ziliak; GSHS

Betty Stepek; BHS

Annie Alcorn; BJHS

Julie Elow; Oakdale

Linda Higginson; Oakdale

Corrections from February Issue

New Teacher: Kathryn Harris, Francisco not Williams...sorry

Abby Fletcher ACR Dates are March 19, 2008

Hayden Lloyd Scott

Birth Date March 05, 2008

Time of Birth 3:00 PM

Weight 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Length 20 1/2"

New Grandson of John Holcomb,
School Psychologist
Congratulations to all!

Continue New Article 7

2. Expected change 50 instructional days, though, the school has 10 days to get written notice to parent and the parent must have written consent

- Private Schools (see new law if interested)
- Transition to Adulthood
 1. IDEA says 16 years though Article 7 plans to say 14 yrs.
- Aging out of Special Education
 1. New Article 7 recommends the right to FAPE ends at the conclusion of the school year in which the child turns 22
 2. CC can determine to have them out early.
- Reevaluations
 1. New Article 7 says a review of existing data need not occur if the parent and LEA agree a reevaluation is not necessary.
- IQ Test
 1. New Article 7 only requires a cognitive assessment if a cognitive disability, multiple disability, or traumatic brain injury.
 2. Though, the multidisciplinary team can agree further testing is needed if they are unsure of an eligibility area.
- Medical Records
 1. New Article 7; Blind or low vision, deaf and hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.
- Deletion of Discrepancy Model
 1. New Article 7 prohibits the use of a discrepancy model and permits use of a process based on a student's response to scientific, researched based interventions; RTI
- Parent Signature
 1. Parent signature is only needed on the first IEP. After that, a letter must be sent every time to notify them
- Student Removal
 1. If Time-out or a child is sent home due to behavior; it must be stated in the child's IEP or BIP that it is part of the procedure or else it is considered a removal.

There are many other changes. These are just a few I felt needed to be shared with all staff right away. If you are interested in attending the open meetings to discuss the rulings, plan to attend. See the announcement and link on the home page.