



Spring 2011

BCSF - OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL LEARNERS.

BCSF Events:

M2 Rodeo: October 8-9, 2011

Need something fun to do for the family? Want to see a real rodeo? Mark your calendar to attend the second annual **M² Rodeo** to watch Indiana High School Rodeo Association students show their skills of riding, roping and rolling! This slice of Americana was enjoyed by city slickers and rural residents alike and promises to be even bigger and better this year. The planning for this event has begun. If you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer, call 348-4759!

**Proceeds go to support the
M2 Minds on Math**



First Night— A New Year's Eve Celebration 2010

Looking for New Year's Eve plans? Want a place to go with friends to have a great time while supporting two great causes? Don't leave town, attend the New Year's Eve Celebration!

On December 31, 2010, The School Foundation and United Arts Fund (CAAC) created First Night at the Factory 12 Event Loft featuring Forty Years of College & Janie Gordon, Alan Trisler, and Chef Gethin Thomas.

The event netted **\$10,000** for the partners to share. The School Foundation will use the funds to support programs that benefit the students and educators in BCSC such as Innovation Grants, purchase of learning tools, communication devices, training, learning experiences and much more! The United Arts Fund monies will support student projects such as Spring on the Farm, The Nutcracker, artists in residence and camps. These programs benefit students in academic ways as well as develop their artistic skills and appreciation.

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M²: Minds on Math

INNOVATIVE Programming Helping Fourth Graders!

While understanding the critical importance of math education for all students, Karen Garrity and the BCSC Math Council designed the Minds on Math Project. The leaders of BCSC and BCSF then launched into a partnership to support this new adventure to help students gain new confidence and skills in the area of mathematics. (Tutor Christina Awad; Student Grace Hundley)



A creative math tutoring program was piloted in the Spring of 2010 at four elementary schools. In 2010-11 the program expanded to eight elementary schools. The sites are bursting with mathematical energy of 100 volunteers and about 115 students participating in the program during the year. These fourth grade students work with the tutors four days a week during their "Beacon Afterschool" time. The focus is on mathematics of all types: geometry, measurement, problem solving, logic, reasoning, fractions, probability and much more. The students work through games, discussions, story writing, written problems and computer applications to learn more about the vocabulary and wonders of math.

The Beacon Afterschool program provides an opportunity for students to stay afterschool for homework, enrichment, math tutoring, and lots of fun. Transportation home is one key to its appeal!

Tutors tell us of their experience:

Shravan Bharadwaj, CSA Fodrea -I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the M2 team. Interacting with children and helping them think mathematically has been a very rewarding experience. I am very confident that such programs with the help of the community can drive a better future for public education.

Hanna Dietrich, East HS student—This is really a great opportunity for kids to learn things they may not learn in the classrooms. I really enjoy working in the small groups and see improvement in the students.

Paul Bissy— CSA Fodrea/Richards-I'm amazed how much energy the kids have at the end of a long school day. If the students learn as much in an hour as I do, the program will definitely be a success.



M² Students Enjoy Tutor time!

Rama Yepuri tutors Gabby Rossitis at CSA Lincoln.

You do not need to be a math wizard, but can help all students believe they can learn math and love it! Tutors provide a much needed confidence boost to the students as well as the technical expertise of problem solving.

Do you know families who need help preparing for college expenses? Help them find the 21st Century Scholarship Information.

This scholarship is provided by the State of Indiana to qualifying students in financial need who enroll as 6th, 7th or 8th graders and meet the criteria. School counselors have this info or contact: Robin Hilber, Parent Liaison for all students in Bartholomew County—

812-314-4128

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Spring 2011 Innovation Grants-\$12,910 Awarded

The School Foundation has awarded grants for over 50 years. This inspires teachers to try new approaches and share these with peers. Many ideas have withstood the test of time and continue to be modeled.

Lisa Haines (Smith) First Grade students use a game-boy device to practice math and language. Students say, "It makes us think! It is nice that we can read all the words. Oh, do we have to quit? The bug game makes me faster at math facts. Do I really sound like that when I read?" Scores show growth since January!

Jill Glover & Katie Putnam (CSA Lincoln) Third graders organized a 5K Run/Walk for 400+ people and implemented skills to share their mes-

sage about obesity. It was so inspiring to see K-6th graders cheering for each other at the finish line.

Andy Larson (CSA New Tech HS) Rock Band students are rehearsing songs for their soundtrack date at Secret Sounds Recording Studio. Blending skills from many areas of the curriculum, the students share who they are and how they learn.

Dale Nowlin and Ed Vogel (Math Chairs of the High School) High school students in higher level math classes need a graphing calculator as a tool for class. Such devices are necessary for success in class and course testing.

Sarah Lanam (Northside) Students set the tone for a united school environment. By designing the

process, creating the messages, and surveying the feedback, a new communication plan keeps all informed and involved.



Jayne Gault (East High School) Students in the Child Development program gain experience with CSA Fodrea 2nd graders using the character puppets. Children enjoy lessons in communication, nutrition, and fitness to meet the demands of today's learning.

Barbara Handt & Toni Held (North High School) Check out NOOK e-readers as the latest way students are devouring more and more books.

Have time on your hands??? The M² tutors come from all walks of life. The business community has been very helpful in providing time for tutors to come during working hours. More tutors are needed for regular volunteers as well as substitutes. Contact Amy or Yuying with your interest in the program. Yuying Chu, Volunteer Resource Manager, chuy@bcsc.k12.in.us at 378-4579 or Amy Mueller, Program Coordinator, muellera@bcsc.k12.in.us at 376-4461.

Funding and Support Through the generous donations of the Cummins Foundation, Heritage Foundation, Community Education Coalition, Indiana Department of Education, The Riley Foundation, BCSC, BCSF, and private gifts of individuals, the program is finishing its first full year. The plan is to implement in all 11 elementary schools next year.

The School Foundation is working with BCSC on a number of initiatives.

- **Busy Bees Academy** (Pre-K program for 4 year olds) www.mybusybees.org
- **Diversity Programs** (Mindy Lewis Awards, McDowell Diversity Project, Parent University)
- **High School Reform and Innovation**
- **Literacy Task Force** (Book Buddies, Book Express, Tots Reading Lots, Tutors) www.bartholomewreads.org
- **Scholarships & Awards**-Information on the BCSF website.

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