A Full Service Community School Partnership Supported by IUPUI’s Community Learning Network

Education At Any Age!

The IUPUI Adult Learning Centers (ALC’s), along with the Martindale-Brightwood Alliance for Educational Success (MBAES) recognizes Mrs. Jimmie Luton as our Senior Extraordinaire!

Mrs. Luton, 95 years young, recently completed IUPUI’s six week Introduction to Spanish class, which was held at School 51’s Adult Learning Center. She moved to the Martindale-Brightwood area in 1929, attended IPS School 26, and graduated from Crispus Attucks High School.

Before starting the Spanish class, Mrs. Luton attended the 2nd inaugural ceremonies of President Barack Obama. Unable to secure a front row seat, she stood for nearly three hours. Her response to her longevity on this earth was, “As long as I have life, and God allows me to pick up one foot in front of the other, who am I to give up.” Mrs. Luton has one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Carter who is also a mainstay in the Martindale-Brightwood community, 2 grandsons, and 4 great grandchildren.

When asked why she wanted to take Spanish she commented, “Since Latino families are moving into the neighborhood, it’s important that we communicate and understand one another. Our kids are in school together and mingling. We all need to know . . .”

Article By: Sylvia Cunningham, ALC Manager

What It’s All About!

**MBAES Mission**- To advance the continuous development of a community wide partnership between the schools, families, health and human service agencies, faith based organizations, businesses, colleges/universities, maximizing the education and life potential of every child, young person and adult ---from cradle to career.

**MBAES Vision**- A highly educated, productive citizenry contributing to a thriving Martindale Brightwood Community!
Francis W. Parker School 56 - Principal, Lauren Franklin

“Harambe!” Is Swahili, it means “a coming together.” In the large scheme of things, the word embodies the role of a leader and the role of the PTA at Francis W. Parker Montessori School #56. Our school has a very strong PTA unit lead by some really wonderful and committed ladies. Nashia Abdul-Aleem (President), Yashanna Aidara and Tracy Heaton (Vice Presidents), Sarah Garner (Secretary), and Mary Ann Hack (Treasurer) characterize the true meaning of “Harambe!” Our unit not only has great leaders but a strong and supportive membership made up of staff and parents of #56 scholars. The mission of all Parent Teacher Associations is to advocate for our children and be their voice. Having a strong PTA unit at #56 has proven to be a great asset to our learning environment and our scholars and we want to encourage other schools to develop strong parent groups within their schools.

Joyce Kilmer School 69-Principal, Kris Walker-Guess

School #69 will host an International Olympic style field day celebration to end the school year on June 6, 2013 (rain date June 7th). The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a processional walk around the JKA playground. Each classroom will wear tie-dyed shirts and carry the colored flag of their country. After the processional, students will assemble to sing the national anthem and provide three facts about their country. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the field day activities will begin during lunch time from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to students for all their efforts.

James Russell Lowell School 51- Principal, Jennifer Pearson

The students of IPS 51 and 56 had a wonderful time this week at the Vision Van. Now the world is a clear place for our students who needed glasses. The Vision Van comes once a year to Bridges to Success schools to diagnose children’s need for glasses and fill those prescriptions on site. The professional staff all volunteer their time to serve our children in need. Students are screened at the school to determine if they need glasses and then they are referred to the Vision Van. It is a very fun field trip with a great result.

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.

~Plutarch~

Article By: Maria Wright, School Coordinator

Article By: Mary Studley, School Coordinator
**Boy Scouts of America**

Organized camping is a creative, educational experience in cooperative group living in the outdoors. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth.

- Camping contributes to good health.
- Camping helps campers develop self-reliance and resourcefulness.
- Camping enhances spiritual growth.
- Camping contributes to social development.
- Camping is an experience in citizenship training.
- Camping at the Cub Scout level introduces boys to the knowledge and skills that they will learn and apply more thoroughly as a Boy Scout.

Summer Camp begins in June! Call (317) 813-7125 for more details.

**100 Black Men of Indianapolis**

Register for the 2013 Summer Academy that will take place from June 17th to July 26th and is open to students who are enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade during the 2012-13 school year. Open enrollment has begun and space will be filled on a first come first served basis. For questions and additional information, contact the 100 Black Men Office at 317.921.1276.

**Felege Hiywot Center**

The Felege Hiywot Center offers a unique summer camp for students entering PreK-8th grade. We teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through gardening. Each day is an opportunity to learn, work, create, have fun and make new friends.

**Camp Dates:**
- June 17 – 21 = 8 grade
- June 24 – 28 = 7 grade
- July 1 – 5 = Pre K-K
- July 8 – 12 = 1 – 2 grade
- July 15 – 19 = 3 – 4 grade
- July 22 – 26 = 5 – 6 grade

**Camp Hours:**
- 9AM – 3PM

For more information contact Aster Bekele at 317.545.2245 or e-mail aster.bekele@fhcenter.org
**Tips For Parents**

**Fun While Improving Fine Motor Skills**

Suggested Ages: 3-6

While many children do not have issues with gross motor skills such as running or jumping, fine motor skills require more control and more definite movements of smaller muscles. Since fine motor control is a very important skill to master for writing, it is important to make sure your child is constantly improving those skills. Below is a fun activity to explore fine motor skills:

1. Spray a wad of shaving cream on your table and have your child smear it into a thin layer.
2. Have her use her index finger to practice writing letters, shapes, and her name.
3. Give her a small, damp sponge to wipe away the shaving cream in a side to side motion; encouraging her to use her arm and wrist and not to move her shoulders.

Please note that this activity cleans up wonderfully! For more fun suggestions consult Stevven Jackson, MBAES Extended Day Liaison at 317.278.9700

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