



Northwest Allen County Schools PPSG PEAK Parent Support Group

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PPSG President Kay Till

I hope you enjoy the first edition of the PPSG Newsletter. As you may or may not know, we are fortunate to have an active and growing support group for our PEAK families known as the PPSG (Peak Parent Support Group).

Last year, a small group hosted meetings for all PEAK parents with various topics of discussion and met on a regular basis for planning purposes. We sponsored a well attended picnic as well as acquired a grant for a guest speaker to come and share about our PEAK kids. Not a bad start to a dynamic future!!!

Over the summer, with the School Board's permission, a board was created and we are now in the process of filing for our Not-For-Profit status. With this will come many more opportunities. All of the board members are excited and looking forward to this year.

Another first for this year will be the PPSG asking each family, no matter how many students you have in the PEAK program, to contribute yearly dues of \$10 per family. The dues collected will all go back to the PEAK program. We are already working on at least one speaker for this year, we hope to establish a scholarship fund for PEAK students to attend summer "camps", we will be helping teachers and counselors attend training workshops and much more. This will be a voluntary contribution, but the more that choose to participate, the more we will be able to do for the kids.

I look forward to meeting as many families as I can this year. I hope you are able to attend our various events (see schedule on back) and please consider supporting your student through the PEAK dues.

See you on September 17th.

NACS Assistant Superintendent

A note from Dr. Gloria Shamanoff

Welcome back to the new school year. The Northwest Allen County School PEAK program has not only grown in student numbers but also in one additional PEAK teacher. Mr. Tim Sloffer, former Maple Creek Middle School math teacher, will be working with PEAK students at Arcola Elementary, Hunteertown Elementary, and Perry Hill Elementary. A side note is that Mr. Sloffer was a former NACS PEAK student. He will be joining Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Drayer in delivering services to our PEAK students.

Did you know that we have an active PEAK Parent Support Group (PPSG)? This is an excellent avenue for parents to support the efforts of NACS's PEAK program. I would encourage you to get involved by attending their monthly meetings and family-oriented activities. When parents and educators work together, all our children benefit.

PPSG Meeting Schedule

<u>When</u> Monday 9/17/2007 7:00 PM	<u>Where</u> Hickory Center cafeteria	<u>What</u> What is PEAK? PPSG Parent Support Group
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<u>When</u> Monday 10/15/2007 7:00 PM	<u>Where</u> Hickory Center cafeteria	<u>What</u> How to be an advocate for your child
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<u>When</u> Monday 11/19/2007 7:00 PM	<u>Where</u> Hickory Center cafeteria	<u>What</u> I am bored. What can parents do?
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<u>When</u> Monday 12/17/2007 7:00 PM	<u>Where</u> Hickory Center cafeteria	<u>What</u> Dual diagnosis
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Contact the PPSG PEAK Parent Support Group

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SCHOOL REPS WANTED:

Could this be you? If you are committed to educational excellence and would like a positive and enjoyable way to stay involved in your student's education, we would love to welcome you to the PPSG team.

Contact Kay Till for more information

Hi everyone! We PEAK teachers are looking forward to a great year with your children. School assignments have changed with the addition of Mr. Tim Sloffer to our staff. The addition of a third PEAK teacher means more time to spend with our students and the return of the Mentor Program for PEAK 5th graders. We all need to thank our school board and administrators for their continuing support of our gifted children.

In case you haven't heard, the state legislature has mandated programs for high ability students in all schools in Indiana. This has been a long time coming and is a big step forward for our gifted kids. The legislation is so new that our school district, along with all other districts in the state, is still sorting out just exactly what this means and just exactly how we will service this group of students. PEAK will of course be part of that but we will now be adding other grade levels and other curriculum. I'm expecting a busy and exciting year as we work on what this will mean for Northwest Allen County Schools.

Let's stay in touch so we can all do what's best for our PEAKsters!

Meg Bloom

Where are the PEAK teachers?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs. Bloom	Huntertown 3 rd and 4 th	Cedar Canyon	Huntertown 3 rd and 4 th	Cedar Canyon	Headquarters at Oakview
Mrs. Drayer	Hickory Center	Oak View	Hickory Center	Oak View	May be traveling to other schools
Mr. Sloffer	Perry Hill	Arcola AM Huntertown 5 th PM	Perry Hill	Arcola AM Huntertown 5 th PM	