



# Comet Community Connection . . . .

**Caston Elementary School**  
"Growing Leaders"

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## What Does 2012 Have in Store for Caston Elementary?

A start of a new semester, the first page on a new calendar, and 96 days of school this semester to finish out another year. Hitting the midpoint of a school year, causes us to reflect on the days behind us AND imagine how the story of our school year might unfold. Great stories don't just happen, they're written purposefully. Just as we encourage our students to write with vivid words and bold details, we want the story of our school year to be exciting and memorable. Whether you are a student, a parent, a school employee, or a community member you can help write the Caston story; one that people will want to hear and tell.

Each of us have gifts for doing certain things well. When we all contribute by doing those things we enjoy and do well, it is amazing how things come together nicely. Regardless of who you are, I encourage you to make a commitment this semester to make a positive contribution. If you're a student, set your goals a little higher and then work extra hard to meet them. If you're a school employee, resolve to make this semester the very best by fulfilling your role to your highest potential. If you're a parent, support your child and the school in every way possible. If you're a community member without a direct tie to the school, find ways to get involved — there are many ways to make meaningful contributions.

Together, we can continue to make Caston Elementary School a great place where kids can discover the joy of learning and achieve their goals. The successful story of our school is one that we can all write together. Make sure you add **YOUR** vivid words and bold details to the story this semester!

*-Mrs. Douglass, Caston Elementary Principal*

Caston Elementary's  
Attendance Rate to Date  
**97.24%**

## What's In The News?

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## REMINDER

**SCRIPS Card orders for January will be due this Friday, the 20th. Thanks to all who have purchased SCRIPS Cards this year! Our December order alone provided over \$950 profit for the Caston PTO, and we've already earned over \$1500 this school year! WOW! Remember, with SCRIP you're just purchasing gift cards to places you were going to spend your money anyway. It doesn't require extra spending and a % of your purchase comes back to the school to benefit our students!**



## Jolly Frosty Visitors!

Some friendly snowmen have been hanging out in the courtyard to celebrate the arrival of a nice, white blanket of snow!

A big thanks to volunteer parent, Kelli Spin, for her many hours of work this year in keeping our Elem. courtyard beautifully decorated for each season. Kelli's contribution to the beauty of our school is much appreciated and enjoyed by so many individuals daily!



***Narciso Sanchez, an IUK student teacher works with a student in the computer lab during STAR Time.***

## Two Student Teachers From Indiana University, Kokomo, Working with Caston Elementary Students and Staff

This semester, our elementary students and staff are fortunate to have two very excellent student teachers working with us as they complete their requirements to be licensed to teach in Indiana. Narciso Sanchez is working with the 5/6 grade staff, with Mrs. Baxter serving as his primary supervisor. Mr. Sanchez is from Rochester, Indiana. He is not a stranger to Caston, as he has previously served as the Varsity Soccer Coach. Mr. Sanchez is fluent in both Spanish and English, so he is also working with some of our

Hispanic students during our STAR time, helping them become more proficient with their use of the English language.

Also doing her student teaching is Miss Rachel Cosgray. Miss Cosgray is working in the 4th grade with Mrs. Paschen as her immediate supervising teacher. She is from the Monticello area and is a Pioneer High School graduate. Rachel is active in her community and is the co-leader of her church youth program where she helps plan monthly youth group events and mentor teens.

We are so pleased to have both Mr. Sanchez and Miss Cosgray with us this semester — not only are they learning from us, but we are very much benefiting from having them as a part of our staff over the next few months!

## Area Five Grandparent's Group

Are you a grandparent who was excited about retirement and now find yourself making sacrifices to provide a life for your grandchildren? Many grandparents are stepping in to raise their grandchildren when the parents can't or won't. This can cause stress, an overwhelming feeling, and fear.

**Area Five Grandparents Groups** can provide support and information when you most need the help.

**Registration Day**—January 25th 10:00 AM—2:30 PM at Rochester Church of Christ Teen Center—419 Main Street in Rochester

**For more info.** call 1-800-654-9421 ext. 265 or 233

*\*Flyers are available in Caston Elementary Office*

## Accelerated Readers Reach for the STARS!



On Tuesday, January 17th, we celebrated AR Goal Achievements with an ice cream party. During the 2nd 9-week grading period, **216** of our students met their AR goals! Mrs. Skinner, retired 1st grade teacher, came back as a guest "dipper" to help Mrs. Douglass & other teachers with the party. A big thanks to our cafeteria staff for all their help with the party, as well!

As of this date, Caston students have read a whopping **17,235 books** this year for a total of **113,848,048 words** read! Super Job, Students!

Keep reading because . . .

**COMET READERS**  
**ARE COMET LEADERS!!**



## Caston Elementary School Honor Rolls Second 9-week Grading Period 2011-2012 School Year



### All "A" Honor Roll

**2nd Grade:** Ethan Beaman, Makenzie Bennett, Kaden Brouyette, Megan Brown, Kate Cress, Alexa Early, Loth Garcia-Ibarra, Autumn Garling, Lauren Kelley, Olivia Kinzie, Jacob Paschen, Elizabeth Pierce, Noah Pratt, Byron Rentschler, Samantha Richie, Rachel Rogers, Abigail Runkle, Adam Rush, Sara Schleppenbach, Wayne Shidler, Maddison Smith, Sam Smith, Joseph Spin, Emma Stinson, Brooke-Lynne Ulerick, Connor White, and Abby Williamson

**3rd Grade:** Olivia Boldry, Bryn Brumett, Brynn Buczkowski, Micah Colvin, Cameron Kline, MaKayla Lee, Carley Musall, Kiara Taylor, and Stephen Warren

**4th Grade:** McKenzie Baldwin, Luke Lowe, Ginger Slisher, Keagan Slocum, and Marley Strasser

**5th Grade:** Brock Buczkowski, Noah Colvin, Hunter Emmerd, Isabel Newcom, McKenzie Paschen, and Destiny Ray

**6th Grade:** Tayt Cowell, Ryonn Doan, Brandon Kinser, Kendra Pugh, Abby Rimpler, Bailey Shultz, and Jacob Taylor

### "A/B" Honor Roll

**2nd Grade:** Krista Batchelor, Bradyn Campbell, Aidan Davis, Kage DeFore, Andrew Doty, Dylan Gearhart, Kandace Harper, Grant Hickle, Benaiah Hutsell, Wyatt Jones, Tristan Jordan, Shawna Kimble, Eric McGuire, Dade Mihalic, Hailey Osborn, Bryce Rudicel, Grace Vice, and Kiara Weiss

**3rd Grade:** Hayley Anderson, Jarod Beck, Eillie Deming, Lydia Fagner, Deanna Hoff, Brianna Hubenthal, Tileasha Lozier, Kobi Martindale, Rebekah Milburn, Layne Oliver, Noah Rogers, Nathan Russell, Carter See, Dean Sylvain, Melanie Turnipseed, Kade Zeider, and Bailey Zimpleman

**4th Grade:** Elia Aguilar, Wyatt Brumett, Elizabeth Byrum, Kaleb Conrad, Aubrey Dague, Samuel DuVall, Izaiah Harper, Payton Hines, Emily Holt, Grayce Horn, Hannah Howard, Noah Howdeshell, Curtis Hubenthal, Sophie Jellison, Dalton Jones, Sarah Kistler, Amelia Lowry, Sarah Mangelsdorf, Daniel Mittica, Dakota Oldfather, Michael Rans, Aiden Sarver, Camryn Vorhees, and Kaylyn Young

**5th Grade:** Taylor Anderson, Kaitlyn Fording, Hailey Hurtt, Levi Lowe, Sydney Moon, Mitchell Rans, AJ Shires, Hannah Siders, Mark Smith, Haven Vorhees, and Ally Wiese

**6th Grade:** Jordyn Campbell, Kasey Ault, Kennedy Ault, Makayla Banta, Branden Bowder, Arieon Burns, Evelyn Byrum, Jordyn Campbell, Alex Davis, Erin Frye, Holley Hoff, Hannah Holt, Hanna Hoover, Nicole Houk, Ashlynn Kline, Brandi McCroskey, Amanda Mifflin, Samuel Mittica, Riley Rigney, Jordan Schmid, Jayda Shafer, Madelyn Shidler, Miranda Thornton, Brianna Young, and Jaden Zeider

**Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll Students!  
Excellent Work!**

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**Caston Elementary School is . . .**  
**“Growing Leaders One Student At A Time”**

**The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People**

Habit 1 - Be Proactive (*Look ahead, think it out, avoid problems*)  
Habit 2 - Begin With the End in Mind (*Set Goals*)  
Habit 3 - Put First Things First (*Make Priorities*)  
Habit 4 - Think Win-Win (*There doesn't always have to be a loser*)  
Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (*listen*)  
Habit 6 - Synergize (*When we work together we can accomplish more*)  
Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw (*Have balance in your life & be healthy*)

**“High Five” Expectations for Bus, Hallway, Playground, Cafeteria, & Bathrooms**

1. Be Kind      2. Be Safe      3. Be Responsible  
4. Be Respectful      5. Be Peaceful



## CASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MAIN EVENTS January/February

- **Friday, January 20th**—SCRIP Orders are due
- **Friday, January 20th**—Donkey Basketball Game—7:30 PM
- **Monday, January 23rd**—1st Day of JH Wrestling Practice for any 6th grade boys who wish to participate with the wrestling team (boys must have a current IHSAA Physical to participate in the 1st practice)
- **Monday, January 23rd**—CHEER CLINIC—3:30—5:00 (Cafeteria)
- **Tuesday, January 24th**—CHEER CLINIC—3:30—5:00 (Cafeteria)
- **Thursday, January 26th**—CHEER CLINIC—3:30—5:00 (Cafeteria)
- **Friday, January 27th**—Cheer Clinic Performance at half-time of Varsity BB Game vs. Pioneer
- **Wednesday, January 25th**—Artist Bruce Langston here to share with Caston Elementary students.
- **Tuesday, January 31st**—1st Graders to Honeywell Center Fieldtrip
- **Friday, February 3rd**—Elementary Spelling Bee for students in grades 4—6 who qualified based upon their classroom spelling bee (3 students per classroom)

