

Scott County School District 1

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What makes Austin Schools so great? It's students. Find out what makes our students focused and determined to succeed in this issue of "The Summit." We're proud to be Scott County School District 1.

## Superintendent's Message

Before we know it, we will welcome our students back into the schools of Scott County School District 1 to begin the 2016-17 school year. A new group of the community's youngest learners will eagerly begin their educational journey, while another group of students will proudly call themselves seniors.

I am excited for another fantastic school year. I believe I speak for everyone when I say there is nothing...nothing... more important than providing a secure future for our children. Education will be paramount in securing our future. I am referring to a rigorous education that awakens the mind and sustains curiosity. Education equips each of us with the knowledge, breath of awareness and influence not only to make sound and independent judgments, but also to proceed to the next stage in learning and life.

SCSD1 believes in providing an education that suits each individual learner. We are focused on providing all learners with the skills to adapt intellectually and socially to their changing environment. Our district continues to maintain a high level of academic excellence. We've all worked hard as a group — schools, parents and community — to make sure our students receive the best education in the nation.

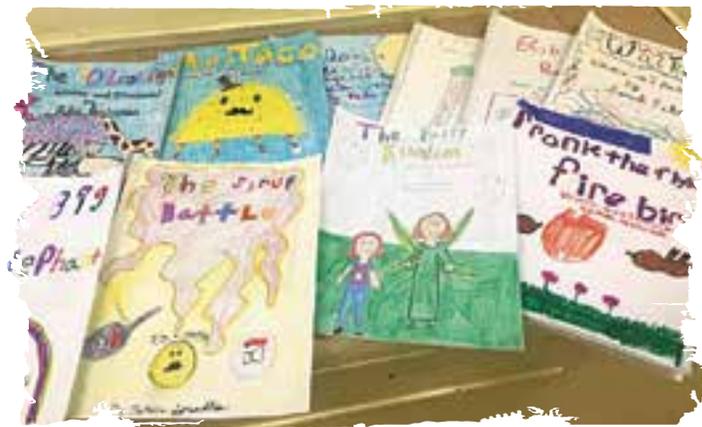
Soon, we welcome everyone back to what is sure to be a very successful year. Until then, enjoy the remainder of your summer break.

—Bob Anderson, superintendent of Scott County School District 1

## Elementary Schools



Mrs. Payne's kindergarten class participated in a postcard exchange with other kindergarten classes from all around the United States during the 2015-16 school year. Students learned about famous landmarks throughout the U.S. and discovered that even though their new kindergarten friends may live miles away, they still enjoyed the same activities! Students helped place a star sticker on the U.S. map displayed in the classroom each time a new postcard came in. It was a great learning experience!



The fifth grade at Austin Elementary wrote and illustrated their own picture books. This activity was their final writing piece of the year. All the writing skills the children learned during the year were included in this project. After presenting their creations to their classmates, they shared them with first and second graders. It was a great learning experience and the children were proud to be able to call themselves authors.

## Fourth Grade iPad Integration

Austin Elementary fourth graders have used technology to enhance their learning throughout the 2015-16 school year. Students are truly invested in meaningful learning experiences that have been provided to them through the 1:1 iPad initiative.

Students have connected with classes across the country through Google Hangouts and interactive book studies like The Global Read Aloud. Students used Writeabout.com for online journaling and reflections with a class in Maryland that also participated in #GRA15. Students have also completed collaborative Kahoots and located these classrooms using Google Earth.

AES fourth graders have been sharpening their academic skills by utilizing programs such as IXL, Moby Max, Spelling City and Prodigy. Students also love apps like Number Battle, Pic Collage, Epic, Myon and many more. Sites like Brainpop have also enhanced learning opportunities in a fun, interactive way.

1:1 integration has allowed students to complete self-guided research projects, create visual presentations and submit work electronically using tools like Google Classroom. This initiative has truly allowed AES to provide students with learning opportunities that are authentic, personalized and preparing them for the digital era.

## Career Day at Austin Elementary

Students at Austin Elementary School recently participated in Career Day, where they had the chance to learn about many different types of careers and trades. They heard from police officers, nurses, photographers, professional wrestlers, jewelers, city workers, a school principal, tow truck drivers, machinists, businessmen and women, firefighters, bakers, musicians, construction workers, personal trainers, the armed forces, the mayor and many, many more! Students and teachers alike were grateful for these volunteers who gave their time to help teach students about the opportunities they will have as they grow.

Preschoolers know they have a long time before they will be choosing a career, but were still very excited to see the speakers in their classrooms! They especially loved learning from the firefighters and police officers about their jobs in our community.

A kindergarten student from Mrs. Smith's class said, "Since I learned about it at career day, I want to be a police officer so I can help people!" Another student said she was glad she and her classmates learned about how important it is to always wear a seatbelt.

First graders in Mrs. Hauer's room were excited to share how they learned about making pizza and donuts, and more importantly, they learned it is important to go to work and do

your best every day, no matter what your job.

Mrs. Anderson's second grade class was excited to see and learn about tow trucks, construction equipment and firetrucks. Several students said learning about new careers made them think of what they want to be when they get older.

Third grade students reported, "Career day is the best day ever!" Several students said they had had a wonderful time learning hands-on tricks for decorating cupcakes and participating in a demonstration with, Arena, the narcotics detection dog with the Scott County Sheriff's Department. Many students also loved to meet Jay Deeze, a professional wrestler who talked with the students about how bullying was not okay, and the importance of hard work!

Fourth grade students loved learning about different jobs and how things can work together to create one whole. There were several students who also said they identified careers they may be interested in learning more about as they got older!

Fifth grade students were glad they had so many speakers come to their room to talk to them about their career. Some even said they had learned about new careers – jobs they didn't even know existed before learning about them at Career Day!

To the volunteers: You may not know it now, but you have lit a spark inside our students and opened their eyes to see just how many different, fun, and interesting careers there are to pick from. In addition, you spoke with the kids about not just what you do, but why you do it and how the students can reach their goals as well. We are so very thankful to be part of such a wonderful community!



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## Middle School

### Austin Middle School Archery Hits the Bull's Eye

The first year of Austin Middle School's Archery program recently ended on a high note. The 35 student archers challenged the AMS teachers and staff to a tournament that was held on March 18. The entire student body attended the shoot-off and enthusiastically cheered on their favorite teacher or student. All the faculty and staff participated in the event, which showcased the student archers' talents as well as provided the entire student body with a fun way to begin spring break.

Mr. Deaton challenged Brooklyn "Katniss" Blaylock in a one-on-one battle. Mr. Deaton confidently promised the entire student body that he would buy them all soft drinks if he lost. Mr. Deaton's confidence soon eroded, as Brooklyn handily defeated him! All the students received a soft drink from Mr. Deaton.

The archery program's first year at AMS has been so successful, it will be expanding to include a high school team during the 2016-17 school year. The National Wild Turkey Federation provided a grant, which will enable the purchase of new equipment to start the high school program. The Scott County Youth Grantmaking Council also generously awarded a grant to the middle school and high school program to purchase additional

equipment. Coaches Larry Morgan and Tammy Rice will again return next year to help the program's continued growth. All middle and high school students will be eligible to try-out for the teams. The season will begin in the fall and run through March.

A summer archery program began June 2 and run through July 28. High school students may attend Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., while middle school students will shoot on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time. The camp will be held at the archery barn, next to the Superintendent's Office on Highway 31. The program is open to any student that is interested in learning archery or competing with the archery team next year.

## High School

### WDRB News Highlights Austin High School's Early College Program

Austin High School had an exciting opportunity when WDRB News came to the school in late May to interview school faculty and students about the Austin/Crothersville Early College Program. High school students are earning dual credits for high school and college as well as earning an associates degree with their high school diploma through this program. Crothersville and Austin joined together and partnered with Ivy Tech, which lent its professors. There is no cost to students to earn these credits and degrees. This year, 30 students between the two schools graduated.

"The WDRB News Team encouraged us to feel comfortable for the camera," said Charlie Fraley, Media Specialist and Dual Credit Liaison at Austin High School. "Our students were eloquent and gracious. I only cried a couple of times!"

The segment already aired live on WDRB, but it can be watched online at [www.wdrb.com/story/32026515/scott-county-high-school-students-get-leg-up-in-education](http://www.wdrb.com/story/32026515/scott-county-high-school-students-get-leg-up-in-education).

### Congratulations to the AHS Early College Class of 2016!

The AHS Early College Class of 2016 are Arin Hupp, Josh Helton, Beth Hughes, Mary Jane Campbell, Nikki Kendall, Elizabeth Lee, Kelsey Fortner, Emily Keller, Matt Terry, Elizabeth Derringer, Brittany Henderson, Meagan Michelle Hollan, Riley Stollings, Conner Adams, Kenton Embrey, Sydney Surber, Jacob Newton, Case Carter, Larry Couch. A quarter of these students earned their associate's degrees!

Ivy Tech Honor Recipients are Riley Stollings (Cum Laude), Elizabeth Lee (Magna Cum Laude), Kenton Embrey (Cum Laude), Meagan Hollan (Magna Cum Laude) and Nikki Kendall (Magna Cum Laude).

For more information about the Austin High School's Early College Program, contact Charlie Fraley, media specialist, or Ryan Herald, principal.

### Athletic Teams Won Four Sectionals During 2015-16 School Year

In what has been a superb year for athletics at Austin High School, four teams have won athletic sectionals during the 2015-16 school year — the most in school history! Congratulations to the boys cross country, girls volleyball, girls basketball and boys baseball teams for all their hard work!

"Our student athletes have remained focused. Our student athletes have remained determined to show the world that our community is more than what they see on the news. They are Scott County District #1," said Keith Henderson, assistant principal and athletic director at Austin High School.

## You're Invited!

The public is welcome to attend meetings of the Board of School Trustees for Scott County School District 1. Regular meetings of the school board are conducted at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 255 Hwy. 31 South Austin, IN 47102

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## AHS Reading Program

AHS Students can enjoy the OverDrive Summer Reading Program. Login Information: Username: Entire ID Number / Password: Graduation Year. Send Ms. Fraley an email at [fraleyc@scsd1.com](mailto:fraleyc@scsd1.com), if you have questions.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

Austin High School had a 95-percent graduation rate for the Class of 2016! Some stats of the Class of 2016: 57 Core 40 Diplomas, 21 Honors Diplomas, 19 Associate Degrees from Ivy Tech Community College in Sellersburg, 19 Work Ethic Certifications, 18 National Honor Society Members, 7 Graduating with Distinction, 3 Graduating with High Distinction, 4 Graduating with Highest Distinction, 2 National Tech Honors Society and Tech Honors Diplomas



The Work Ethic Certification Recipients can apply for an internship or job in the State of Indiana, and they are guaranteed an interview! You can find out more about this program at [www.in.gov/dwd/files/we\\_Program\\_Overview\\_08-07.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dwd/files/we_Program_Overview_08-07.pdf).

## All-School Calendar, 2016-17

July 27-28..... AHS Registration  
 July 28 .....SCSD1 Back to School Celebration from 6-8 p.m.  
 Aug. 1 ..... First Teacher Day  
 Aug. 2 ..... First Student Day  
 Sept. 5..... Labor Day (no school)  
 Sept. 30..... End of the Grading Period  
 Oct. 24-28..... Fall Break  
 Nov. 8 ..... Election Day (no school)  
 Nov. 23-25.....Thanksgiving Break (no school)  
 Dec. 16..... Last Day of the First Semester  
 Dec. 19-Jan. 2..... Christmas Break (no school)  
 Jan. 3..... First Day of Second Semester  
 Jan. 16.....MLK Day (no school, snow make-up day if needed)  
 Feb. 20 ..... Presidents Day (no school, snow make-up day if needed)  
 March 10..... End of the Grading Period  
 March 20-24.....Spring Break (no school)  
 March 27.....Snow Make-Up Day if Needed  
 April 14..... Good Friday (no school)  
 April 17.....Snow Make-Up Day if Needed  
 May 8-9.....Snow Make-Up Day if Needed  
 May 25.....Last Student Day and End of Grading Period  
 May 26.....High School Graduation and Last Teacher Day