

CENTRAL REGION

“BRIGHT IDEAS”

CFI – IPS School 2 – CFI PTSA sponsored a celebration of art and peace to unveil sculptures created by CFI students working with an artist funded by Young Audiences. The celebration included art activities such as hat making and face painting, live jazz performed outdoors and local artisans were invited to display and sell their art.

Eastridge Elementary – Students of Eastridge were asked to design a new school logo that would appear on t-shirts and sweatshirts. As a way to promote good students, at the PTA meeting students from each grade level were selected as “Student of the Month” and they received a certificate of recognition with the winner receiving a gift certificate from a local retailer.

Glenns Valley Elementary – Glenns Valley PTA started the “Bucket Brigade” because of the loss of teacher’s aides. Each classroom has a bucket that they sit outside their room. Volunteers then come by and pick up the buckets and make copies or whatever the teacher has requested in the bucket. The bucket and the completed items or job are then returned to the classroom.

Lowell Elementary – Lowell PTA holds a “Triple P” (Participating Parents for Progress) Program, which is a training program for parents and caregivers designed to improve their participation in the education of their children at home and school in order to establish a partnership between teachers and parents. The topics of seminars were discipline, self-esteem and homework without hassle.

Mary Bryan Elementary – Mary Bryan PTA worked with a local radio station to provide a space in the school building to hold a community wide garage sale to help the families devastated by a tornado. The Salvation Army donated trucks to haul merchandise, Indiana National Bank donated tellers to handle the money and the Sheriff’s Department handled traffic control while the radio station broadcasted from the school.

Southport Middle School – Southport PTA held an event called “A School Odyssey” in which students led round table discussions on topics including Families in Action, Fire Safety, Getting the Most Out of Homework, Indiana Family College Savings Plan, Internet Safety, Taking Charge of your TV, Technology Report, PTA and the Legislature, and Promoting Physical Fitness. The students were provided with the information they needed from the National and State PTA.

Stephen Decatur Elementary – The Stephen Decatur Elementary PTA sponsors a PTA BEAR (Be Excited About Reading) Book Exchange Program or “Book Swap” to promote literacy. A book was purchased for every child in the school and they are allowed to exchange five books weekly. The students may exchange the book they received or any books from home that they no longer read.