

Have You Heard

# DOWN LOW ON THE INFO



## FACES OF HUNGER, BOWLS OF CHANGE



Faces of Hunger Bowls of Change will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Northrop High School Cafeteria. Over 500 ceramic bowls are being made and donated by local colleges and potters. All soup and bread is donated and all proceeds will go to the Community Harvest Food Bank. In addition to the soup, there will be a silent art auction with artwork donated by local and regional artists, and over 100 raffle prizes donated by various businesses in our community. Please plan to join us for this worthwhile event to help support the hungry in our schools and our community. If you cannot attend the soup dinner you can donate canned goods, artwork or cash donations to the FVEA office, Northrop High School Office, or Community Harvest Food Bank from October 14 to November 14.

## ISTA-Retired Allen County Chapter SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Jim Clauser, ISTA-Retired Representative



1. On Wednesday, August 20, I met with the ISTA Archives Committee in the ISTA Center. The committee continued to catalog new materials, work on an updated master list of items available for research and complete the year book for 2007-2008 that will be for sale at the fall RA. I have been assigned the task of creating the layout for the 2008-2009 yearbook.
2. On Thursday, August 21, I met with the executive board of the ISTA-Retired State Council. Reports were given and important items for the council meeting the next day were discussed. One of the main agenda items was the updating of the mission statement and goals for the organization.
3. The State Council met on August 22. I was not able to attend as I was flying to visit friends in Nebraska. However, in my absence, I was re-elected as the state-wide member-at-large to the executive board. In addition the mission statement and goals were approved.
4. This summer, letters were sent to all active ISTA members of FWCS who retired this year inviting them to join ISTA-Retired (if they had not already done so as a pre-retired member) as well as to join our local chapter. In addition, the officers sent to all eligible members a schedule of the programs for the coming year. At each meeting this year, contributions to political action will be taken.
5. On October 1 and 2, I will be attending an ISTA-Retired Leadership Conference to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel. The purpose of the conference is to gain insights into new and exciting initiatives developed in other states, share with one another good ideas and solutions to challenges, and develop a concrete and personalized-for-you district action plan. The agenda includes a leadership skills workshop and mentor programs, The Living Library, Campaign '08, and Technology You Can Use. This conference is open to all ISTA-Retired district council leaders and local chapter presidents.

## American Education Week November 16-22, 2008

Below is a suggested activity guide for your schools to honor the individuals who are making public schools great for every student. Additional ideas, templates, artwork and promotional items may be found at [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew)

### Monday, November 17 – Open House Day/AEW Kickoff Ideas

Organize an American Education Week kickoff open house to celebrate public education, teachers, support professionals, substitute educators, parents, students, and the community.

### Tuesday, November 18 – Parents Day Ideas

Invite parents into the school for a firsthand look at their children's day.

### Wednesday, November 19 – Education Support Professionals Day Ideas

Celebrate the secretaries, classroom aides, maintenance workers, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, nurses and others who provide invaluable services year-round.

### Thursday, November 20 – Educator for the Day Ideas

Encourage community leaders to serve as "educators for the day" for a hands-on school experience.

### Friday, November 21 – Substitute Educators Day Ideas

Invite substitute educators that have taught in your school this year and honor them with a special celebration that says "thanks".

## BUYING AUTO INSURANCE FOR A USED CAR?

Almost every state requires drivers to carry auto insurance, but what kind of coverage you select is almost as varied as the kind of car you choose to drive. For some just starting out, the only affordable car will be a used one. How do you pick the right kind of insurance for an older vehicle?

For help in solving the questions, consult with your insurance representative.



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FWCS/FWEA CLASSROOM CONVERSATIONS

# GANGS IN THE FORT



**THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, AND WHY**  
**SPEAKERS: BOB RINEARSON & JOHN WEICKER**  
**NOVEMBER 20 NORTHROP HS CAFETERIA**

**FOR ALL FWCS TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, & STAFF**

LEARN THE HISTORY OF GANGS IN FORT WAYNE FROM TWO GANG EXPERTS WHILE BEING EDUCATED TO IDENTIFY THE TATTOOS, CLOTHES, & SYMBOLS OF THE GANGS IN THE FORT

**4:15 PM TO**  
**5:30 PM**