



IU1

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE STUDENTS

After being awarded Moonshot grants, Central Greene and West Greene elementary students spent the month of April using innovative technology to create one-of-a-kind art projects.






West Greene 3rd grade students drew their own shapes in CorelDRAW, which were then laser cut on wood. The positives were transformed into a hanging "quilt" while the negatives were used to make some really cool stained-glass like creations!

Central Greene 5th grade students used Procreate to design their own Mandala, then laser cut 1/4 of the design into a rubber stamp and stamp their own bandanas with screen printing ink!

REMINDER ROUNDUP!

- American Fidelity health insurance enrollment and benefit review meeting must be completed between May 1st and May 5th
- **Central Office:** Professional Development: Microsoft Excel will be held Wednesday May 10th at 9am in the Washington and Fayette Rooms
- IU1 will be closed Monday May 29th in observance of Memorial Day
- **Central Office:** Summer hours begin June 12th and run through August 11th (1/2 day on Fridays)

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EXCELLENCE

IN ACTION *IU1 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH*

Sandy Harris is IU1's inaugural employee of the month. She is a special education teacher and part of the Early Intervention Child Find team. Sandy continues to go above and beyond for our program. She completes all aspects of her job extremely effectively and with a positive attitude. In addition to her daily responsibilities, she helps orient new staff, provides coverage for classrooms and meetings, and is a daily support to the Washington Child Alert classrooms to ensure they run smoothly. Sandy is an asset to EI and we are truly appreciative of Sandy's hard work, kindness, and dedication to our students!



FRESH FACES: *GET TO KNOW OUR APRIL NEW HIRES!*

- Ida Thomas, Administrative Assistant II (Behavioral/Mental Health Programs), IU1 Educational Campus at Waynesburg
- Dr. Tracey Czajkowski, Curriculum Specialist, IU1 Central Office
- Loretta Denis, Paraprofessional (Early Intervention Program), IU1 Educational Campus at Redstone



UPBEAT UPDATE

The IU1 Holiday card decorating contestants were recently celebrated here at Central office with a pizza party! Every card that was submitted was on display around the Washington and Fayette rooms, while students from all across the region enjoyed a yummy meal of pizza, juice pouches, and cookies. The creators of the 6 finalist cards were awarded a congratulatory certificate for making it to the final round of voting. Later this year, IU1 staff will vote for their favorite to become the official 2023 IU1 Holiday card.

Fun fact: There were 347 entries from classrooms throughout the IU1 area!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful school year. It's hard to believe that the 2022-2023 school year is coming to an end. I am happy to announce our very first version of the "IU1 Interconnected." This is a newsletter that will be emailed monthly to all IU1 Staff. The newsletter will consist of updates from the prior month, new hires, as well as reminders for upcoming events.

In addition to the newsletter will be "Upbeat Update," which will showcase our students and staff of IU1 and the great work they all do. Our member districts and Career Technical Centers (CTC) will also be showcased in the Student Spotlight, as the IU1 region hosts some of the most innovative projects and initiatives in the entire state!

Another exciting section of the newsletter is the Employee of the Month, where an employee within IU1 will be recognized for the dedication and commitment to the work they provide to our organization each and every day. We are extremely excited to highlight the great work of our employees who dedicate themselves on a daily basis to the students of IU1!

I sincerely hope you enjoy this first edition of "IU1 Interconnected!" Have a wonderful May!

FROM THE DESK OF DR. DON MARTIN

