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Steve's Sound-Off

April 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The end of the school year is quickly approaching; have you made summer learning arrangements for yourself and your students? Please consider joining the National Principals Academy this June for a workshop featuring Laurie Barron and students, please join us for an iLead summer leadership experience! Hope to see you all there!

-Steve

Success Story of the Month

Waynesburg Elementary School in Waynesburg, Kentucky put in the work and is now seeing RESULTS! EES has been implementing its Framing Your Success program this school year to help Waynesburg teachers better understand common core standards and focus on a higher-level of questioning. Through the leadership provided by Principal Mark Upchurch and Mrs. Missy Robbins, the Academic Program Consultant, teachers were given the support and tools necessary to make EES' Continuous Improvement Cycle model meet their needs.

"We are very excited with our improvements across the board," said Missy Robbins.

These improvements include:

- Kindergarten had 93.2% of students scoring at a level 3 or 4 in reading on PAS A (up from 57.2%)
- 1st Grade had 82.2% of students scoring at a level 3 or 4 in reading on PAS A (up from 20%)
- Math showed increases at all levels.

Congrats to the whole team of teachers, administrators, and students for their hard work!

EES at NAREN and Share Fair DC

This April, EES team members presented iLead 21 at two events around the

DC Metro area: NAREN and Share Fair.

Through 'Be the Captain of Your Leadership: Self-Awareness for Youth Success' at [NAREN](#) in Baltimore, Maryland, an audience of educators who work with at-risk youth were introduced to the the iLead process and how it relates to youth self-awareness. The conference space was interactive, engaging, and inspiring! For more information on self-awareness and the effective leader, [click here](#)



At Share Fair DC, EES hosted an interactive workshop on the George Washington University campus. Educators, students, and communities came together to share hands-on, brains-on education methods.



Upcoming Events

For educators:

Please join us for 'At the Intersection of Visionary and Instructional Leadership' with Laurie Barron this June 24 in Beckley, West Virginia. Register [here](#)

Come explore leadership protocols that cultivate immediate, noticeable short-term and long-term benefits to health, wellness, performance and quality of life this July 12-17 in Farmville, Virginia at The Secrets of Champions Summer Institute. For more information, please visit [here](#)

For students:

iLead is collaborating with Baroody Camps to showcase students' talents

and current skills while teaching leadership behaviors to positively impact the world. Rising 7th-9th graders will come together for 2 weeks to develop and execute a local, small-scale cleanup project. Contact [Michelle](#) for more details!



Lead Yourself, Lead the World!

Who: Rising 7th-9th Graders

What: A summer leadership experience that's fun AND meaningful! Students come together to design and execute their own service learning project while learning more about their skills, leadership, and global citizenship. Help your child prepare for college, careers, and beyond!

Where/When:

- **St. James Catholic School, Falls Church, VA. June 22-July 3.**
- **St. Rita's School, Alexandria, VA. July 27-August 7.**

To Register, visit: baroodycamps.com

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NYAR Conference Las Vegas

Save the date! This November 5-7, the [National Youth at Risk Conference](#) arrives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Identify specific instructional strategies to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- Examine social issues that place youth at risk and identify steps to address these issues to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- See Dr. Steven Edwards in action!

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