FOR INFORMATION

1. The BHS North Varsity and Junior Varsity Science Olympiad Teams finished first in regional competitions. Led by Coach Josh Radicke, the varsity team won 14 first-place awards out of 23 events. The team also won five second-place awards and four fourth-place awards. Each member of the team did well, coming home with at least one first- or second-place award. Overall, the junior varsity team won 11 first place awards out of 23 events. The teams are also assisted by science teachers Jean Schick and John Portle. They will next compete at the state Science Olympiad on March 29. Last year the BHS North team won the state competition and competed in nationals.

2. Bloomington High School North musicians won four top prizes at the annual Indiana State University Jazz Fest in Terre Haute. North’s Jazz Ensemble I and Combo I both won first place awards. Lewis Rogers, BHSN senior guitarist, was named the outstanding soloist in each of these competitions. About 50 bands and combos took part in the event. Janis Stockhouse is the director of bands at BHSN.

3. The BHS North Advanced Jazz Band was named the top band at their performance site (out of 25 bands) at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho, February 21-24. Four North student soloists were named “Best in the Class”: vocalist Thea Bransby, guitarist Lewis Rogers, drummer Ben Lumsdaine, and violinist Theresa Lier. The trio of Lewis, Ben and Ian Ottinger was named an Honor Combo as well, and soloists Nathan Pratt, Brandon Anderson and Hannah Clendening also turned in strong performances.

4. Congratulations to three MCCSC teachers who, along with 125 other Indiana educators, have been awarded Lilly Endowment 2008 Teacher Creativity Fellowship grants. Staci Jennings, BHS South, will enhance her landscape photography skills in the western United States: “Discovering the American West – One Photograph at a Time.” Angela Harding, Marlin, will attend a creativity workshop in Ireland and explore cuisine and culture in Paris: “Cooking Up Creativity.” Tri-North teacher Jane M. Reeves will investigate sculpture as public art in the eastern United States and apprentice with a local limestone sculptor: “Conceptualizing Sculpture as Public Art.”

Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. the program enables teachers, principals, guidance counselors and school librarians from all over Indiana to take time to pursue their personal interests, explore subjects that intrigue them, and just ‘get away.’ Each of these teachers will receive up to $8,000 for their activities, which typically take place during the summer months.

5. As a result of the United Way of Monroe County 2007-2008 campaign, the MCCSC Assistance Fund received an allocation of $20,072.63 including $7,544.63 from Donor Designations. The first payment of this disbursement is expected to be received on March 15. The School Assistance Fund is managed by the Social Services Department and the money is used to purchase clothing and other basic needs for students who need assistance.

6. WTIU will air Wilderness Plots production at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 and it will repeat several times during the month. Honey Creek School was used as a location in the program.
7. This week is **School Social Work Week** in Indiana. Special thanks to and recognition for MCCSC social workers and the professional skills they bring to our students and staff.