

## EPS: API & AYP Scores Meet the Mark

*Students exceed AYP national benchmark & API state average*

Enid Public Schools officials are proud to announce that all district schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which is a measure of assessment established by the State Department of Education and No Child Left Behind.

Additionally, schools across the district made significant gains in their Academic Performance Index scores. Schools that boasted increases of more than 100 points (all and/or regular students) between 2004-05 and 2005-06 include: Adams, Hayes, Taft, Emerson, Longfellow & EHS.

### About API

At the elementary and junior high school levels, Academic Performance Index scores are based primarily on attendance and on state-mandated tests. At the high school level, the formula also includes Advanced Placement performances, graduation rates, ACT scores and college remediation rates.

### About AYP

In order to meet Adequate Yearly Progress, school sites — and each of their subgroups — must meet performance targets in reading and math. The subgroups include students who are economically disadvantaged, members of certain racial/ethnic groups, English Language Learners and/or those who receive special education services. The same performance target is set for ALL students.

Schools that fail to meeting AYP for two consecutive years in the same subject are designated as “school improvement” sites. Schools can qualify for “safe harbor” status if they decrease the number of students who score unsatisfactory on mandated testing by at least 10% from the previous year.

**All EPS schools met AYP for the  
2005-06 year.**

## The Stars of StarTek



For the second consecutive year, StarTek employees donated numerous large boxes of school supplies to Enid Public Schools. The supplies are currently being distributed with help from principals and counselors.

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## *PEGASYS Program Back to Help Students with Math*



Decimals making you dizzy? Fractions got you frazzled? There's good news. This fall, "Math Mania" is back to help students in

grades 1-9 with math problems and homework.

The program will air live on Suddenlink Cable Channel 12 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. and is replayed at 7 p.m. During the live program, students can call in or email answers to the problems of the week, which are published weekly at [www.pegasys.org](http://www.pegasys.org).

Students who answer questions correctly win prizes and have a chance to win a grand prize at the end of the semester. Students can also call in to ask the teachers questions about math homework they are struggling to answer.

Although it is not sponsored by Enid Public Schools, Math Mania features two of the district's outstanding teachers: Chris Smith and Jan Martin.

For more information, contact Stephanie Wnetrzak, PEGASYS Public Relations Coordinator, at (580) 237-0099 or email questions to [stephanie@pegasys.org](mailto:stephanie@pegasys.org).

Since 1986, PEGASYS has been Enid's source for true community access television, granting free access to the airwaves for individuals and organizations with a message for the community. Beginning with a small studio and one channel, PEGASYS has since grown to three channels and operates a versatile, well-equipped facility. PEGASYS programming reaches Enid's 16,000 cable subscribers.

# Board Notes



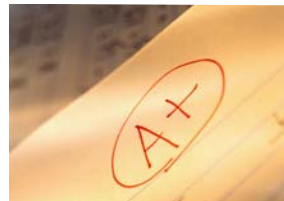
The Board of Education recognized Mary McDonald for her selection as an Oklahoma Teacher of the Year finalist. The state winner will be

announced on September 19 in Oklahoma City. The board also recognized two EHS students for their selection to the Oklahoma Institute for Diversity in Journalism.



Board of Education members approved the employment of the following teachers: Belma Jones, Science, Emerson (Long Term

Substitute); and William Jones, History/ISIP/Head Boys' Basketball Coach, EHS.



The Board approved the following contracts: Lifetouch National School Studios for Garfield Elementary photos, Community

Development Support Association for parent services through the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers program; Daktronics swimming scoreboard agreement between EPS, the YMCA, the EHS Swimming Booster Club and the Plainsmen Foundation; Garfield County Health Department for funding assistance for the district's School and Family Enrichment (SAFE) counselor; renewal of the student nursing agreement with NW Oklahoma State University; and Barbara Wilson to provide contracted treasurer services to the district.



The EHS track is still under construction. Although it was recently completed, it did not pass inspection. It has been once again

stripped to the asphalt and is being repaired at no additional cost to the district.