School Days—A Look at Education

Grant Recipient Spotlights
The Putnam County Community Foundation makes grants to qualified non-profit organizations seeking to make a difference for Putnam County and its residents. The following programs and organizations recently received funding for exciting educational offerings and opportunities.

Ivy Tech ASAP Program
This spring, Ivy Tech Community College was awarded $21,000 for technology for their pilot ASAP (Associate Accelerated Program) in Greencastle. This program, which started in June, will provide Ivy Tech students with the opportunity to earn their associate degrees and begin their careers in one year or transfer credits to a four-year college to continue their education. To learn more about this exciting new program, contact Amanda at aostoich@ivytech.edu.

Castlemakers Launch
Castlemakers, Inc. is a non-profit group dedicated to creating an innovative community of makers who promote and encourage scientific and creative skills through building projects, education, mentorship, sharing, and relationships. Their next Castlemaker Kids Project will be a Rocket Build and Rocket Launching in August. Up, up, and away, Castlemakers! To learn more, visit them at www.castlemakers.org.

Dr. Robert H. Farber Endowment for Education
Putnam County’s Endowment for Education seeks to build a culture of learning through funding programs and projects that are results focused. Dr. Robert H. Farber initiated the Endowment in 2003. While volunteering in the community, he and his wife, Vera May, became concerned by the number of children unable to read at grade level. Bob and Vera believe that everyone in Putnam County must work together to foster the values, skills, and knowledge our young people need to be successful in life. This fund has awarded $20,969 in grants to our community!