



NCAA donates backpacks for MSD Wayne third graders



Westlake Elementary Home School Liaison Jamie Akin with students
(left to right) Emmanuel Villaneuva, Madison Haney, and Nathaniel Murray

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), headquartered in Indianapolis, has once again provided backpacks and supplies for third graders throughout the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township. It's part of a program the NCAA began last school year, reaching children in Indianapolis, Houston, and Washington, D.C.

The NCAA's backpack program aims to inspire youth toward a life-long dedication to learning and healthy living. This year, the organization gave away 10,000 backpacks, with more than 4,000 distributed to third grade students in Wayne, Perry, Pike, and Warren townships. MSD Wayne received 1,250 backpacks from the NCAA.

The NCAA elected to distribute backpacks to third grade students because of research showing the importance of reading on grade level by that age.

Each backpack contained a notebook, three folders, a glue stick, pair of scissors, and a box of crayons. It also contained a card reading: "Dream Big. Study Hard. Have a great year. We're cheering for you! -The NCAA."

This is one of many community partnerships in place in MSD Wayne schools. For more good news about our schools and community, please visit www.wayne.k12.in.us.