



Worksite of the Month: July 2009

Rivesville Elementary & Middle School (Marion County)

Rivesville Elementary/Middle is a shining example of a worksite focused on the health and wellness of its employees. The school joined the Pathways to Wellness program officially at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. They had their annual health screening in late-September and afterwards completed the Stepping Stones Pedometer Program. However, this worksite had already begun its “pathway to wellness” long before it joined PEIA Pathways. In June of 2008, the worksite coordinator Bill Wagner who is also the school’s physical education teacher decided he wanted to create an on-site fitness center to improve the overall health of the school. He began cleaning out the basement area underneath the gymnasium. Then he began the hard part by raising the funds and gathering the donations to make this project possible. In all, the project cost was over \$7,000.00 which was fully donated! By September, the fitness center was ready for equipment to be installed. By October it was nearly complete and ready for students, faculty, and staff to give it a test run. The dedication of the new fitness center was on May 11th, 2009. Enough cannot be said of the hard work and dedication to worksite wellness by Bill Wagner at Rivesville Elementary & Middle School. He is the shining example of what PEIA Pathways to Wellness is all about.

