

# IN TOUCH

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## SAVE TIME AND TREES WITH OUR ONLINE STATEMENTS

Do something for yourself and Mother Earth. Streamline monthly bill paying by enrolling in auto bank draft and paperless bill pay from WIN. It's a simple and small change that can yield big benefits. To enroll, visit [www.wabash.net](http://www.wabash.net) for an auto

bank draft form or contact our office. It takes just minutes to enroll, and reaps lasting rewards. Sign

up for paperless billing and bank draft and get \$2 off your bill each month.

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**SCHOOL**

LESSON:

SUPER BUSY HOUSEHOLDS  
NEED SUPER FAST INTERNET SPEEDS

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## INTERNET SPECIALS

- Sign up for our High Speed Internet and we'll give you FREE installation and the first month of service FREE!
- Already have WIN Internet? Up your Internet speed and we'll waive the additional monthly fee for the first 3 months. Give it a try!

\*Service availability and Internet speeds will depend on location. All prices subject to change. Contact us for details. DSL upgrade to the next higher speed package only. Offer good through August 31.

### BACK TO SCHOOL TRIVIA

- Crayola produces nearly 3 billion crayons each year – an average of twelve million daily. Blue is the most popular Crayola color.
- In the United States, 79 million students carry backpacks. Of those, more than 92% haul more than 10-22% of their body weight (with the ideal range being 10-15%) and 30-50% report back pain because of their backpacks.
- A pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long and will write in zero gravity, upside down, or under water!

## 7 HOMEWORK TIPS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Here's a refresher course in homework basics to share with the young students in your family.

1. Use a quiet room with an uncluttered desk & a supportive desk chair.
2. Sit up straight in the chair to get your blood flowing evenly & help prevent drowsiness.
3. Start by writing a to-do list of your homework, ordering your tasks from hardest to easiest.
4. Do the hardest tasks first.
5. Stay off Facebook, Twitter, or anything else that will distract you.
6. Speak aloud as you do your homework. This works to maintain focus & reinforce concepts. It can be especially helpful when doing math problems.
7. When you can't seem to finish an assignment, no matter what you try, stop & switch to another task for awhile. This can help clear your head. After you're feeling more positive, take a fresh look at that challenging assignment.

Good luck to all students, parents, & teachers during this upcoming school year.

### FREE BACKPACK DRAWING

Fill out this form, clip it, and return it with your next payment or drop it by our office for a chance to win a back-to-school backpack or email us at [winmarketing@wabash.net](mailto:winmarketing@wabash.net).

You must be in grades pre-kindergarten through 5th grade and return form by August 11, 2014 to be eligible. One winner will be randomly drawn from all the entries received.

If you have a Facebook account, check us out at [www.facebook.com/wabashindependentnetworks](http://www.facebook.com/wabashindependentnetworks) and enter to win!

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

## UNDERSTANDING BROADBAND USAGE AND METERED BROADBAND SERVICES

When you use the Internet, you are uploading and downloading data. This is known as your broadband usage. The three main factors affecting your broadband usage are the number of devices accessing the Internet, amount of time spent using the Internet, and what type of online activities you do.

Some online activities require more broadband usage than others. For example, video streaming takes up much more data than browsing a simple webpage. Broadband usage is measured in gigabytes (GB) and one gigabyte is equal to 1,024 megabytes (MB).

To get an idea of the varying amounts of broadband usage for different online activities, take a look at the list below. Each example requires about one GB:

- **68 YouTube videos**
- **293 digital songs (mp3 files)**
- **512 digital photos**
- **1 hour of standard definition TV**
- **7 minutes of high definition TV**
- **1 hour of a movie**

As you may have heard, an increasing number of Internet providers, such as cellular phone providers, are now metering broadband services and imposing data caps on their Internet plans. This means their subscribers are being charged overage fees when their broadband usage goes over a certain limit. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH WIN. WE PROVIDE UNLIMITED INTERNET PLANS.** Our plans enable your household to download to your heart's content without ever worrying about your broadband usage.

If your family streams many movies and TV programs each month, often uses several devices simultaneously, or enjoys online gaming, you'll especially appreciate the value of our unlimited Internet plans. Not only are they unlimited, they're also extremely fast; we offer plans with download speeds of up to 20Mbps\*. For more details or to arrange installation, call 618-662-3636.

\* Service availability & Internet speed will depend on location.

**"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCHOOL AND LIFE? IN SCHOOL, YOU'RE TAUGHT A LESSON AND THEN GIVEN A TEST. IN LIFE, YOU'RE GIVEN A TEST THAT TEACHES YOU A LESSON."** -TOM BODETT

We all have lessons to learn. So while this time of year conjures up images of kids heading back to classrooms, everyday is a chance for everyone to pick up new knowledge.

As your local communications provider, WIN is happy to teach you about our services and related technology. For example, are you unsure about what Internet speed you need? Or do you need a lesson on working your TV remote or setting up a wireless network at home? There are no stupid questions; ask away! Stop by our office or give us a call at 618-662-3636.