

## College & Career Readiness Initiative Overview Video

This is an exciting time to be part of Greater Clark County Schools! Our College & Career Readiness Initiative supports our vision to become nationally recognized as a premier provider of education by serving as the bridge connecting stakeholders to ensure all students are college and career ready. [Click here to view](#) a short video that highlights the initiative and its purpose.

## Chromebook Parent Night

Attention parents! River Valley Middle School will be hosting a Chromebook Parent Night on **Thursday, December 5** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event is open to all parents of students in grades 3-12. River Valley Middle School is located at 2220 Veteran's Parkway in Jeffersonville.



The meeting will focus on the basics of Google Chrome and the Chromebook, how to access and use PowerSchool Parent Portal, what to look for in My Big Campus and Google Docs (as well as helping their students organize their drives), and how to email

a teacher and "cc" their student.

Parents are encouraged to bring your child and your child's Chromebook to the meeting. Parents will need login information to get the most out of the meeting. There will be a question/answer session at the end of the meeting.

## Bridgepoint Elementary Student Wins Ornament Contest

Last school year, Megan Duncan won the 8th Annual Children's Ornament Art Contest sponsored by Walnut Ridge Nursery and Garden Center. Local children submitted drawings that, if chosen, would be produced on the 2013 Jeffersonville Christmas Ornament. In January 2013, representatives from the company and staff at Bridgepoint Elementary surprised Megan with the announcement that her artwork had been selected.

Megan, along with Bridgepoint Elementary art teacher Cathy Gruninger, attended the unveiling of her ornament at Walnut Ridge Nursery and Garden Center's holiday open house. Megan's ornament is currently on sale and ten percent of the proceeds from each ornament will go to the charity of her choice, the American Red Cross. Stop by Walnut Ridge Nursery and Garden Center at 2108 Hamburg Pike in Jeffersonville to purchase Megan's ornament! Great job Megan, Greater Clark is very proud of you!



## GCCS Text Message Alerts - Reminder to Opt-In

Greater Clark County Schools utilizes SchoolMessenger, a quick alert messaging service that is being utilized to communicate weather related closures/delays, emergencies, attendance, and general communications such as important school announcements or events. Text "yes" to the number **68453** to receive text alerts from GCCS.

### Important Dates

- November 25-26 - "Close the Deal" Events for High School Seniors
- November 27-29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building

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## Charlestown Supports “Blessings for Brody”

The Charlestown Middle School National Junior Honor Society recently held a penny drive to support Brody Curtis in his fight against Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). Brody is the son of Charlestown High School math teacher Heather Curtis. He was born with the very rare, life threatening skin condition. He is missing the protein in his skin that holds it together and the slightest amount of friction against his skin causes it to either form painful blisters or fall off. Brody must be wrapped from the neck down in bandages to help protect his skin from wounds and infections. At this time there is no cure for EB. Hats off to the Charlestown Middle School NJHS for raising over **\$2,700** in one week for Brody!

The Charlestown High School basketball team will also host the 2nd annual “Blessings for Brody” charity game on Friday, January 10, 2014 beginning at 6:00 pm. Shirts are currently being sold for \$10. Please contact Heather Curtis at [hcurtis@gcs.k12.in.us](mailto:hcurtis@gcs.k12.in.us) to order your shirt today!



## Jeffersonville High School UNICEF Project

The Jeffersonville High School Key Club recently sponsored a Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Project which ran from October 21 through October 31. Funds collected during the campaign were sent to support the Kiwanis Eliminate

Program which is a five year initiative aimed at eradicating maternal and neonatal tetanus in 36 third-world countries. For just \$1.80, three vaccines can be purchased for a mother whose future children will forever be protected from the disease.



Mr. Wiese’s Impact class raised \$343.05 for the initiative, the most in the school, and was treated to a special pizza party on November 5. Through the efforts of the entire student body and

staff, Jeffersonville High School was able to surpass their goal and raised \$1,228.49 for the Eliminate Project. Fantastic job Jeffersonville High School!

## Adam Hoff Named Indianapolis Colts/Ivy Tech Scholar Athlete of the Year

Congratulations to Charlestown High School senior Adam Hoff for being named the 2013 Indianapolis Colts/Ivy Tech Scholar Athlete of the Year! Adam will be presented with a \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Ivy Tech Community College on the field at the Indianapolis Colts game on Sunday, December 1. Athletic directors, coaches, and fans from across the state nominated student athletes and Adam was one of nine finalists.

Adam was also named the WLKY/Penn Station November Athlete of the Month and was recognized by the Board of School Trustees at their meeting on Tuesday, November 5. He is pictured to the right with Board of School Trustees Vice-President Mark Pavey. Congratulations to Adam on these wonderful accomplishments!



## Severe Weather Transportation Plan 2013-14

Please review Greater Clark County Schools' Severe Weather Transportation Plan for this school year. In case of severe/inclement weather, please tune in to one of the following stations. Do not call school offices or school employees because it will tie up phone lines which are needed for emergency communication. These television stations will be contacted no later than **6:00 a.m.**: WAVE 3, WHAS 11, WLKY 32, and WDRB 41. Greater Clark County Schools has also implemented SchoolMessenger, a quick alert messaging service that is being utilized to communicate weather related closure/delays. A SchoolMessenger notification will be sent regarding school opening/closing by **6:00 a.m.** Please check with your child's school to confirm your contact information is correct.

If weather and road conditions become bad enough to cause a change in the normal school schedule, one of the following plans will be announced:

### **Plan 1: Two Hour Delay**

1. School will begin two hours late. Buses will run two hours later on their normal routes.
2. Afternoon dismissal will remain the same.
3. The morning sessions of preschool programs will be cancelled.

### **Plan 2: Schools Closed**

1. No school will be open that day.
2. School will be open the next scheduled day unless another closing announcement is made.
3. Make-up days will be announced.

### **Plan 3: Two Hour Delay for New Washington Schools only**

1. NWM/HS and NWES will be on a two hour delay. Buses will run two hours later on their normal routes for NWM/HS and NWES only.
2. Afternoon dismissal will remain the same.
3. The morning sessions of preschool programs will be cancelled.
4. There may be some instances where the New Washington Schools will be the only schools on a two hour delay.

Parents may choose to keep their children home during severe/inclement weather when school is in session, but the following rules apply:

- Attendance is taken and recorded.
- The parent must notify the school of his/her decision.
- If the student has perfect attendance in progress for the year, he/she will remain eligible for that recognition.
- All make-up requirements must be met.

During slick road conditions, bus drivers may decide, after approval by the Director of Transportation, that a portion of their route cannot be safely traveled. In such cases, every effort will be made to notify the affected homes. The following rules will apply for students whose bus did not run:

- Attendance will be taken and recorded with a notation that absence was due to no bus transportation.
- If the student has perfect attendance in progress for the year, he/she will remain eligible for the recognition.
- All make-up requirements must be met.

Severe/inclement weather conditions sometimes cause buses to run late. Parents are asked to prepare their children to wait a reasonable amount of time for the bus and to be prepared for some variation in normal schedules. Questions about these procedures may be directed to the school principal, the Assistant Superintendent's Office (812-283-0701), or the Transportation Office (812-288-4809).

**Our Vision:** *Greater Clark County Schools' vision is to become nationally recognized as a premier provider of education by serving as the bridge connecting stakeholders to ensure all students are college and career ready.*

**Our Mission:** *Greater Clark County Schools' mission is for stakeholders to give 100 percent effort in meeting the academic and behavioral needs of each student ensuring acceptance to a post-secondary opportunity.*