

GCCS “Bridging Week” January 27-31, 2014

Greater Clark County Schools will host GCCS “Bridging Week” January 27 through January 31, 2014 to allow current and future parents the opportunity to tour elementary, middle, and high schools during the school day. Parents will have the opportunity to get a true sense of the school day and also ask the principal questions about their school. Contact any Greater Clark school to schedule an appointment during the following designated dates and times:

- Monday, January 27 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 28 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 29 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Thursday, January 30 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Friday, January 31 - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



Greater Clark County Schools offers high achievement scores, high graduation rates, one-to-one computer initiative for grades 3-12, accelerated math offerings at the middle school level, nationally recognized Advanced Placement program, fully funded ACT college testing program beginning in eighth grade, extensive dual credit program, licensed teachers for special areas, award winning fine arts program, and much more! Schedule your appointment today!

Important Dates

- December 14 - City of Charlestown Holiday Parade
- December 17 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- December 17 - Rescheduled Christmas Program @ New Washington Elementary
- December 23-January 3 - Winter Break

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Riverside Elementary Environmental Club

On December 5, Bryan Wallace and Jay Thompson from the Oak Park Conservancy visited fourth and fifth grade students at Riverside Elementary that participate in the school’s Environmental Club and spoke to them about taking care of our watersheds. They brought a demonstration table and students used red and purple dye, as well as other materials, to represent the most common threats to our watersheds such as oil, fertilizers, trash and erosion from construction sites. Students enjoyed “making it rain” using water bottles to demonstrate how these materials end-up in our waterways, both locally and in the world at large. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Thompson prepared an informative lesson and brought each student a t-shirt. They both plan to return during the spring semester for another fantastic learning activity!



GCCS Participating in 2013 “Speak-Up” Survey

Greater Clark County Schools is participating in the 2013 Speak-Up Survey. Speak-Up is a national online research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow and give individuals the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues, particularly concerning 21st century education and technology (www.speakup4schools.org). [Click here to complete the Speak-Up Survey](#) for your classification (i.e., students, parents, staff, or community member/business partner).

Revised 2013-14 School Calendar

Due to two snow days, the 2013-14 school calendar has been revised. Please note that this calendar is subject to change if more inclement weather occurs and make-up days are needed.



2013-2014 School Calendar

July 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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July 2013
29-31 Teacher Only Days

August 2013
1 First Student Day

August 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				F	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	N	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September 2013
2 No School•Labor Day
10-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 2013
4 Quarter 1 Ends
7-11 No School•Fall Break (Intersession)
14-18 No School•Fall Break
21 Quarter 2 Begins

October 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	N	N	N	N	N	12
13	N	N	N	N	N	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	N	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	N	N	N	30

November 2013
11 No School•Veteran's Day
27-29 No School•Thanksgiving Break

December 2013
20 Quarter 2 Ends
23-31 No School•Winter Break

December 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	N	N	N	N	N	28
29	N	N				

January 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			N	N	N	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	N	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2014
1-3 No School•Winter Break
6 Quarter 3 Begins
20 No School•Martin Luther King Day

February 2014
4-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences
17 No School•Presidents' Day

February 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	N	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	N	N	N	N	N	29
30	N					

March 2014
21 Quarter 3 Ends
24-28 No School•Spring Break (Intersession)
31 No School•Spring Break

April 2014
1-4 No School•Spring Break
7 Quarter 4 Begins

April 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		N	N	N	N	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	N	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	N	27	28	29	30	31

May 2014
2 No School
26 No School•Memorial Day

June 2014
5 Last Student Day
6 Last Teacher Day*
13-14 High School Graduations

June 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	LS	LT*	7
8	9*	10*	11*	12*	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

*Snow Make-Up Days if Needed

In Case You Missed It: GCCS in the News

- News & Tribune: [Wilson Elementary students learn about holidays around the globe](#)



- News & Tribune: [New Washington High School opens "Guys and Dolls" tonight](#)

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.*