District Recognizes "A" Schools

On January 7, the Greater Clark County Schools Board of Trustees recognized principals of schools that received an "A" letter grade from the Indiana Department of Education for the 2012-13 school year.

The A-F accountability report card for schools is figured based on performance, growth, and participation on the ISTEP+ assessment. Performance factors include the percentage of students passing English/Language Arts and Mathematics portions of the test. Growth is measured by the amount of academic progress all students make from spring to spring assessment dates.

The grading system holds schools to a very high standard and each school's staff, students, and parents should be very proud of this accomplishment. Congratulations to our "A" schools – Charlestown High School, Jonathan Jennings Elementary, Maple Elementary, New Washington Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Utica Elementary, and Wilson Elementary.

Important Dates

- January 13 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Pleasant Ridge Elementary

- January 16 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Wilson Elementary

- January 20 - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- January 21 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building

- January 22 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ River Valley Middle School

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Report Card Procedures

Greater Clark County Schools' student information system, PowerSchool, ensures data is exchanged in real time and as a result delivers the most current information available on a student. When teachers enter grades, the data is immediately available to the school, district office, and parents.

First semester grades for the 2013-14 school year are currently posted in PowerSchool. With implementation of the one-to-one computer initiative and technology available to our families of students in grades 3-12, report cards will only be available by accessing PowerSchool Parent Portal. Grades will also be posted for students in grades K-2 and a hard copy of the report card will be sent home with those students. Instructions about how to access your child's grade in Parent Portal are attached.

If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please contact your child's school to obtain an access code and access password. Instructions are attached about how to setup your Parent Portal account after obtaining your access information. A hard copy of your child's report card can be provided if requested by the parent.

Greater Clark Receives Environmental Stewardship Award

Harshaw Trane presented Greater Clark County Schools with the Environmental Stewardship Award on Tuesday, January 7 at the Board of School Trustees meeting. The award was presented to honor the district's positive contribution to the environment while also improving the quality of education for students. The district has demonstrated leadership in energy efficiency and in the creation of a high performance learning environment.

"The partnership between the Greater Clark County Schools Auxiliary Services Group and our Intelligent Services team has fostered an environment where energy efficiency and sustainability have become paramount in how the district operates its facilities," said Kyle Johnson, Harshaw Trane Account Manager.

From January 2010 through October 2013, New Washington Middle/ High, Riverside Elementary, and Pleasant Ridge Elementary have achieved an energy cost savings of $88,942, while Parkview Middle School has saved $13,252 from January 2013 through October 2013. In addition over $49,500 in operational cost avoidance was achieved from January 2010 through October 2013. This is the equivalent of: 226 cars not driven for one year, 2,428 barrels of oil not burned, 134 household's electricity use for one year, or 9 acres of forest saved from deforestation.

Recently, all the schools mentioned were recognized for their achievements through the EPA's ENERGY STAR® program achieving ENERGY STAR recognition. Congratulations Greater Clark!

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!

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.

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.*