

## Extended School Day April 7 - May 9

In an attempt to avoid extending the 2013-14 school year until June 11, 2014 (due to snow days) and recognizing the need for additional preparation times for state assessments, including ISTEP+, Superintendent Dr. Andrew Melin recommended to the Board of School Trustees this past Tuesday night to extend the student and staff work day by forty-five (45) minutes from April 7 to May 9, 2014. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Extending the day in this manner will provide additional instructional time for students throughout the district, which will enhance preparation for state assessments. The additional 45 minutes of instruction will focus on language arts and mathematics. The additional time will also shorten the school year by three (3) days, provided that there are no more school closings, so the last student day will be June 6, 2014.

Attached is a revised 2013-14 school year calendar, as well as a list of revised student day times for the five week extended day period. If you have questions, please contact your child's school.

## Intersession Information

Greater Clark County Schools' daily priority is to provide the best education possible for our students. Our staff work diligently to provide a rigorous and appropriate academic support system for each of our students. That is why we are the only district in the area that will utilize one week of Spring Break as Intersession to remediate students that are at risk of being retained. Please read through the Intersession information so you are informed when parents have questions about next week.

### **Why does my child have to attend Intersession?**

It's important for parents to understand that Intersession is not a punishment for their child, but rather an opportunity for students to receive additional academic/behavior support to help their child succeed.

The district's goal is for all students to graduate accepted to a post-secondary opportunity, i.e. four-year college, two-year college, apprenticeship, military, workforce, etc. In order for that to occur, we must make sure all students develop the academic and behavioral skills needed to succeed beyond our school system. Students learn differently, so it is vital that the district differentiates instructional practice to the greatest extent possible to meet student needs. With that in mind, we have implemented a program called *IMPACT* in which students who have identified academic and/or behavioral skill deficiencies receive additional enrichment during the school day. The *IMPACT* process includes the development of a written intervention plan for the student which is shared with their parent(s). The plan provides for academic intervention both during the school year and during scheduled Intersession breaks.

Greater Clark's schools will be closed for two weeks in March for Spring Break. However, the first week of the break (Intersession week) will be used to provide twenty (20) additional hours of instruction to students who are at risk of being retained. Instruction for students in grades K-8 will be focused on reading proficiency. Intersession for high school students will focus on credit recovery and state required End-of-Course Assessment (ECA) remediation. Identified students who do not participate in this invaluable opportunity will be at risk of not advancing to the next grade level and/or not graduating from high school. **Parents have been notified if their child needs to attend Intersession.**

### Important Dates

- March 24-28 - Spring Break/ Intersession
- March 31-April 4 - Spring Break
- April 8 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- April 15 - Superintendent Staff Listening Session @ Clark County Middle/High School
- April 16 - "Champions for Children" at Kye's II

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## Interession Information

### **Will the district provide Transportation?**

Greater Clark County Schools will provide transportation for students required to attend Interession. Charlestown and New Washington area students will be transported to and from their home or designated bus stops. Jeffersonville area students will need to report to the elementary school closest to their home. There will be supervision at the elementary schools beginning at 7:15 a.m. The bus will arrive at the school around 7:20 a.m. and depart for Jeffersonville High School at 7:30 a.m. At the end of the day, transportation will be provided from Jeffersonville High School back to the elementary school, with supervision until 12:30 p.m. If a Jeffersonville area student is not picked-up by a parent/guardian at their closest elementary school, then the child will be transported back to Jeffersonville High School.



Parents/guardians may also drop off their child at their assigned high school. If you choose this option, please drop off your child at the main entrance of the high school. High schools will be open to students at 7:45 a.m.

### **Will the district provide childcare during Interession/Spring Break?**



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Greater Clark County Schools has partnered with Communities in Schools to offer childcare services to parents needing childcare during Spring Break. Parents need to contact Communities in Schools at (812) 280-0028 or email [cis@cisclark.org](mailto:cis@cisclark.org) to register your child. Cost is \$125 per week and breakfast and lunch will be included. Interession students may also attend Communities in Schools childcare after class.

Please contact Communities in Schools to discuss your needs and the rates that will apply.

Communities in Schools will offer services at Jeffersonville High School during Interession (March 24-28) and at Wilson Elementary (March 31-April 4) from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Communities in School if you have questions pertaining to Spring Break childcare services.

### **Will the district provide breakfast and lunch?**

Greater Clark County Schools and Aramark will operate the Food Service Program during Interession at Charlestown High School, Jeffersonville High School, and New Washington High School from Monday, March 24 through Friday, March 28. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meals will be made available to all children attending Interession, any children 18 years of age and under, and to persons over 18 years old who are enrolled in a state approved educational program for the mentally and physically disabled. Free meals will be provided to all children.

# GCCS Interession Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Breakfast:</b>
Crunchmania	Frudel	Mini Cinnamon Roll	Pancakes Coins	Mini French Toast
Apple Slices	100% Juice	Banana	Apple Slices	100% Juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Lunch:</b>
Chicken Patty Sandwich	Cheeseburger	Beef Nachos	Corn Dog	Papa John's Pizza
Carrots, 100% Juice	Cucumber Slices, Banana	Carrots, Apple	Broccoli, Banana	Assorted Fruits & Vegetables
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk

Only one entrée option available daily. Menu is subject to change without notice based on product availability.

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## “Champions for Children”

Greater Clark County Schools and the GCCS Educational Foundation will host “Champions for Children” on Wednesday, April 16 at Kye’s II in Jeffersonville. The event will begin at 6:00 pm. This event will recognize Greater Clark staff members who make an outstanding contribution to their school, students, and the district. A certified and classified staff member from each building will be recognized, with district-wide winners announced at the event. Contact Erin Bojorquez at [ebojorquez@gcs.k12.in.us](mailto:ebojorquez@gcs.k12.in.us) or (812) 283-0701 to purchase a table or ticket to the event.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the GCCS Educational Foundation’s ACT Testing Initiative, a program designed to better prepare students for college and career life. ACT has developed a series of tests that predicts college success and provides comparison statistics to assist students in coursework to improve their chances for a high ACT score. Greater Clark County Schools administers an ACT test to students beginning in the eighth grade and the assessment system creates an opportunity for teachers to know how each student is progressing toward college readiness.



  
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### Champions for Children

Wednesday, April 16, 2014  
 Kye’s II at 6:00 p.m. \$500 per table/\$60 per ticket

An evening to highlight Greater Clark County Schools certified and classified staff members who have made an outstanding contribution to their school, students, and district.

For more information:  
 T. (812) 283-0701 / E. [ebojorquez@gcs.k12.in.us](mailto:ebojorquez@gcs.k12.in.us) / [www.gcs.k12.in.us](http://www.gcs.k12.in.us)

**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.*