

2014 Fund for the Arts Campaign Ends Today

Today is the last day for the 2014 Fund for the Arts campaign! For the past 24 years, Greater Clark County Schools has supported the Fund for the Arts and your generosity has enabled our students to have access to theatre, music, and visual arts. Last year, 356 employees donated \$19,504 to Fund for the Arts. Over \$15,000 came back to our students to provide them with the opportunity to participate in rich, cultural experiences.

Please consider the effect that your donation will have on our students and turn in your payroll deduction form or cash contribution to your Fund for the Arts building coordinator. Thank you for your daily work on behalf of all the students in Greater Clark County Schools!



2014-15 School Year Calendar Approved

On March 4, the Board of School Trustees approved the calendar for the 2014-15 school year. A copy of the calendar is attached for your information. If you have questions about the calendar, please contact Erin Bojorquez at (812) 283-0701 or ebojorquez@gcs.k12.in.us.

Wi-Fi Connection for Employee-Owned Devices

The GCCS Technology Department has created a new Wi-Fi connection for employee-owned devices. It will appear under the name "staffconnect" in your available Wi-Fi connections. Staff will need to login using their network credentials (username and password) when connecting to this Wi-Fi.

This connection can be used for professional guests as well. Staff will need to login their guest when they connect to this Wi-Fi connection entering your credentials into their device. Please do not share your credentials with guest. Once staff and/or their guest have connected to the network you and/or your guest will have the same network as teachers and professional staff. As the "host" teacher of the guest, their activity will be registered under your name/account. Monitoring of your guest's use of the corporation's network will be essential.

Chromebooks will not be able to connect to this network. This is by design in order to prevent students from accessing it. Older devices may not be able to connect due to incompatibility with the security standards. If you have questions, please contact Director of Technology Brett Clark at bclark@gcs.k12.in.us.

GCCS Text Message Alerts

Greater Clark County Schools utilizes a quick alert messaging service, SchoolMessenger, that is utilized to communicate important district announcements, weather related closures/delays, emergencies, attendance, and more. In order to participate in the text message service, you must indicate your willingness to receive text message to your phone. Text "yes" to the number 68453 to receive text alerts from the district.

Important Dates

- March 10 - ISTEP+ 3-8 Applied Skills Assessment Window Begins
- March 11 - Superintendent Staff Listening Session @ Clark County M/H School
- March 17 - Superintendent Staff Listening Session @ Spring Hill Elementary
- March 18 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building

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Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 9!



Parkview Middle School Student Speaks at JA Business Hall of Fame Event

On Tuesday evening, the Board of School Trustees recognized Mary Wilson from Parkview Middle School for being chosen to speak at the 2014 Junior Achievement Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame event held on Thursday, February 20. The event is an annual induction ceremony honoring outstanding business leaders and entrepreneurs who, through their work, have made significant contributions to the quality of life in our region. The event benefits Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana and has raised more than \$1,000,000 to support their financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness programs. Mary Wilson was one of only four students from the Kentuckiana area chosen to speak at the event and introduce one of the four Laureates inducted into the Business Hall of Fame.



New Washington Elementary Raises \$5,000 for Jump Rope for Heart

Hats off to New Washington Elementary students and staff for raising \$5,000 for the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart! Jump Rope for Heart is a skipping program for schools which teaches children how to keep fit and healthy, all while having fun. Children learn physical activities like jumping rope to help improve their strength, build stamina, and extend their physical abilities in other activities. Funds raised by Jump Rope for Heart go towards research that helps in the fight against heart disease and stroke.



Northaven Elementary ESL Parent Night

On February 24, Northaven Elementary held their third parent night for ESL (English as a Second Language) families. The session was focused on technology, specifically the Chromebook (Greater Clark’s 1:1 initiative device), PowerSchool, My Big Campus, Internet safety, and literacy through technology. Katie Hutchinson, a district e-Learning Coach, assisted in preparation and delivery of the presentation, along with Northaven Elementary ESL Teacher Kelli Dehr. Ms. Dehr stated, “Northaven Elementary had our greatest ESL parent turnout yet and the parents are asking for session to be more frequent and offer more topics which is fantastic.” Great job Eagles!



Charlestown H.S. Students Selected for Latino Page Day

The Indiana Statehouse recently hosted students from across Indiana for the 8th annual Latino Page Day, including two students from Charlestown High School. Nadia Guzman and Adrianna Lopez were selected to serve as Statehouse pages with State Representative Dr. Terry Goodin.

Along with visiting the State Capitol Building and touring locations such as the Governor’s Office, the Chambers of the Indiana House and Senate, and the Indiana Supreme Court, pages got the chance to witness floor session and committee meetings. Thank you to the Indiana Statehouse for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity to experience state government.



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.