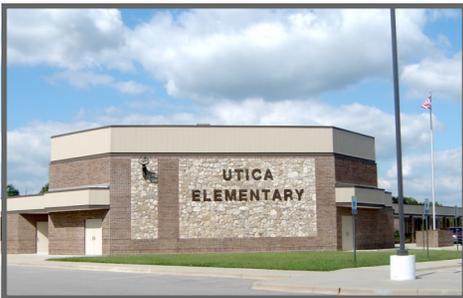


Utica Elementary Named Four Star School

Utica Elementary is among 311 schools in the state of Indiana to be named a Four Star School for the 2012-2013 school year. Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced the Four Star Schools on April 15.



Each year, the Indiana Department of Education recognizes schools that perform in the upper 25th percentile of schools in performance on ISTEP+ and state exams, as well as their rating determined by the national No Child Left Behind statute's adequate yearly progress, also known as AYP. High schools must rank in the top quarter of all Indiana schools for its combined passing percentage on end-of-course-assessments in English and mathematics.

"I am honored to name these schools as our Four Star Schools for this year," stated Ritz. "Winning this award required excellent work by teachers, administrators, students, and parents throughout the school year and on behalf of the entire Indiana Department of Education, I send them my sincere congratulations." A Four Star Celebration will be held at Utica Elementary in the coming weeks. Congratulations Jets!

Important Dates

- April 22 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Charlestown High School
- April 23 - WHAS ExCEL Award Program @ Bridgepoint Elem.
- April 23 - District Parent Advisory Meeting @ Admin. Building
- April 28 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Corden Porter School

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Online Registration for 2014-15 School Year Now Open

Greater Clark County Schools is excited to announce that online registration for the 2014-2015 school year is now open for current students and students new to the district. Online registration, through the program InfoSnap, eases the completion and submission of a multitude of forms that are required to register your students with the district.

Current students need a password, also known as a snapcode, to register online. You can access your child's snap code by logging into your Power School Parent Portal account. Login in to the Parent Portal and there will be a menu bar to left, click on the "snapcode" icon at the top. The snapcode has been mailed to secondary students and distributed to elementary parents at parent/teacher conferences. Current students must register by selecting the "**Current Student Registration**" link on the district's website at www.gcs.k12.in.us. Current students are those that are currently enrolled at any GCCS school. If you have questions, please contact your child's school.



Jeffersonville Area Elementary Art Show



The Jeffersonville area elementary schools currently have an art show on display at the Jeffersonville Public Library which will run until Tuesday, May 6. Schools represented in the show include Bridgepoint, Thomas Jefferson, Spring Hill, Maple, Utica, and Riverside. The purpose of the show is to recognize National Youth Art Month and to emphasize the value of art education for our students and encourage support for quality art programs. Artwork will be displayed during normal business hours and the library is located at 211 East Court Avenue in Jeffersonville.

Greater Clark Recognizes Champions

On April 16, over 300 individuals gathered at Kye's II in Jeffersonville to recognize Greater Clark County Schools support services staff members of the year and certified staff members of the year. Each school/building nominated a support services and certified staff member of the year. One district-wide winner was selected for each classification. Congratulations to our school/building award recipients and to our district-wide award recipients; Support Services



Employee of the Year - Sammy Martin (Custodian) from Jonathan Jennings Elementary and Teacher of the Year - Cathy Gruninger (Art Teacher) from Bridgepoint Elementary.

The first annual "Champions for Children" was held to celebrate excellence; excellence through innovation, excitement and enthusiasm in teaching and excitement in the demonstration of Greater Clark County Schools' motto of "Bridging Excellence and Opportunities." The district honored 22 support services staff members and 21 certified staff members who have made an outstanding contribution to their school/building, students, district, and the community. The event recognized, rewarded, and renewed the importance and contributions of the work these individuals devote to our public schools.

School/Building winners include: Administration Building - Renee Markoski and Karen Spencer, Auxiliary Services - Kelly Harbin; Bridgepoint Elementary - Robin Bryant and Cathy Gruninger; Charlestown High School - Sharon Coots and Barbara Berry; Charlestown Middle School - Linda Whitlock and April Smith; Clark County Middle/High School - Renee Stock; Corden Porter School - Leslie Kelley and Jennifer Goodlett; Jeffersonville High School - William Thornton and Nancy Molnar; Jonathan Jennings Elementary - Sammy Martin and Mari Harbin; Maple Elementary - Kim Denny-Harbin and Susan Ward; New Washington Elementary - Kim Stamper and Sara Endler; New Washington Middle/High School - Debbie Franklin and Jill Sceifers; Northaven Elementary - Janie Ison and Christine Gritton-Willis; Parkview Middle School - Wendy Gallagher and Molly Riddle; Parkwood Elementary - Larry Ponzi and Kelly Pennington; Pleasant Ridge Elementary - Robbie Nelson and Heather Blackstone; River Valley Middle School - Cindy Meuninghoff and Eden Kuhlenschmidt; Riverside Elementary - Donna Price and Sally Goss; Service Center - Mary "Cathy" Russell; Spring Hill Elementary - James Kraft and Marlene Hazuga; Thomas Jefferson Elementary - Sharon Meneou and Cathy McKenzie; Utica Elementary - Alison Bell and Lisa Miller; and Wilson Elementary - Cindy Nolan and Christine Lawrence.



Also, thank you to our sponsors of the event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the district's ACT Testing Initiative. Supported by the GCCS Educational Foundation, Greater Clark partnered with ACT to better prepare students for college and career life. ACT 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. The district administers an ACT test (Plan, Explore, or ACT) to students beginning in the 8th grade and the assessment system creates the opportunity for teachers to receive data about each of their students to determine areas where they may need remediation to get them on target to a high ACT score. The initiative is fully funded at no cost to the student or parent and is a key measure of a student's academic readiness for college, as well as relevant career interests. The "Champions for Children" event raised over \$20,000 for the initiative.

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.*