

## Extended School Day Ends Today

Today is the last day for the 45-minute extended school day. Thank you to our parents and students for understanding the importance of extending the school day for the past five weeks. The extended time allowed our staff members to provide additional instruction for students which enhanced student preparation for state assessments. The additional time also shortened the school year by three days, so the last student day will be Friday, June 6. Again, thank you for your partnership and cooperation!

## Graduation Dates

High school graduations for the 2013-14 school year will be held on the following dates and times:

- Friday, June 13 - New Washington High School at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14 - Jeffersonville High School at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 14 - Charlestown High School at 1:00 p.m.

## GCCS Preschool Applications Now Being Accepted

Greater Clark County Schools is now accepting applications for preschool for the 2014-15 school year. The district currently operates morning and afternoon preschool programs at seven elementary schools: Bridgepoint Elementary, Maple Elementary, New Washington Elementary, Parkwood Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, and Wilson Elementary. Applications are available at each elementary school and at the GCCS Administration Building. Students must be four (4) years old by August 1.

Completion of an application does not guarantee admission as there are a limited number of slots for students and priority is given to students who reside in the boundaries of a school with a preschool program. Children who reside in other school boundaries (Pleasant Ridge Elementary, Jonathan Jennings Elementary, Northaven Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Elementary and Utica Elementary) will feed into the schools that provide the program. Applications received by May 30 will be given priority. Parents will be notified the week of June 9 if their child has been accepted into the program.

## Online Registration for 2014-15 School Year

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](http://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.

### Important Dates

- May 9 - Last Day for 45-minute Extended School Day
- May 13 - Elementary Track Meet @ Jeffersonville High School
- May 13 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Maple Elementary
- May 20 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- May 26 - No School - Memorial Day

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## Muhammad Ali Center & GCCS Community Partners Join Forces to Focus on Leadership

During the month of May, Greater Clark County Schools will be wrapping up several major events as part of its yearlong Muhammad Ali Center student leadership programming. Using the components from the MAC's "Creating Our Future" curriculum, which is composed of six modules, each focusing on a single core principle embodied in the life and work of Muhammad Ali, students were encouraged to incorporate the core principles in the development of a life plan that reflects a positive sense of self, sense of others, and sense of purpose. The programming was funded from the Robert and Chiara Armstrong Gift for High Ability; \$5,000 grant from the eBay Foundation Corporation Advised Fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which was recommended by eBay Foundation's employee -volunteer lead Kentucky GIVE Team; a donation from Your Community Bank; and support from One Vision Credit Union.

The first component of the programming afforded more than 200 high achieving and high ability fifth grade students a full-day workshop focusing on the principle of respect. The second component allowed sixth grade advanced section English/language arts teachers to attend a full-day MAC leadership workshop at the museum. Those attending and MAC educators then co-facilitated three leadership sessions focusing on dedication for their students. The fourth phase takes place next week when sixth graders from New Washington, Charlestown, Parkview, and River Valley middle schools take field trips to the MAC on May 13, May 14, May 15, and May 16, respectively. In the fifth phase to take place May 27, the eBay Foundation's employee -volunteer lead Kentucky GIVE Team will evaluate and select eight sixth grade students written or technology essays based on the experience to award \$100 certificates of deposit to help students take the lead in contributing to their college education funds.

Notes Aimee Bowling, sixth grade teacher at Charlestown Middle School, "I am very appreciative of all the community support that we were given for the Muhammad Ali Workshops this year. My sixth grade advanced students were able to have additional programming that went above and beyond the walls of the regular classroom. The character education that was presented through the various workshops was highly beneficial, and the values taught will be lessons that students can carry with them into the future. Students were also able to apply what they learned about leadership to a variety of concepts we studied in the classroom. Through the various activities that my students were presented, they were able to not only look at themselves as leaders, but look at their future and see what they need to focus on to be successful not only in school but in life. The workshop activities were thought provoking activities that students could relate to personally as well as educationally. I truly feel these workshops were a valuable learning experience for my students, and I truly appreciate all the support."

### GCCS Day at the Muhammad Ali Center

As the final component of a year-long collaboration between the Muhammad Ali Center and GCCS focusing on the importance of instilling leadership in youth, the MAC is offering GCCS Day at the Muhammad Ali Center on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Any GCCS staff with valid GCCS ID will be offered complementary admission if they bring any member(s) of their family. Any GCCS student with ID that brings members of his or her family to the Ali Center will get in for free! The rest of the family will pay regular admission, but the GCCS student that brings them will receive a complementary admission. [Click here](#) to visit the Muhammad Ali Center website for more information and pricing.

### GCCS Text Message Alerts

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.*