

## Pay Date Schedule 2014-15 School Year

The pay date schedule for the 2014-15 school year is attached for your information. If you have questions, please contact the GCCS Payroll Department at (812) 283-0701.

## 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.

## Crusade for Children Employee Campaign

Greater Clark's 2014 Crusade for Children employee campaign is currently underway and will run until Friday, May 23. You are encouraged to take a personal interest in supporting and contributing to the Crusade for Children campaign. Last year, GCCS employees contributed \$24,332 to Crusade for Children. This district's goal this year is to raise at least \$26,000! Please remember, every dollar raised in Clark County is invested back into Clark County schools. During these challenging economic times, your assistance is needed more than ever.

Consider the effect that your donation will have on our students and turn in your payroll deduction form or cash contribution to your Crusade for Children building coordinator. Thank you for your daily work on behalf of our children in Greater Clark County Schools!

## Payment for Unused Annual Leave Days

If you have unused annual sick/personal days left at the end of the school year, you may qualify to receive payment for those days per your contract. Guidelines specific to your pay group can be found in Outlook under Public Folders → All Public Folders → GCCS Forms → Employee Contracts.

In order to receive payment for unused annual sick/personal days, [click here](#) to visit the Payroll webpage on the GCCS website. Print the Payment for Annual Leave form and submit the completed form to the Payroll Department by the last work day in May. Please send the completed form via pony mail to Peggy Hardaway at the GCCS Administration Building. If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Department at (812) 288-4802 - Peggy Hardaway ext. 330 or Angela Noonan ext. 340.

### Important Dates

- May 9 - Last Day for 45-minute Extended School Day
- May 13 - Elementary Track Meet @ Jeffersonville High School
- May 13 - Superintendent Staff 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.*