

Chromebook Information

Since the beginning of this school year, teachers have been working with students on digital citizenship, which includes, but is not limited to, care of their Chromebook, responsible use, and cyber bullying. Teachers have used curriculum developed from Common Sense Media. Parents can access the curriculum and work with their students on the issues of digital citizenship by [clicking here](#).



Distribution of Chromebooks to high school students began on Thursday, August 7. Middle school students received their Chromebook this week and elementary students will follow. Parents/guardians can purchase theft/vandalism insurance online from Worth Ave by [clicking here](#).

Please select “laptop” for product type and click “purchase policy.” Unlike last year, any claim that involves theft/vandalism will need to be submitted by the parent/guardian. Cost of insurance is \$11.00 per device.

[Click here](#) to visit the GCCS Technology Department’s website for more information about Chromebooks and the district’s 1:1 Computer Initiative.

Students at Four Schools to Receive Free Meals

Clark County Middle/High School, Corden Porter School, Maple Elementary, and Spring Hill Elementary have been approved for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). CEP provides an alternative approach for offering school meals to local educational agencies (LEA) and schools in low income areas, instead of collecting individual applications for free and reduced price meals.



CEP allows schools that predominantly serve low-income children to offer free, nutritious meals to all students through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Students at the four schools listed above will receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. This program only supports breakfast and lunch reimbursable meals, which means any extra entrée’s or ala carte items will come with a cost, regardless of a student’s status.

Parents of students attending these four schools will not need to submit a free or reduced meal application, but will still need to submit an application for textbook assistance (see attached form). Parents will need to submit an application if you have children attending a non-CEP approved school. Please contact the GCCS Nutrition Services Department at (812) 288-4802 ext. 284 if you have questions.

My Big Campus Parent Portal Accounts

My Big Campus is a safe social-learning platform for your students to access online assignments, file storage, calendar, messaging, resources and collaborate to make learning engaging and fun. Parents will see an activity feed that includes school and group announcements, and upcoming events. Parents will be able to message their students and school staff, and can see their students’ schoolwork and uploads. How do I access the parent portal? Go to <http://bit.ly/gccsmbcparent>. This will take you to a public bundle on My Big Campus that will walk you through the process of submitting a request to have an account created. Once you have created an account, Greater Clark County Schools will verify your information. Once your information has been verified you will receive an email at the address you provided.

Important Dates

- August 19 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- August 21 - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting @ Admin. Building
- August 26 - College & Career Advisory Meeting @ Admin. Building
- August 27 - District Parent Advisory Meeting @ Admin. Building
- September 1 - No School - Labor Day

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Northhaven Elementary “PRIDE” Kick-off Event

On August 8, Northhaven Elementary held their PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) kick-off with a school-wide event featuring “Minute to Win It” games. This event provided a fun and festive atmosphere for introducing the new “PRIDE” initiative to students, with August focusing on the trait of Persistence.

The district has combined PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) and CCR (College and Career Readiness) skills to develop our “PRIDE” slogan for students. Persistence – persevere through challenges, problem solve; Respectfulness – access and serve others, possess a positive attitude, communicate clearly; Initiative – self-starters, critical thinkers, Dependability – academic readiness, reliable, demonstrate responsibility and teamwork, Efficiency - organized, punctual, self management. “PRIDE” will be taught and positively reinforced at all schools in the district and help students develop the soft skills necessary for success in school and the business world.



Playing “Minute to Win It” games served as a fun and meaningful way to practice the Persistence skill, as K-5 students persisted through the various game challenges. Encouraging words such as “you showed great persistence on that challenge” or “you persevered and won!” rang throughout the gym the entire day, reinforcing and helping students apply the meaning of persistence. Teachers will follow-up in the classrooms, encouraging students to persist and persevere through academic challenges.

Students also earned their first tickets of the year, as part of the PBIS incentive system, as a reward for persisting through the challenges. In addition, they were introduced to a sampling of the “Minute to Win It” games that classes will be able to use their earned tickets to play during future incentive events.

The kick-off event was a tremendous success for students and teachers alike, ending the first full week of school on a fun a positive note, with teachers and students cheering for and encouraging each other – celebrating each other’s persistent efforts!

Three Schools Receive New Entrances

Thanks to the hard work of the GCCS Auxiliary Services staff over the summer, Bridgepoint Elementary, Charlestown Middle School, and River Valley Middle School entrances were remodeled so that visitors to the building are forced into the front office. The safety remodel ensures that individuals are checking in with front office staff prior to accessing the rest of the school building.



Bridgepoint Elementary



Charlestown Middle School



River Valley Middle School

GCCS Text Message Alerts

Greater Clark County Schools utilizes School Messenger, 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.*