

ON | Strategic Planning

ON, Greater Clark's weekly video update, highlights district initiatives, events, students, employees, and more! [Click here to view](#) the October 30th episode which highlights the district's strategic plan.



How does a school district address its numerous obligations and responsibilities in this era of unprecedented accountability? In Greater Clark County Schools, it started with the development of a comprehensive strategic plan, which has been implemented and monitored consistently since it was first adopted by our Board of School Trustees in March 2013. Watch the latest ON episode to learn more about the committee, planning process and more.

Important Dates

- November 3 - Election Day - No School
- November 4 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ Admin. Building
- November 17 - Board of School Trustees Meeting @ New Washington M/HS

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Parent/Teacher Conferences Next Week

Mark your calendar! Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held district-wide on **Tuesday, November 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Students do better in school when parents/guardians are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent/teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. This is your opportunity to start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher, learn how to help your student do their best in school, and discuss your child's first quarter report card. If you have questions regarding parent/teacher conferences, please contact your child's school.



Louisville Orchestra Performs for Parkview Middle School Students

On October 28, band students at Parkview Middle School got to experience a performance by the brass trio from the Louisville Orchestra. Serving the community has been a top priority of the Louisville Orchestra since its founding in 1937. Their first conductor, Robert Whitney, believed that great musical experiences should begin at a young age. Creating an educational program called MakingMUSIC for school-aged children, Mr. Whitney began the Louisville Orchestra's long history of inspiring young lives with music.

The educational mission of the Louisville Orchestra is to educate, inspire and engage members of the community through interaction with musicians and concert experiences that enrich the enjoyment and understanding of symphonic music. (www.louisvilleorchestra.org)



Employee Online Enrollment for Group Insurance & Voluntary Benefits

Annual Benefits Open Enrollment for Greater Clark County Schools' eligible employees began on October 19, 2015 for the new plan year beginning January 1, 2016. This year enrollment is, once again, online and must be completed on or before November 6, 2015. Employees are encouraged to enroll early; late enrollments will not be accepted. As with last year's online enrollment, the system will be accessible from any computer with internet access to view current benefit offerings, view information on different benefits, enroll, and make changes to benefits. American Fidelity representatives will be in buildings through Friday, November 6, 2015 to meet with employees. Although it's not mandatory for employees to meet with American Fidelity, AFLAC or National Insurance Services relative to voluntary products, it's mandatory to meet with American Fidelity to complete the paperwork regarding Section 125 pre-taxing per IRS regulations. The Section 125 schedule is attached. Please reference last week's *Staff Insight* newsletter if you need more information.

New Washington Students Participate in Business Competition

Last week, students from New Washington High School participated in the first phase of a yearlong international business competition sponsored by the Amazing Global Marketplace, a Louisville, KY non-profit organization. The NWHS team included Seniors John Barger, Bailey Crace, John Curry, Caitlin Hall, and Hali Ostrander along with faculty advisor Dr. Tim McDonald.

The event, held at Bellarmine University, was the kickoff event for the year of competition for the area schools involved including Ballard, Central, Bullitt East, Seneca High Schools and two teams from Atherton High School.

Amazing Global Marketplace® (AGM) is an international business-focused educational program that inspires and prepares students to become actively involved in the global marketplace. Selected classes and students are put into simulated international business scenarios to navigate international travel, negotiation, procurement, management, communication, culture and currency exchange.

Each student participating in the AGM is teamed-up with an employee-mentor from a actual Louisville business that works internationally. Together, the students and mentors pursue the completion of the real-world international business scenario which requires them to virtually "travel and work" in numerous countries. They learn about their mentor companies, research international markets, work through a real-life international business scenario, make travel arrangements and negotiate with foreign companies to finally execute their scenario at the culmination of the program – Global Marketplace Simulation.



New Washington High School Principal Ben Ledbetter said of the program "The New Washington MH School family is so proud of the effort that our students gave at the first round of the Amazing Global Marketplace competition. Dr. McDonald has done an excellent job of preparing our students and our students have made the kind of commitment needed to be successful in this competition. We look forward to their continued success during the rest of the school year."

"The kick-off is the first experiential element of the AGM program. It sets the bar of expectation and shows how prepared the student teams are. I'm thrilled that as a first year school, the students from NWHS were among the best prepared. That's a testament to not only the students, but their teacher and school support."

Dr. Steve Griffin, GCCS Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, said, "What a great opportunity for our students! Dr. McDonald has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the team and it paid off for our students. I look forward to seeing and hearing more from our team as they begin their relationship with Zoeller Pumps."

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.