Message from the Superintendent

Dear Fellow Employee—

Life is filled with many journeys. As parents we send our most precious gifts off to school as kindergarteners, placing these little minds in the hands of teachers to mold and develop into successful citizens to add value to our society as grown men and women. The challenges faced through this journey are many, from reading, writing and arithmetic to social interaction with others. The journey prepares our children for the rewards of success and the agony of failure. A well-rounded education will build a child’s character to handle both situations with dignity, resilience and the pursuit for continuous growth of mind and body for the betterment of others and thyself.

In the last four years, the Greenup County School District has refocused our efforts to meet the needs of every child in the Greenup County School System. The work and dedication of each employee has created a positive culture where teaching and learning are the top priorities of our organizational mission. Our student-centered, data driven and continuous improvement approach has reaped growth in all seven of our schools and in particular at Greenup County High School.

It is with great pride that I share these words with you as my tenure as your Superintendent comes to an end. Just as we strive to give our students opportunities for success, the Greenup County Board of Education, fellow employees and the community as a whole supported me in my work to move our school system forward and pursue our goal to become one of the top rural school districts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Together, we have made a difference for our children. And there is no better reason than that!

With Musketeer Pride-

Steve A. Hall

News You Can Use

Greenup County Schools Employee News
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GCHS chorus performs during Evening with the Arts.

2014-2015 School Calendar

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Greenup County High School Class of 2014
Commencement Ceremony
June 6, 2014—7:00 PM
The ceremony will be livestreamed!
Go to: http://www.greenupbeacon.com/
The live picture will begin running about 15 minutes prior to the event.

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Congratulations 2014 Governor’s Scholars: Callie Adkins, Cassie Morrelles and Lakin Nichols! Good luck this summer—we know you will represent GCHS well. Cassie Morrelles was also accepted to the Governor’s School for the Arts program!

The GC Middle School Golf Team won the Eastern KY Middle School Golf League Tournament on Monday, April 28, at Hidden Cove Golf Course with a team score of 172. Drew Stultz was the medalist with a score of 35. Members of the team are: Drew Stultz, Griffin Keeton, Ethan Potter, Baylor Ruark, Brett Bentley, and Reece Reed.

Greysbranch PTO will host a “Greyhounds for Playgrounds” 5K on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 PM at the Greenup Fairgrounds. Proceeds will go toward improvements to the playground and development of a walking track. For more information contact: OsuchRacePlanner@aol.com or call 606.369.4403.

WMS students were recently treated to a concert/lesson, including classical and jazz styles, from musician and teacher Charlie Berwinkle.

Congrats GCHS sophomore, Eric Collinsworth! Eric was selected to participate in the Professional Education Preparation Program at the Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine. The program, a two-week course of study featuring the 10 major human organ systems, includes room and board, all educational materials, and a weekly student stipend. Senior Sydney Shoemaker was accepted to PEPP II—a four-week residential program at the University of Kentucky.

MES hosted Amber’s Angels, a clogging group from Garrison. All of the group’s proceeds go to a charity that funds cystic fibrosis research. While raising awareness is their goal, the team has learned that dancing is great exercise and fun. The group was founded by Brenda Lykins.

ESS/Grade Recovery is continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays at GCHS. Transportation is provided to both middle schools. Dates are: May 6, May 8, May 13, May 15, May 20 and May 22.

Shawnee State University Nursing Program students held a food drive to benefit the brown bag program at McKell Elementary. The students collected over $1000 dollars in snacks and drinks to donate to the program. Thank you!

The Greenup County FFA flower sale is now underway! The greenhouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:00. Stop by for ferns, hanging baskets, and flats of flowers or vegetables.

MMS art students recently celebrated “Dining with the Masters”. Each student chose a master artist and represented that artist at their place setting for dinner. A big thanks to American Legion Post 276 of South Shore for donating a flag for the GCHS baseball field!

Congratulations to the GC Dance Team! They won platinum and placed 3rd in overalls at recent competition in Louisville.

Did You Know?

Upcoming Events

- May 5-9—GES Kindergarten Registration
- May 5-16—GCHS AP Testing
- May 8—GES Career Day
- May 9—AES 5th Grade Trip (Frankfort)
- May 9—WES 5th Grade Trip (Frankfort)
- May 9—MES Parent Vol. Breakfast—7:30
- May 9—AES Muflins with Mom—7:15
- May 9—WMS Choir Performance—9:00
- May 14—GES PTO/Family Night—3:30
- May 16—MES Perfect Attendance Luau
- May 19—Elementary KPREP Pep Rallies
- May 22—GCHS Senior Awards—6:00
- May 23—GCHS Senior Breakfast
- May 28—AES 4th Grade Science Fair
- May 28—GES Field Day
- May 20—KPREP Testing Begins
- May 26—Memorial Day Activities
- May 27-28—MMS EOC (8th)
- May 28—MMS Mock Explore/EOC (6th/7th)
- May 29—GES Talent Show
- May 29—MES Track & Field (K-2)
- May 29—GCHS Open the Deal (8th Grade)
- May 30—MES Track & Field (3-5)
- May 30—WES 5th Grade Trip (Zoo)
- May 30—MES Track & Field
- May 30—GES Field Day
- June 2—WES Track & Field
- June 2—MMS Field Day
- June 2—GES Awards (K-8:30; 5th-1:30)
- June 2—AES BOGO Book Fair
- June 2—GES Talent Show
- June 4—AES Academic Awards
- June 4—GES (1st-1:30; 2nd-1:30)
- June 4—GES 5th Grade Ceremony
- June 4—AES Awards
- June 4—GES Awards (3rd-8:30; 4th-1:30)
- June 5—AES 5th Grade Transition to MMS
- June 5—MMS 8th Grade Ceremony—9:00
- June 5—WES 5th Grade Ceremony—12:30
- June 5—MMS 6th/7th Awards
- June 5—GES AR End of Year Activity
- June 5—WES 5th Grade Ceremony—12:30
- June 5—AES Talent Show
- June 6—AES 5th Grade Ceremony
- June 6—WES 5th Grade Ceremony—9:00
- June 6—MMS 6th/7th Awards
- June 6—GES 5th Grade Ceremony—1:00
- June 6—WES 8th Grade Ceremony—8:30
- June 6—MMS 8th Grade Ceremony
- June 6—AES Attendance Awards
- June 6—GCHS Graduation—7:00 PM
- Summer camps are coming! Look for more information later this week!
DYK (Continued)

Heather Lavendar’s students at WES participated in “My Poetry Café”. Students examined rhythm and structure of poetry as well as many poetic devices including sensory images, alliteration, personification, repetition, similes, and metaphors. Throughout their learning, they have applied their understanding of poetic devices by writing their own creative poems and using their art skills to create Shape Poems using different elements of art. Those poems are now in their own poetry books!

GES recently held a KPREP banquet to honor all students who scored distinguished on last year’s state test. Good luck to all GC students as they prepare to take on KPREP 2014!

MMS students are winning local contests! Ashland Daily Independent Design an Ad and Editorial Contest winners: Editorial 1st Place-Samantha Rubaadue, 2nd Place-Shelby Rister (7th-9th Division); Editorial 2nd Place-Jacqueline Bautista (4th-6th Division); Design an Ad Advertiser’s Choice-Jenna Wireman, Grant Warren. Kentucky State Poetry Contest winners: 3rd Place-Griffin Keeton (5th/6th Grade Division); 1st Honorable Mention-Tyler Webb (5th/6th Grade Division); 3rd Place-Aaron Collinsworth (7th/8th Division); 3rd Honorable Mention-Anna Jacob; 4th Honorable Mention-Amanda Large; 5th Honorable Mention-Zach Tussey. Greenup County Conservation Essay winners: 1st Place-Emma Barney, 2nd Place-Garrett Bowling-3rd Place, Becca Brown.

Congratulations GCHS prom king and queen, Justin Royster and Molly Bennett. Thanks to everyone who made this year’s prom and after prom events such a success. Our teachers and volunteers are the best!

Congrats GCHS students Eric Collinsworth, Kacy Clark, Ryan LeMaster, Angel Nichols! These students were selected for the 2014 SSU UBMS program (Shawnee State University Upward Bound Math & Science).

Congrats to GCHS senior, Darby Parson! Darby received a scholarship to play softball at UPike next year. Go, Darbs!

Gifted/Talented Education

Elementary and middle school gifted and talented students have been busy this past month working with the Challenger Learning Center. Our gifted students participated in virtual interactive lessons through live video conferences. Students were guided by e-Lab scientists in a question/answer format as these scientists performed experiments and conducted demonstrations. Elementary students constructed series and parallel circuits using an online simulator demonstrated by Challenger’s e-Lab technicians. Students worked in teams to design series and parallel circuits with doorbells, buzzers and lights.

Middle school students worked in teams to investigate a crime scene by utilizing blood typing information, DNA electrophoresis, and deductive reasoning skills. E-Lab scientists guided students through demonstrations and experiments that were authentic and exciting. Students actively applied the basics of DNA analysis in order to solve the crime.

Recently, several eighth grade gifted and talented students were selected to participate in a Leadership Symposium held at Kentucky Educational Development Corporation. In addition to being addressed by a guest speaker, our students worked with other eighth graders from neighboring districts and counties in many teambuilding exercises. These activities were led by area high school students under the guidance of gifted educators.
This month I will continue the series of articles that attempt to describe aspects of our new evaluation system in Kentucky, the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). In previous months, I have shared information in this newsletter comparing the differences between the teacher portion (TPGES) of this system with the principal (PPGES) portion of this system, and the student voice process. I have also described the certification process (TeachScape) all certified evaluators in this district have now completed that will allow them to use the Framework for Teaching in performing evaluations of their teachers. Finally, in the newsletter last month, I described the process used in the PGES system where teachers conduct “peer observations” on their colleagues to inform teacher effectiveness and improvement efforts.

This month I would like to focus on our work next year and how we will be preparing for full implementation of PGES in the 2015-16 school year. While we have conducted several trainings this year, and our work next year (2014-15) will intensify.

We will be piloting all aspects of PGES next school year with selected tenured teachers in all schools. These teachers will work with their principal and complete each of the “multiple measures” of PGES. Only tenured teachers who are not on their regular evaluation cycle are eligible to participate. In order to support this effort, there will be an orientation meeting with all participating teachers and their respective principals early next school year. This will be followed by monthly meetings with the principals to provide step-by-step information and training on each aspect of PGES. Then, principals will share this information with their entire staff.

While only volunteer teachers will participate in all of the “multiple measures” of PGES next year, there are 3 measures which all teachers must complete. These are: student growth goal, student voice, and professional growth. There have already been trainings offered dealing with the student growth goal. Next year, we will be providing significant support to teachers and principals to support this process.
K-PREP Kickoff

K-PREP testing begins May 20! Are you ready?
Greenup County students are preparing to participate in state required end of year testing.
The Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) is a blended assessment with both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced components (multiple choice, short answer and extended response).
Greenup County students in grades 3-8 will be taking the state required K-PREP assessments in Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and On-Demand Writing.
3rd Grade: Reading & Math
4th Grade: Reading, Math, Science, & Language Mechanics
5th Grade: Reading, Math, Social Studies, & On-Demand Writing
If you would like to see sample assessment items released by the Kentucky Department of Education, visit: http://education.ky.gov/AA/distsupp/Pages/K-PREP.aspx.
If you would like more information on the KPREP assessment, visit the district website: greenup.kyschools.us and click on the Parent tab.
KPREP testing will begin May 20 and be completed by May 28.
Sophomore and Junior On-Demand writing will be May 20 & 21.
GCHS End of Course assessments will be June 2-5 (Algebra II—June 2; English II—June 3; Biology—June 4; US History—June 5).

Science Expo at Argillite Head Start/Preschool

Preschool teachers at AES recently developed a unit of study around science, with a science fair project as the culminating event. The teachers lead preschool students in a study of rocks. Students learned about push and pull, slide and roll. They sorted rocks by multiple characteristics, weighed and measured rocks, and used several books during their investigation. One of the books, “If Rocks Could Sing”—is a discovered abc book where the author has found a rock that looks like each letter of the alphabet.
Students also explored “Stone Soup”. Classes prepared their own stone soup recipes, and each class created a batch to share with their families during a family night event. Students were very excited to share their soup with all their family members! Classes are also using rocks decorated by each student’s family to create a school rock garden.

Board Meeting Highlights
April 28, 2014
The Board:
Recognized elementary and middle school Governor’s Cup winners.
Approved 2014-2015 Section 7 Requests in the amount of $454,500:
• MMS—2 additional teaching slots
• MMS—1 additional teaching slot
• Alternative Learning Center/ PASS—2 teachers/1 paraprofessional
• MMS/WMS—1 itinerant computer teacher
• GCHS—4 additional teaching slots
Created a position for teacher of hearing impaired students and approved first reading of the job description.
Approved the 2014-2015 salary schedule.
Denied the motion to approve the 2014-2014 pay dates as submitted.
Approved the improvement of the GES playground by the GES PTO.
Approved the 2013-2014 audit contract with The Fyffe Jones Group.
Developed position criteria for the superintendent. The screening committee will make recommendations of finalists to the Board of Education on May 16. The Board will develop interview questions at the regular Board meeting on May 19. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for May 26-29, with a possible appointment date of May 30.

Month 7 Attendance

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