Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents,

The winter season is almost behind us and we have only missed four days due to inclement weather. With minimal instructional interruptions, our expectations are very high concerning this year’s KPREP testing program. Though the exams are still two months away, our teachers and support staff continue to work hard to prepare our children to perform their best.

MAP testing provides individual student achievement data to help identify any deficiencies that may exist and provides direction for our Response to Intervention (RTI) programming to target those needs. Our students will represent Greenup County Schools well this May.

As I close, I want to challenge all of us to become change agents for all Greenup County students and all Greenup County Schools. By that, I mean let’s stop waiting for someone else to make a difference and start making a difference through our own actions. Get involved at your child’s school by volunteering. There is no better feeling than to work with children and see the gleam in their eyes as they gain understanding of a challenging math concept or comprehend the intricate plot of a short story. Spend quality time with your children at home reading together or playing fun math games to support the daily instruction they receive at school. The time is now. Join me and all Greenup County employees as we prepare every child to be College and Career Ready!

Together we CAN make a difference.

With Musketeer Pride,

Steve A. Hall

Upcoming Events

March 4-8—AES—Book Fair
March 5—AES—Ham it Up with Dad Breakfast—7:15
March 7—AES—AR Family Night—5:00
March 11-15—MES—Book Fair—Family Night—March 12 - 5:30
March 11-15—GES—Kindergarten Registration
March 13—End of third 9 Weeks
March 18-22—Operation Preparation—WMS-18th; MMS-20th; GCHS-22nd
March 18-22—WMS—Book Fair
March 18-22—GES—Book Fair—Family Night—March 19—4:00-6:00
March 20—Report Cards Sent Home
March 25-April 19—Spring MAP Testing
March 25—Board Meeting—GCHS—6:00
March 27—GES—4th Grade Presents “Wizard of Oz” - 9:00
April 16—Evening with the Arts—4:30—7:30
April 27—GCHS Prom

We are now entering testing season! Go GC!
ACT—March 5
MAP—March 25—April 19
End of Course and KPREP—May
AP Exams—May

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GCHS inducted six members into the first class of the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society during a ceremony on February 26. GCHS is one of three schools in the state with Rho Kappa and the only school with a society in our region. Two honorary members, GCHS retired teachers Sandra Ferrer and Marilou Couch, were also inducted.

Argillite Elementary recently held its monthly AR Family night where parents and students enjoy quality time reading together and earning AR points!

MMS students recently visited the ACTC campus. They met with academic advisors and professors, and learned about the admission process as well as various career paths. MMS is part of GEAR UP Kentucky, which promotes a college going culture in the school. This is the first of several college visits MMS students will take.

Thirty members of the WMS choir participated in the All District Choir on Friday March 1st.

GCHS AP Human Geography students recently experienced segregation first-hand. They have been learning about the history of culture and ethnicity in the US South under Jim Crow laws and during South Africa’s Apartheid. APHG students were “marked” as different and went through a school day abiding by a set of rules made only for them. Participating students journaled their feelings and then wrote papers about their experiences. The lesson was part of Black History Month.

GES Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will run March 4th thru March 29th. Students will raise money for blood cancer research, education and patient services. The classroom raising the most money will win a pizza party from Pennies for Patients.

Students in the Wurtland 21st CCLC afterschool program got to be Farm Scene Investigators for a day. Ms. Robin Virgin arranged for students to complete a hands-on study of the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, and tongue of a pig. Students made sketches of the different organs and used their senses of sight and touch to discover how the animal parts felt and looked, just as a Crime Scene Investigator would do. Students thought the experience was, “cool, awesome, amazing, exciting, disgusting, fun, gross, perfect” and some said it made them “want to be a scientist.”

Congratulations to Chase Cooper, WMS 6th grader, for winning the sixth grade division of the RIVER SWEEP poster contest. He receives recognition and fifty dollars for his hard work in creating his design. You can see Chase’s design on the RIVER SWEEP website.

Argillite Elementary School students enjoyed a special breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday and Read Across America Week!

GCHS band students recently competed at the KMEA Solo and Ensembles Competition at Rowan Co. High School. They performed very well, receiving the following scores: Brass Trio - Proficient - David Stapleton, Cameron Royster, Russell Meenach; Snare Solo - Proficient - Ryan Lemaster; Alto Saxophone Solo - Proficient - Cassie Morrelles; Flute Solo - Proficient Plus - Loren Baker; Clarinet Duet - Proficient Plus - Shannon Moore and Tara Morris; Clarinet Solo - Proficient - Tara Morris; Clarinet Solo - Distinguished - Shannon Moore.

Eighth grade honors students at WMS participated in OU’s “Write Like London, Jack London Creative Writing Contest”. Winners will be announced March 4! Roger Logan from the South Shore American Legion Post presented McKell Middle School with a new American Flag. Cameron Walker and Eric Lawson, who are both Boy Scouts, raised the flag where it is now flying in front of McKell Middle School.

WMS 7th grade language arts students just started a novel unit on the book Out of the Dust. Students will be participating in literature circles and completing related activities throughout the unit.

GES 4th and 5th grade students presented 4-H demonstration speeches. Winners from all 5 classes will move on to the next level of competition. Winners are: 4th grade - Aaron Campbell, Ashlynn Barker, Cameron Cox, Adrienne Spencer, Grady Fannin and Taylor Boyles. 5th grade - Cameron Robbins, Kolby Hunt, Rebakah Owens, Aspyn Branham, Mackenzie Howe and Alex Baker.

Congratulations to the GCHS archery team! They advanced to state competition—a great feat for the first-year program. Good luck!

The Wurtland Elementary dance team performed two dances at the February Board of Education meeting. The group was a huge hit!
Did You Know—cont.

GCHS junior Sydney Shoemaker was elected Kentucky state president of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica at the state conference this past weekend. As a result of her election, GCHS will host the state Spanish Honor Society conference in 2014. Sydney’s Spanish teacher, Catherine Del Valle, is the state president of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Four students from Ms. Stout’s 4th and 5th grade Science classes at Greysbranch Elementary recently participated in the Northern Kentucky Regional Science Fair at Northern Kentucky University. They are: Cameron Cox-2nd Place; Cameron Robbins-2nd Place; Savannah Sizemore-1st Place; Hannah Allen-1st Place.

WMS students have been creating learning centers on various physics topics and peer teaching these topics to the 7th grade science classes. The “student teachers” got a first hand account of what it is like to design and teach lessons.

Argillite Elementary School celebrated Random Acts of Kindness week! Students participated in the Pennies for Patients coin drive, raising $819.99! Also throughout the week, students learned what it takes to be a “Bucket Filler” by completing kind acts! Students were recognized each day for being bucket fillers!

GES 4th and 5th graders attended the KDMC Tobacco Academy to learn the dangers of tobacco use. Students visited stations to have visual and hands on activities to reinforce the dangers of smoking and chewing tobacco.

Argillite Elementary School students with high attendance celebrated their efforts with a end of the 9 weeks beach party!

Congratulations Tamsyn Oakes, 21st CCLC director. Tamsyn wrote new grants to secure 21C funding for five more years. Both grants were fully funded, ensuring safe, fun and educational afterschool activities for elementary and middle schools in GC!

Congrats GCSD food service program! Greenup County lunch and breakfast menus were certified this week and now have state validation. Greenup is 1 in only 10 school districts in Kentucky to be validated to date. Our students and staff are getting nutritious meals with correct portion sizes, calorie content and components. The adjustment to healthier meals has been challenging for everyone, but healthier students and staff makes the effort worth it!

Folk Artist Tara Sansom recently worked with 2nd Grade students at Argillite and Greysbranch Elementary Schools as part of a grant from the Kentucky Folk Art Center in Morehead.

Greenup Got KISSED-(Kentucky’s Initiative in Social Emotional Development)

KISSED utilizes a team based format to train Early Childhood educators and support staff in facilitating social/emotional development in young children. Participants gain both knowledge and skills necessary to the differing needs of young children. Three levels of need and corresponding intervention comprise the focus of the training. The team problem solving approach builds local capacity to gain insight into children’s behavior. It also provides expertise to promote children’s increased social competence in school and at home. Our team of preschool teachers taking part in the training will be attending the state training-phase 4 representing and presenting for Greenup. Teachers attending include, Nancy Chandler-WPS, Crescent Holbrook-APS, Sharla Johnson-MPS, and Jamie Cox- MPS.
2013 Governor’s Cup—Middle and High School

Congratulation Governor’s Cup Winners!

**Wurtland Middle School**
Halle Scott—4th Place—Language Arts; 1st Place—Composition; 3rd Place—Composition @ Regionals—On to State!
Sydney Hulgan—4th Place—Composition
Coaches: Jana Lovins and Rachel Schneider

**McKell Middle School**
Iralyn Hunt—5th Place—Mathematics
Austin Spradlin—2nd Place—Social Studies; 4th Place—Science; 4th Place—Social Studies @ Regionals—On to State!
Ashton Dupuy—4th Place—Arts & Humanities
Coaches: Robin Rowe and Jennifer Webster

**Greenup County High School**
Kadin Ashley—2nd Place—Mathematics
Henry Quillen—4th Place—Social Studies; 3rd Place—Science; 2nd Place—Science @ Regionals—On to State!
Alivia Parker—4th Place—Composition
Lakin Nichols—5th Place—Composition
Madeline Hieneman—5th Place—Arts & Humanities
Coaches: Leslie Moyer and David Wilkerson
The GCHS team was also awarded the Hume Sportsmanship Award at the district competition.
Elementary district Governor’s Cup competition will be held this weekend at McKell Elementary School. Good luck to all the teams!

Gifted/Talented Update

The elementary gifted and talented students recently participated in a field trip to the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland to observe the “Super Scientific Circus.” Students enjoyed the many different scientific concepts such as gravity and the speed of sound that were demonstrated in this performance. Currently, the elementary gifted and talented students are working on a Defined STEM project in which they are designing and creating commercials.

Middle school gifted and talented students are completing their Defined STEM investigations concerning the use of wind turbines for a possible energy source. Students will test their models with different wind blade designs, mass and gear ratios to note the energy produced. During the month of March, middle school students will be planning a field trip to the Clark Planetarium at Shawnee State University.

Operation Preparation

We are committed to ensuring your student has the 21st-century skills necessary to be college/career ready—the foundation for success in life. But we need your help.

Operation Preparation—a community-based advising initiative—focuses attention on the importance of providing a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the college- and career-planning process.

During Operation Preparation, trained volunteer community advisors, along with school staff, will meet one-on-one with 8th- and 10th-grade students. Using the student’s Individual Learning Plan (ILP), they will talk with the student about the student’s career aspirations and required education/training; whether the student is on target to meet their goals; and whether the student is taking the courses recommended to prepare them for their future.

One way you can assist us is by volunteering a small amount of your time to be an Operation Preparation community advisor. We value parent and family engagement and are excited for you to participate as a supportive role model and mentor to children on the path to college/career readiness.

To get started, please contact MMS at 932-3221, WMS at 836-1023 or GCHS at 473-9812 and ask for the school counselor or FRYSC coordinator.

We look forward to working with you to make a difference in the lives of our children.

**Month 6 Attendance**

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