



C & I News

August 10

WELCOME BACK!

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ASSESSMENT UPDATES



Image from www.parcconline.org

PARCC: There will be only one 30-school day testing window during Spring 2016. The testing window will extend from roughly the 75% mark of students' instructional days to about the 90% mark. ISBE rules allow testing to start after March 7. More information will be shared as it is released to us.

PARCC FOR FALL BLOCK AT GHS: Testing for block-scheduled school will take place much as it did in Spring 2015: two testing windows (PBA & EOY) in late November/early December. Assessments will likely be computer-based. Exact dates have not been released to us yet.



Image from www.nextgenscience.org

NEW SCIENCE ASSESSMENT: The NEW Illinois Science Assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, & 10 during Spring of 2016. It will be aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards. NOTE: This is NOT part of PARCC. More information will be shared as it becomes available.



EXCITING CHANGES COMING SOON!

READERMANIA A committee of teachers has been meeting over the summer to revamp Readermania for our elementary schools. New books and new quizzes will be available this year. There will also be new rules & guidelines. A **Kickoff Party** is scheduled for **October 29**, and the Readermania Celebration will take place at a new location. More details to come!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY District #205 will be your one-stop shop for all the PD Hours you'll need to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and ideas to help students grow and achieve. (...and to help renew your license, too!) We will partner with ROE 33 to bring Foundational Services to you in the following 7 areas: Balanced Assessment, Continuous Improvement Planning, Family Engagement, Teacher Evaluation, and the Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts, mathematics and science. Additionally, other topics will be included to help you integrate technology into classroom activities and help you achieve the goals of your building's School Improvement Plans.



Photos from event

TEACHERS EXPLORE NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS

Several District #205 Science teachers came together to start exploring ways to implement the Next Generation Science Standards. Led by **Heather Galbreath** (Lombard), these teachers will spearhead our implementation of NGSS during the upcoming school year. Participants included: **Bailey Cavanah, Alicia Condrey, Jennifer Cummings, Brandy Dornon, Michelle Golden, Merris Hennenfent, Huong Hua, Ross Johnson, Sherry Totten, and Heather Vanosdall.**

More opportunities to learn about these and other topics will be available through ROE33 and our new PD Academy. Watch your emails closely for announcements!



TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS LEARN WITH TECH

More than 30 teachers & administrators journeyed to Leyden High School District in Franklin Park, IL, to learn technology integration techniques from one of the first one-to-one Chromebook districts in the nation. During three days of intensive & interactive training, these teachers began developing the skills and knowledge needed to utilize Chromebooks, Google tools, and other tools into instructional activities at their individual grade levels. **LEARN MORE AT THE LEYDEN 1:1 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE**

Among those who attended are:

Amanda Aberle, Brian Bates, Laura Bosomworth, Jon Bradburn, Jenny Bredemeier, Jared Bruening, Christenel Cain, Christa Charlton, Jen Crock, Cary Elliott, Shelly Golden, Huong Hua, Leanne Hinton, Jodi Johnson, Blayne Kohl, Dawn Malcolm, Tara Michels, TC Michels, Teresa Powell, Rebecca Rappenecker, Megan Rowe, Barb Sandstrom, Leanne Scherpe, Hannah Schierl, Sarah Scoggin, Kelly Sturgis, Nick Sutton, Olivia Warren, and Emily Weller.

MEET YOUR C & I DEPARTMENT

Curriculum and Instruction Department (left to right, below)

Tammie Bolden, Director for Curriculum, Instruction, & PreK Services

Matt Jacobson, Technology Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator

Kim Lakis, Coordinator for Instructional Support

Cindy Benson, Administrative Assistant for Curriculum & Instruction

Lisa Unger, Student Information System & Public Information Coordinator



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Welcome
Back
to school

Opening
Ceremonies

Aug
12

8:00
AM

Arrive
Early

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08/12** Opening Day Ceremonies
- 08/13** First Day of School
- 08/13-09/04** AIMSWeb Benchmarking Window
- 08/14** WIDA testing for ELLs begins
- Early Sept** OLSAT testing begins Grade 4
- 09/21** Pencil Points Deadline

HELPFUL LINKS

- District Web Site** www.galesburg205.org
- Curriculum & Instruction** ci205.weebly.com
- Technology & Learning** tech205.weebly.com
- New Teachers** tech205.weebly.com/new-teachers
- Mentors** tech205.weebly.com/mentors
- ISBE Assessment** isbe.net/assessment
- ISBE Licensure** isbe.net/licensure