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UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS: Oct 9 = Full Day of School

Our school calendar was amended in May 2015. The official school calendar is posted on [the District 205 Website](#).

Overview

Fall can be a very busy time for everyone. In addition to all the changes in the season and fun fall festivals and events, we are continuously planning learning & assessment activities for students. (Can you believe that [first quarter ends soon?](#)) Just as we expect our students to become life-long learners, professional learning also never ends. [Check out all the Professional Development opportunities](#) in the next 3 weeks alone!

While very little news regarding other assessment details are available due to the ongoing budget impasse in Springfield, [our preparations for PARCC Assessments](#) are already underway. We have very little information about [the anticipated Spring 2016 Science Assessment](#), for the same reason.

Over the summer, ISBE very quietly adopted the [College, Career, and Civic Life \(C3\) Standards for Social Studies](#), returning Social Studies to equal status among traditional core courses. [Click the link to learn more.](#)

As our population of students who are English Language Learners (ELL) continues to grow, [our ELL Staff has grown as well](#). Meet them later in this issue!



ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Image from www.parcconline.org

PARCC: PARCC testing in English Language Arts & Mathematics in District 205 will begin after March 7, 2016. ISBE guides schools to wait to test until at least 75% of instruction has occurred. Fall Block Schedule testing is being planned at GHS during November/December.

OTHER HS TESTING: Traditionally Illinois has made ACT tests available to high school students through various avenues. Illinois' contract with Pearson, who delivers ACT testing services, expired over the summer. Due to the lack of an approved budget, no news is available about renewing or replacing these assessments.



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](#). According to ISBE, more details may be released after the budget impasse in the Illinois General Assembly is resolved. NOTE: This is NOT part of PARCC.

All ISBE Assessment Webinars are published at isbe.net/assessment

Webinars occur every other Friday at 10AM and recordings are available for public viewing for 2 weeks

NEW ILLINOIS SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

The new **Illinois Learning Standards (ILS)** are patterned off the following national-level standards:

- **National Common Core State Standards** for English Language Arts and Mathematics
- **Next Generation Science Standards**
- **College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Standards** for Social Studies

These new C3 standards will replace the existing Social Studies standards document. The overarching goals - referred to as "Dimensions" - of the C3 Social Studies Standards are:

- Dimension 1: Developing questioning and planning inquiries
- Dimension 2: Applying disciplinary concepts and tools
- Dimension 3: Evaluating sources and using evidence
- Dimension 4: Communicating conclusions and taking informed action

The C3 Standards are directly related to many of the Common Core Anchor Standards for English Language Arts, and should be thought of as mutually supportive. Due to the ongoing budget impasse, very little information is available from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding policy or professional development surrounding these new standards. Updates will be shared when we learn more.



MEET YOUR ELL TEAM

To better accommodate the growing influx of students in District 205 who come from multilingual and non-English backgrounds, an ad-hoc team was created. Our team of teachers who serve English Language Learners (ELLs) started the year by providing an ELL training session for teachers and administrators who are involved with ELLs. From left to right: Kim Lakis- ELL Coordinator; Denise

Simkins- Steele and Silas Willard Elementaries; John Prats- Nielson Elementary and French Community Liaison; Tica Ortega- ELL Parent Facilitator; Renee Burton- Bright Futures PreSchool; Scott Rasso- Gale and King Elementaries; Lisa Burial- Lombard Middle School and Churchill Junior High; Lanae Harding- Galesburg High School; David Petersen- Dist. 205 Knox Corps Fellow.



In the training sessions, the team emphasized to District 205 teachers the importance of building a classroom environment that welcomes and celebrates multiculturalism, and offered strategies that teachers can use in the classroom to promote comprehension among ELL students. Members of the team service the ELL students of District 205 with English language and culture classes for students, and provide interpretive support for their families

in order to foster a more inclusive learning environment and surrounding community. The necessity for such an initiative has become self-evident over the last several years as the non-English-speaking population of Galesburg has climbed steadily. The team will continue to provide support for students and their families during the academic year and is, of course, always interested in volunteers.

PD ACADEMY CALENDAR (4-5PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- 10/01: [Managing Assignments in Google Classroom](#) (GHS-LC)
- 10/05: [Supporting ELLs, part 3](#) (CJHS)
- 10-05: [Close Reading Networking](#) (Board Room)
- 10/06: [Blended Learning with Video Resources, part 2](#) (LMS)
- 10/06: [Assessment Tools in Google Apps, part 2](#) (LMS)
- 10/06: [French for Classrooms, part 1](#) (CJHS)
- 10/07: [Assessment Tools in Google Apps, part 2](#) (CJHS)
- 10/08: [Illinois Writing Matters part 1](#) (Lincoln)
- 10/08: Half-day School Improvement Day (all buildings)
- 10/09: Regular Attendance Day (all buildings)
- 10/13: [French for Classrooms, part 2](#) (CJHS)
- 10/13: [Blended Learning with Video Resources, part 3](#) (LMS)

- 10/13: [Using Student Work to Guide Instruction](#) (Board Rm,4-530)
- 10/14: [Assessment Tools in Google Apps, part 2](#) (LMS)
- 10/14: Dream Big Book Club meeting 2 (Board Rm, no reg needed))
- 10/15: [Classroom Assessments/Balanced Assessment](#) (Board Rm)
- 10/15: [French for Classrooms, part 3](#) (CJHS)
- 10/15: [Formative Assessment for Mentors](#) (Lincoln, 4-5:30)
- 10/19: [Writing From Sources, part 1](#) (Board Room)
- 10/19: [Supporting ELLs, part4](#) (CJHS)
- 10/20: [Illinois Writing Matters part 1](#) (Board Room)
- 10/20: [French for Classrooms part 4](#) (CJHS)
- 10/21: [E-Reading in Overdrive!](#) (LMS Library)
- 10/22: [Classroom Assessments/Balanced Assessment](#) (Board Rm)

Microsoft Office is available for employee purchase at a reduced price. [Visit www.galesburg205.org/mssa/mssa.html](http://www.galesburg205.org/mssa/mssa.html) using a school computer for details. Note: You can do this only once for the current version of Office; You must use your galesburg205.org email address; We do not offer technical support for installation or use of the program; This does not include Office 365.