2014-15 Academic Calendar Approved

The Bowling Green Board of Education approved the 2014-15 Academic Calendar at the December 9 Board of Education Meeting. Option one of two was the most popular option among parents, community members and employees. Next school year, employees will report for the first day on August 4, and students will begin on August 6, with an employee workday on August 5 to meet federal and state training requirements.

### 2014-15 Academic Calendar

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February 16, March 12, 13 and/or May 22 may be used as make up days.

### Inclement Weather Communication Plan

During the winter months, district administrators keep a close watch on the weather. If there is a possibility for snow or ice, they spend late evening and early morning hours checking road conditions, listening to forecasts, and communicating with surrounding districts. Cooperative efforts determine if the roads are safe for our students and employees.

If the decision is made to delay or close school, Bowling Green City Schools will make every effort to notify parents, guardians, employees and the community as soon as possible. With few exceptions, the decision to delay or close school is made by 5:45 a.m., before buses begin morning routes.

As soon as a decision is made, a SchoolMessenger email will be sent to all parents and employees, a text message will be sent to parents who subscribe to the notification service (text the word SUBSCRIBE to 68453), and the district website and Twitter account (@BGISD) will be used to post information. The district will not make early morning phone calls to every household. The following media are also contacted during inclement weather:

**Television:**
- WBKO
- WNKY NBC 40
- WTVF Nashville Ch 5

**Radio:**
- WKCT 930 am
- WKYU 88.9 fm
- WCVK 90.7 fm
- WGGC 95.1 fm
- WBVR 96.7 fm
- WKLX 100.7 fm
- WCLU 102.3 fm
- WUHU 107 fm

The calendar must include the following:
- 175 School Days
- 4 Holidays
- 4 Professional Development Days
- 1 Opening Day
- 1 Closing Day

### Other Dates Considered:

- State ACT Days for Juniors: March 3 & 17
- Memorial Day: May 25
- WKU Fall Break: October 2-3
- WKU Spring Break: March 9 - 12

For additional information about the 2014-2015 calendar or the calendar selection process, contact Jon Lawson, Director of Pupil Personnel at (270) 746-2200 or jon.lawson@bgreen.kyschools.us.

In rare instances school may be dismissed during the school day to avoid afternoon weather conditions. If this occurs, a SchoolMessenger Emergency Message will be sent in an effort to contact parents as soon as possible. The Emergency Message will call all household phone numbers, send messages to all email addresses, and text messages will be sent to text subscribers.

By law, school days missed due to inclement weather must be made up. The 2013-2014 calendar lists February 17, March 13, March 14 and April 18 as possible make-up days, and if necessary, others may be added to the end of the school year in May. Please consider the possibility of make-up days as you make vacation and/or graduation plans.
Band and Orchestra Students Recognized

11th and 12th Grade
All-District Band
Kate Bigler
Holly Looper
Sonora Schuck
Kate Hahn-Madole
Abby Potter
Andre Green (alt)

9th and 10th Grade
All-District Band
MacKenzie Wilson
Abigail Raley
Gabby Hak
Jocelyn Buster
Amanda Salata
Whitney Heard
Aiden Steiner
ShaMarkus Anders
Allie Fuller (alt)

7th and 8th Grade
All-District Band
Nick Dobler
Zayleah Robinson
Eleazar Mendoza
Jack Kelley
Ryan Schallert

7th and 8th Grade
All-District Band
Zaria Millan
Nathan Briley
Jillian Jackson
Jonathan Meredith
Jessica Elson
Diane Appiasie
Amanda Pate
Cora Hurt
Mariah Manalatos
Rhys Wilson
E.J. Shoulders
Trey Potter
Caleb Goodman (alt)

All-State Orchestra
Ben Peterson (Viola)
Carly Shoulders (Violin)
Yedarm Kim (Violin)
Suzanne Moore (Violin)
Rachel Wulff (Cello)

Correa and McCoy Earn National Board Certification

Two teachers from Bowling Green High School, Lisa Correa and Sandra McCoy, have recently earned National Board Certification after completing the rigorous certification process and performance-based assessments.

According to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, “National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers—and make them better. Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete.”

As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching. Additionally, teachers are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

Correa and McCoy are among twenty-one current Bowling Green City School teachers to earn the NBCT distinction.

Bowling Green High School wrapped up fall sports adding new hardware to the trophy case and exemplifying the schools Twitter mantra, #creatingawesome.

The Lady Purples Soccer Team finished the season 23-4 and with an appearance in the State Elite 8. The Boys Soccer Team earned a record of 21-5 and finished among the State Final Four. Girls Cross Country finished State Runners-Up and freshman Madisyn Peeples became the first Kentucky athlete to individually qualify in the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon. And finally, the BGHS Purples Football Team earned their third straight 5A State Championship and continue the longest current winning streak in Kentucky with 44 wins.

The Bowling Green City Schools Annual Open House will be held

Thursday, December 12, 2013
from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
at the
Joel C. Brown Admin. Building,
1211 Center Street

The community is invited to attend.

Artwork by BGJHS students (from top): Kate Eaves, Jany Cruz, and Edgar Carmona Santos.
As part of ongoing efforts to engage students, Bowling Green City Schools has partnered with Discovery Education to bring digital science and social studies textbooks to teachers and students at Bowling Green Junior High. The Discovery Education Science and Social Studies Techbook™ series feature model lessons, digital content, and content creation tools to support educators, engage students, and prepare them for college, careers, and citizenship. Discovery Education, a division of Discovery Communications, whose networks include Discovery Channel and Animal Planet, is the leading provider of digital content for K-12 classrooms.

A complete digital solution that replaces traditional textbooks, the Discovery Education Science Techbook series feature compelling video, interactive text, digital simulations, virtual and hands-on labs, and an interactive glossary with animations, audio, and video.

Principal Cinny West said, "Students today do not rely solely on books to search for information when common digital devices allow immediate access to endless materials. With the Techbooks, teachers are able to utilize content similar to what is found in traditional textbooks, but with the resources to make curriculum more relevant to students."

The Discovery Education Science and Social Studies Techbook series include detailed lesson plans and model lessons that facilitate the transition to digital resources and save teachers valuable time. The programs also include an assessment component that measures students’ progress and recommends individualized resources that reinforce classroom instruction. Constantly updated to reflect today’s changing world, the series allow teachers to incorporate current issues and recent scientific breakthroughs into their curriculum. Significantly less expensive than traditional textbooks and platform independent, the Discovery Education Science and Social Studies Techbook series work with any device, including iPads, tablets, mobile devices, and laptops or desktops, maximizing investment in existing technology and lowering district costs.

For more information about the Discovery Education Science and Social Studies Techbook series and other services and resources from Discovery Education, visit www.discoveryeducation.com.

Bowling Green Students Set to Spread the Red in January

Bowling Green City Schools are excited to participate in the third “Spread the Red Education Game” at Western Kentucky University on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The WKU Lady Toppers will host Georgia State in front of a crowd of approximately 2,100 area school children, including Bowling Green City students from grades 3-8. Details of the event were announced at a press conference on December 3.

The Spread the Red Education Game will mark the culmination of a month-long program between WKU Athletics and local schools, creating a synergy between education and athletics. Teachers will utilize historical statistics, the WKU Lady Topper basketball schedule and biographical information on student-athletes as a learning mechanism, incorporating information into history, reading, math and geography. Students will also learn the value of receiving a college education and the importance of teamwork in achieving goals. At the game, students will have an opportunity to see the recently-completed Hall of History and learn more about the WKU impact on the community.

Superintendent Joe Tinius said, “The Spread the Red game is one of many opportunities for students to attend events on the WKU campus. The partnership and working relationship Bowling Green Schools have with Western Kentucky University allows our students to have a glimpse of what happens on a university campus at an early age, whether attending a theatrical performance, concert, visiting the Kentucky Museum, a technology competition or an athletic event. Our students are learning about the resources and experiences they may have in their future at a university.”

“One of the really neat things about this game is being able to show the young people not only what our team is capable of doing on the court, but what they are working toward off the court: completing their degree at WKU,” shared Lady Topper Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard.

Modern Woodmen and Russell Athletics are partners in the Spread the Red initiative. All students attending the game will receive a drawstring backpack from Russell Athletics which will include information from WKU Admissions, and students with perfect attendance, August – December, will have a chance to win a $500 savings bond courtesy of Modern Woodmen.

The game has also been earmarked on the WKU schedule as the NCAA “Pack the House” game. The national effort to build attendance includes a $500 prize to winning schools to donate to a nonprofit of choice.

Students, teachers and staff involved in the Spread the Red Education game will be admitted free, and all other tickets to the game will be $1 each.

For more information, visit www.wkusports.com.