

March 2016

## 1 Our Collective Impact: Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NKCES



**On May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**, we will be celebrating the anniversary of NKCES' 30 years of collectively impacting our region for students. We will be featuring Dr. Cleveland, a dynamic speaker on Student Equity, and Gracie, a motivating 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner, to take a closer look at the question, "What impacts student learning?" Please mark this event on your calendar and promote the opportunity within your district. This event will be in partnership with NKU and will be hosted on campus at their new Digitorium! We are looking forward to a fabulous evening--more details coming soon.



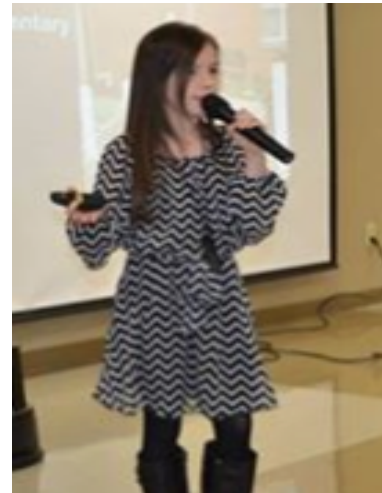
### **Dr. Roger Cleveland**

He is known for his educational insight in areas such as: diversity, instructional equity, cultural competency, closing achievement gaps, learning styles, transforming school culture, conducting culture audits, and school improvement planning.



### **Gracie**

She is a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner who has embraced technology at an early age. Gracie is a natural and has no fear presenting in front of a large audience. She talks about what she loves, technology.



## 2 Join Legislative Sessions



NKCES will be represented at the Education Committee Meetings at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort during this year's 2016 Legislative Session. Tom Shelton and/or partners with Capital Link will be available in the annex cafeteria at 7:30 am each Tuesday to meet attendees prior to the meetings. Please consider attending one of the sessions. It is important that NKY is well represented.

Here are the dates and sessions that a **NKY Superintendent** will be attending:

**Tuesday, March 8th @ 8am- House**

Thursday March 10th @ 11:30am- Senate

**Tuesday March 15th @ 8am- House**

Thursday March 17th @ 11:30am- Senate

**Tuesday, March 22nd @ 8am- House**

**Thursday, March 31st @ 11:30am- Senate**

### **House Education Committee**

The House Education Committee meets on **Tuesdays at 8 a.m. ET in the Capitol Annex, Room 154.**

### **Senate Education Committee**

The Senate Education Committee meets on **Thursday at 11:30 a.m. ET in the Capitol Annex, Room 171.**

## 3 PLCs: Synergizing Northern Kentucky Educators



### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLC**

**Monday March 14, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM @ NKCES PD Center**

Physical Education teachers will build a professional learning community where they can collaborate and share resources, knowledge, and skills.

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## ARTS AND HUMANITIES PLC

March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:30pm @NKCES PD Center

Contact Dr. Jim Detweiler or Amy Razor

## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGIONAL PLC

Thursday March 17, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM @ NKCES Upstairs Board Room

Create and Develop Strategies to apply to the Preschool and Kindergarten classroom Instruction.

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR PLC Kickoff for 2016-17

June 8, 2016 (2pm to 4pm) @ NKCES PD Center

For more information, contact: Vanessa Groneck

## 4 NKCES P.O.P. Tours



As we work to build synergy in NKY, we are scheduling Problem of Practice (P.O.P.) Tours to highlight best practices in our districts that relate to our problems of practices shared at ISLN.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Topic:** Thinking Strategies

**Brief Description:** Come experience “The Bellevue Classroom” and our 4 cornerstones for understanding: Community, Academic Discourse, Thinking Strategies, and Gradual Release of Responsibility in a Workshop Model.

**Date & Time:** April 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30

**Location:** Grandview Elementary & Bellevue MS/HS

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Topic:** iLEAD Academy

**Brief Description:** Come experience iLEAD Academy where students design their schedule and choose how, what, when, and where they will learn. Explore an academy where students participate in four years of progressive work-based learning experiences and develop the skills to succeed in every workplace.

**Date & Time:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-2:00

**Location:** iLEAD Academy

## 5 Orange Frog Workshop



NKCES is pleased to announce we are hosting an **Orange Frog** Training, Friday, March 25, 2016 from 8 am – 4 pm, at Ralph Rush Center, Boone County Schools.

The message is powerful, and with so many continued pressures in education the timing of this message is perfect! This Orange Frog Workshop will be facilitated by certified trainers Connie Crigger and Mike Wilson. Since we have regional trainers, we are able to pass on the savings to you, too! The cost will be \$400 and this includes all of your materials. You can check out the materials and other key details at this link: <http://orangefrogbook.com/home/>. We would love for you to come and help spread orange throughout our region!

We hope that we can count on you to help spread the word for this training: [Register for Orange Frog Workshop](#)

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## 6 Opportunity for Advanced Credentialing for NKY Principals: NISL Grant Funding

What's new?

The National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) is partnering with the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents to create, pilot and evaluate an Advanced Credentialing System for school principals. The initiative is being funded by a three-year, \$11 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education through its Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) program. "We hope to partner with a few dozen districts to carry out this initiative, which will jumpstart this system for use throughout the state!" –Dr. Tom Shelton, KASS Executive Director

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## Local Showcase: Are you interested in leveraging the power of technology to deliver world-class results?

What's new?

Fort Thomas Independent Schools (FTIS) and Superintendent Gene Kirchner invite you to experience how they are transforming teaching and learning to achieve 21<sup>st</sup> century outcomes for all students. In 2013, FTIS embarked on a bold, five-year plan to transform teaching and learning through the use of emerging technologies to ensure that students are truly prepared for future success in a global, knowledge-based economy. The district's digital conversion plan includes the roll out of devices, a new learning management system, implementing digital first curriculums, adding technical and instructional support staff and a complete overhaul of their network infrastructure. Registration is limited so please register as soon as possible. Please contact Kate Taylor to RSVP.

March 23, 2016

6:00 pm

Dinner and Presentation

**River Walk Room**

Mariott River Center

10 W Rivercenter

Blvd

Covington, KY 41011

850-261-2900

March 24, 2016 at 8:00 am

**Highlands Middle School**

2350 Memorial Pkwy

Fort Thomas, KY 41075

Please RSVP to Kate Taylor at

[kate.taylor@mheducation.com](mailto:kate.taylor@mheducation.com)

## 8 Superintendents' Summit Scheduled for May 2

What's new?

KDE has identified May 2 as the date for the Superintendents' Summit, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Capital Plaza Hotel Ballroom in Frankfort. Please get this date on your calendars.

As with last time, this summit is for superintendents only unless there is an unusual circumstance where the superintendent's attendance is just not possible. In that case, a designee would be permitted to attend.

The follow-up meeting with partner groups will occur on May 3 from 10 a.m. to noon, in the State Board Room on the First Floor, Capitol Plaza Tower, Frankfort. We will share more about the summit as time gets closer. I look forward to having all superintendents together on May 2.

## 9 Town Hall Meetings on New Accountability System

What's new?

To gather feedback across the state from a variety of audiences on a new accountability system to meet the requirements of the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act, the Commissioner will be conducting public forums over the next couple of months. We are in the process of confirming the dates but are thinking there would be ten total, in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm local time. Locations we are considering are Shelbyville, Campbellsville, Owensboro, Hazard,

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Lexington, Corbin, Northern KY, Ashland, Murray and Louisville. The Northern KY Town Hall Meeting will take place on, Monday, April 25, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm, at NKU James C. and Rachel M. Votruba Student Union Ballroom.

All feedback will be captured and considered as we shape the new system over the next 18 months. Once we have the specific schedule, it will be sent to you. Help us get the word out on these meetings as you talk with schools and districts and interact with people in your communities.

## 10 Updated KDE Programs and Services Guide for Use by Schools and Districts

What's new?

Several superintendents suggested that it would be helpful to receive an updated list of programs and services at KDE identifying whom to contact if questions arise. Thus, we have revised the KDE Programs and Services Guide that appears in the Kentucky Schools Directory. A copy of the revised guide can be found [here](#). Changes to the online version have been made and can be found at <http://education.ky.gov/comm/Pages/Programs-and-Services.aspx>. This reference tool will be helpful to superintendents and other school/district personnel if they need to contact KDE staff on specific topics. Please feel free to distribute it to your staff.



March 4	<b>NKCES: Preschool IEP Training @ NKCES</b>
	<b>Student Voice Survey window ends</b>
March 9	<b>NKCES: Board of Directors Meeting @ Gateway</b>
March 10	<b>NKCES: Dreamfest @ NKU</b>
	<b>EL Representative meeting 10:00am @ NKCES PD ROOM</b>
March 14	<b>NKCES: Physical Education Teacher PLC @ NKCES PD ROOM</b>
March 15	<b>NKCES: Arts &amp; Humanities @ NKCES PD ROOM</b>
March 17	<b>2016 Equipment Assistance (Round 2) RFA submission deadline</b>
March 18	<b>NKCES: ISLN @ Gateway</b>
	<b>NKCES: PD Consortium @ Gateway</b>
March 21	<b>NKCES: Summertime Kids (Grant's Consortium)</b>
March 25	<b>NKCES: The Happiness Advantage "Orange Frog" Workshop @ Ralph Rush Center</b>
April 1	<b>2016-2017 School Grants for Healthy Kids submission deadline</b>
	<b>Declaration of Participation Report forms due</b>
	<b>Verification of School and District Profile Data in School Report Card</b>
April 25	<b>Northern Kentucky Town Hall Meeting on New Accountability System</b>
May 2	<b>Superintendents' Summit</b>
May 3	<b>Superintendents' Summit follow-up with Education Partners</b>



GREEN: NKCES DATES

## NKCES UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### NKCES GRANTS CONSORTIUM MEETING - MARCH - ERLANGER BOARD ROOM

Wednesday March 2, 2016 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Grants Consortium Meeting begins at 10:30 am. If you need any further information please contact Vicki Dansberry.

### PROBLEM SOLVING WITH STUDENTS: HOW TO HELP STUDENTS HANDLE CONFLICTS

Thursday March 3, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Participants will learn effective strategies to help guide students behavior. Learned strategies will help students.

### GET FUNDING FOR PROJECTS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS

Thursday March 3, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

This session is for teachers or other school staff to learn the basics of writing grants while they create proposals to get up to \$1,000.00 funding to provide youth with constructive, safe, fun, and educational summer activities.

### PRESCHOOL IEP TRAINING - RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 4, 2016

Friday March 4, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The Preschool Guidance for IEP Development was developed by KY Regional Training Centers staff to supplement KDE's Guidance Document to assist with implementation as it applies to the preschool population. This session will present the new IEP Preschool Guidance document that will align the preschool standards to the IEP.

### NKCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - MARCH MEETING - GATEWAY

Wednesday March 9, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Superintendents Meeting-8:30-9:30 Board of Directors-9:30-11:30 Superintendent Roundtable-12:00-3:00

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLC ~MARCH 14TH

Monday March 14, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Physical Education teachers will build a professional learning community where they can collaborate and share resources, knowledge, and skills.

### INCLUSIVE TRANSITION: DESIGNING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

Wednesday March 16, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The conference focus is on preparing for a successful transition from high school to college/career. It is intended for students grades 9 - 11, and topics include self-advocacy, self-determination, employability skills, and career exploration

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGIONAL PLC

Thursday March 17, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

CREATE AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO APPLY TO THE PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

### SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Friday March 18, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

This session focuses on QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer). Explore techniques for responding to suicide in children & teens.

### Professional Learning Coordinators Consortia

Friday March 18, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM



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## EBPs FOR STUDENTS W/MSD & ASD: SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION & DEVELOPING SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION PLANS

Tuesday March 22, 2016 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

In this session, participants will learn the components of how to develop Systematic Instruction Plans. The topics presented in this session support evidence based practices for learners with moderate to severe disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

## DID SOMEONE CALL A FAL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Thursday March 24, 2016 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

An introduction to a FALs (Formative Assessment Lessons) and how teachers incorporate them into math units of study. Participants will be able to come away with resources they will need to implement a FAL.

## MARCH CREATE & TAKE

Thursday March 24, 2016 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The workroom at NKCES will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the fourth (4th) Thursday of each month (except for holidays). We have a variety of equipment for your FREE use! Staff will be on hand to provide assistance. The workroom is located on the 2nd floor in the NKCES administration building.

## ORANGE FROG WORKSHOP - MARCH 25, 2016 - NKCES PD ROOM (around back of building)

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Online: The updated list of sessions can be found [by clicking here.](#)