On the evening of May 16, 2015 the VCCS Blackboard learning management system will be upgraded to the latest October 2014 Release. This is a smaller update compared to the feature rich April 2014 release. In this document, we will discuss the enhancements that will be available to faculty and students after the upgrade.

**New Calendar Type and Formatting Enhancements**

Individual users now have more choice about how their calendars are formatted both in the Calendar tool and when making date selections. They can alter the first day of the week that starts the calendar view in month and week views.

This enhancement allows individual users to personalize their experience and choose the way in which the calendar is organized. This is to better accommodate needs in regions in which the first day of the calendar week is not standard even when those users might share a Blackboard Learn language pack.

Blackboard Learn now supports the Hijri Islamic lunar calendar used in some majority-Muslim countries and by some Muslim populations around the world.

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**Content Editor Spellcheck Default**

The Content Editor Spellcheck option is now ON by default. The Spellcheck option in the Content Editor was turned off by default in a past release. This has been corrected and we have changed the spellcheck option default state to "ON." Instructors and students use the Content Editor in many places throughout Blackboard for various reasons, like creating new course materials, composing submissions to assignment prompts, writing responses to discussion board posts, and so on.

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**Video Everywhere Authentication**

Video Everywhere: Blackboard Learn has integrated with OAuth 2.0. With this update users are able to seamlessly use several video features within Learn without authentication issues.
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If you would like additional information about the new features or need additional help learning how to use the features, please visit the Blackboard Help website or contact Carrie Halpin at CHalpin@virginiawestern.edu