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Teaching and Learning Like Champions at North Clinton Elementary

North Clinton is the smallest of the three Clinton City Schools, yet size does not minimize its positive impact on students and the surrounding community. Smaller class sizes provide opportunities for more teacher-to-student interaction and the benefits of a less crowded, more personal classroom environment. This school community enjoys close interpersonal connections, where individuals know, share with, and care for each other. North Clinton Elementary School provides its students with numerous opportunities to develop a wide range of skills including academic, social, and personal health skills. North

Clinton Elementary strives to meet the individual needs of students through both in-school and after-school activities. Academic needs are met through a highly qualified and devoted staff who place students center stage. Each year our school develops a theme to support our expectations. This year our theme is "Teach and Learn Like Champions".

North Clinton provides a multi-levelled system of instructional services and curriculum using a collaborative data-based decision making process that lends responsiveness to individual student needs. Moreover, technology is integrated throughout learning activities to

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maximize student engagement and promote 21st century information/technology skills. Students also receive a variety of opportunities beyond the core curriculum that enhances their knowledge and skills in the arts, fitness/recreation, information/technology, character development, and music.

The school is proud of its Technology For Learning Program (T4L), which facilitates integral use of technology across a multitude of settings.

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Students are now able to access a wider array of resources to support their learning, to collaborate with peers and their teachers, and to become fluent in their use of current technology.

There is a “We are all in this together” spirit that is obvious to staff, students, and visitors who walk through the doors of North Clinton. This sense of welcome and positivity is the basis of the school’s efforts to work with parents and other community stakeholders to create a school-wide atmosphere of encouragement and student achievement. The school

calendar reflects the commitment to develop community, as activities such as Fall Festival, Grandparents Day, Read Day, PTO meetings, Parent Involvement Night, Junior Achievement, Farm Day, and many others are scheduled throughout the year.

The students and staff of North Clinton Elementary are encouraged to do their “personal best” each and every day. Quality is expected, and nothing less is acceptable. This passion for excellence is what makes North Clinton a wonderful place to teach and learn like a champion!

Military Pen Pals: A Unique Learning Experience

Ms. Teresa Schlandt, library and media specialist at SCES, had no idea that when she took on the task of teaching writing skills to a group of Third grade girls, it would turn out to form forever bonds between the students and U.S. soldiers. When Ms. Schlandt was assigned this enrichment group, she first went to the third-grade teachers and asked what academic skills she could focus on strengthening. The third-grade teachers immediately told her writing, with an emphasis on letter writing. Ms. Schlandt had originally planned to create student pen pals, but then the idea came to her. Ms. Schlandt had personal contacts with several of the soldiers involved in this pen pal project through her Tennessee Tech Phi Mu sorority; three of them were sons of her sorority sisters and a few more of her contacts

were graduates of SCES. Ms. Schlandt got in touch with the soldiers, and the rest is history!

The girls’ first contact with the soldiers included an introduction letter from Ms. Schlandt explaining the project and a “Getting to Know You” page that the girls filled out telling their soldier pen pal all about themselves and a picture attached. The girls asked the soldiers questions about their branch of the military, their inspiration to join the military, their family, their jobs, and what they were like as third graders. Later, the girls sent out a fall picture and a card followed by a special Christmas package. This package included a letter, a stocking the girls made, a personalized coffee mug, and a Christmas card with pictures. All the girls have heard back from their soldiers, some even multiple times! As the girls receive letters from their soldiers, they have the opportunity to share their letters with the group. The letters mean a great deal to the girls, but they also mean a great deal to the soldiers. One of the soldier’s mothers told Ms. Schlandt her son gets so excited when he receives a letter from his third-grade pen pal, and the stocking that she sent him was front and center on his Christmas tree!

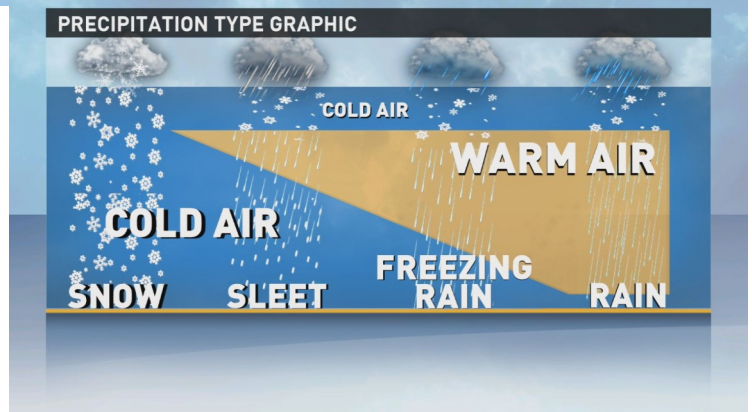


Clinton Elementary Students Predict Snow!

Students in 6th grade at CES are getting a unique experience at weather predicting. Mrs. O'Dell is teaching students how to use science and math to analyze current weather patterns to predict future weather conditions. The students are able to calculate when and where these weather systems will be arriving next, much like a 7-day forecast. Students will learn about how pressure in the air can change the weather, and they will learn how to tell what the weather will be based on these patterns.

Students will use technology to simulate a live weather forecast with a program that uses an actual green screen. Their weather

forecast will then be viewed much like one you would actually see on TV. The project incorporates a writing piece, where students will first write out their forecast, even recommending to friends and family whether they will need an umbrella or coat! Social Studies is also involved, as students will need to know about the different regions in the United States and where the weather is predicted to head next. This project gives students an opportunity to see



what meteorologists go through as they try to predict the most important question to elementary students, "When is it going to snow?!" Sixth grade, along with all other students at CES, will continue to do more interesting projects to show how curriculum learned is used in real world situations.

Every Student on Stage at Clinton City Schools

Clinton City Schools prides itself in providing its students with a high quality, well-rounded educational experience with an abundance of support, and the quality of the music department is no different. Students in Pre-K



through sixth grade receive music education each week for 45 minutes under the direction of Elizabeth Myers and Matthew Case. During these classes,

students learn about music elements, notation, and composers. This is also the time that students work in preparation for their annual musical experience.

Every Clinton City Schools' student has an opportunity to showcase their talent on stage each year in the form of a musical. Students are actively involved in



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Upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Clinton Rotary Club's Daddy/Daughter Dance has become a special community event and family tradition over the past six years since its inception. Many Clinton City Schools' female students and their fathers have enjoyed this event; getting dressed up, having

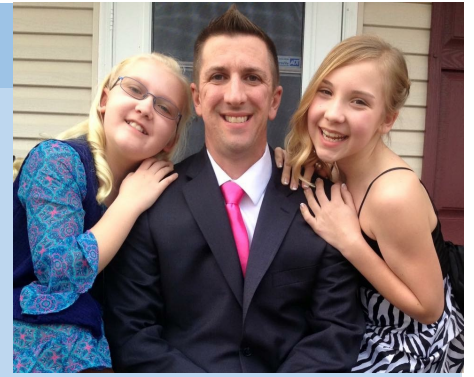


photographs taken, and dancing with other Daddy/Daughter couples. It is a celebration that is highly anticipated each year.

The Clinton Rotary Club sponsors this event. The proceeds from this event go directly back into libraries in both Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. This past year, each of our three elementary schools received five hundred dollars from the Daddy/

Daughter Dance proceeds to support enhancing the library book selections for students.

The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2017 at the Clinton Middle School Gymnasium from 6:30-8:00. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Tickets per additional child are \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased in all three Clinton City Schools' front offices, as well as Knight's Flowers, The Courier News, Hoskins Drug Store, Fox Toyota, Real Dry Cleaners, The Community Bank, and The People's Bank of the South. Get your tickets now and prepare to build some wonderful memories!



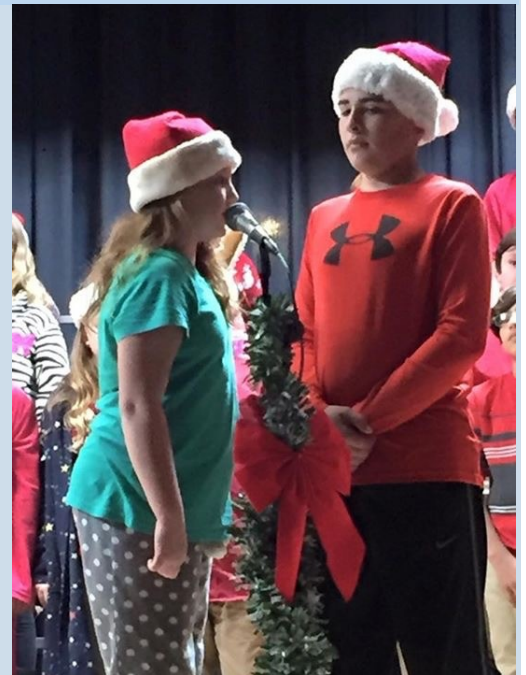
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singing, dancing, acting, stage design, and choreography. Parent volunteers often help with providing costumes. The students get an opportunity to perform at a nightly event for family and friends, as well as, a daytime performance for others in the school. The level of participation is based on the desire of the student.

Some students prefer to be involved in the chorus while others enjoy the acting and choreography aspects.

To allow each student an opportunity to shine on stage, the schools have to group grade levels together for performances.

Students at North and South Clinton participate in two musicals: K-2 and 3-6. Due to the larger student population at Clinton Elementary, students are grouped in bands of first and second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade for their musical performances. Clinton Elementary kindergartners participate in their own musical each year. Even the Pre-K students at North Clinton get involved showing off their dancing and singing skills at graduation each year. Jenna Sharp, Principal of Clinton Elementary, noted that the excitement from having musicals has led to the creation of a School Chorus.



Did you know....



- That 6th graders who have been in CCS since 4th grade get to keep their Chromebook after 6th grade graduation?
- That CCS has a certified Google Trainer?
- That CCS has several STEM teachers, some who have presented at national conferences?
- That all CCS teachers have a high level of effectiveness as determined by the state evaluation process?
- That over 65% of our teachers have advanced degrees?
- That CCS has a full-time School Resource Officer in each building?

Where Are They Now?

Highlighting Former Clinton City School Alumni

He is one of the main organizers of County Schools. the Anderson County Fair. He is one of the faces that comprise City Council. He is one of the largest supporters of the Clinton Dragons. He is the father of Tim Stamey, who still holds a 31 year TSSAA baseball record for obtaining 3 grand slams in one season. Best of all, he is also an alumni of Clinton City Schools. Meet E.T. Stamey.

Clinton has always been a part of E.T. He began attending Clinton Elementary School in 1954 under the leadership of Jody Morrow. At that time, Clinton Elementary School was a K-8 school building. Throughout his career, he has worked as a contractor and a Biology/Chemistry teacher through a Work-Based Learning Program at Anderson

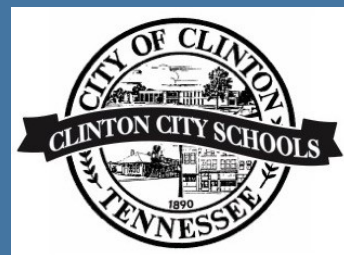
Currently, E.T. serves as Vice President of the Anderson County Fair, which was voted in 2016 as the Best Fair in the state of Tennessee! He has served on Clinton City Council for six years where he has worked hard to get the city in good financial standing. Most recently, he has joined the Chamber of Commerce, leading a grant called "Pathways to Prosperity." The goal of this grant is to build a bridge between education and industry, providing a clear pathway for students into building a career in manufacturing. In his spare time, he is assisting in fundraising efforts for a new state-of-the-art all sports



complex at Clinton High School.

E.T. Stamey is a true example of a hometown boy giving back to his community. Clinton is a better place because of his contributions. We are proud that he is a product of Clinton City Schools!

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Clinton City Schools is everywhere!!! Follow on social media, and see all the wonderful things that are happening in elementary education!

Clinton City Schools' goal is to communicate to the community in a variety of different ways. Please join and watch the learning GROW!

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Five of the soldiers are stationed at various places in the U.S. including Colorado Springs, Colorado, El Paso, Texas, Norfolk, Virginia, Tampa, Florida, and Wahiawa, Hawaii. One of them is serving abroad in Vicenza, Italy. Through this project, students are learning important skills about writing and conventions, but they are also learning important lessons about patriotism for our country. One soldier wrote about how he remembered being a 9-year-old boy when our country was attacked on September 11, 2001. He describes that even as a fourth grader, he began to understand that to live in such a wonderful country, people must be willing to defend it. Others write about how they were inspired to join the military to protect the people that they love, travel the world, and get a good education. Ms. Schlandt and her third-grade group of girls plan to continue this project and its extensions of research for the duration of the year. She said that she feels so honored that these young men are taking time out of their busy schedule to get to know our third-grade girls at South Clinton Elementary, and as many have stated, becoming their friends.

