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Clinton City Chronicles

Clinton City Schools Visit Clinton Industry

Teachers and Guidance Counselors Tour Industry



Clinton City Schools recently collaborated with Anderson County Chamber of Commerce to allow 6th grade teachers and guidance counselors the opportunity to tour several of the manufacturing companies in Clinton. The Chamber planned a busy day where educators became familiar with Aisin, SL Tennessee,

and Eagle Bend Manufacturing. Facility tours and presentations were given in an effort to improve the collaboration between industries and education. It was a wonderful opportunity for educators to see

manufacturing jobs in our city, and it gave industries a chance to hear how our current instructional programming is preparing a solid employment pool for their companies. Teachers commented that this special day gave them some ideas on how to bring real life meaning to many of the concepts that are taught in the

classroom each day. Several of the plant managers made comments to Clinton City teachers about how pleased they were that Clinton City Schools are integrating STEM activities into the elementary experience. Bridging the gap between industry and education is an important endeavor, and this day was an excellent step in the right direction.

Tim Thompson, President of the Anderson County Economic Development Association gives the teachers background on the companies they are going to visit.



A Team Approach to Student Health

Clinton City Schools is proud to have a community partnership with the Anderson County Health Department. This partnership was formed in an effort to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of Clinton City Schools' students and staff. In conjunction with Clinton City Schools' Coordinated School Health Program, the ACHD is involved in a variety of health related services that benefit students and staff.

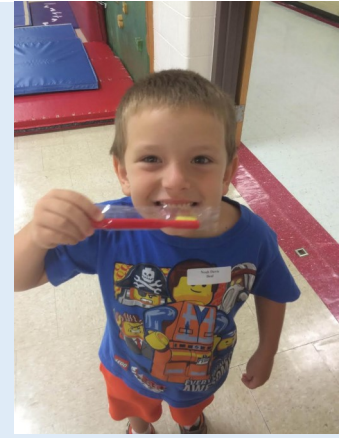


The Anderson County Health Department plays an important role in student dental health. Every year, members of the ACHD dental team venture into all three Clinton City Schools to perform dental screenings, cleanings, and sealants to students at no charge to the families. Parents receive feedback on any restorative work that needs to be completed for their child including fillings and extractions. Families without dental insurance can receive free dental restorative work for their child through follow up visits made possible by the Anderson County Health Department and the Elgin Foundation.

Providing free flu vaccinations to students is another role that ACHD undertakes in

preventing student illness. Flu vaccines are provided to students at each school in the fall each year.

Regardless of insurance or copays, these vaccines are provided free to students with parent permission. This service helps save money for families, as well as, reduces student absences during flu season.



The health department is also a key support during school health screenings each fall. These screenings are conducted with students in preschool, kindergarten, second grade, fourth grade, and sixth grade. The purpose of these screenings is to monitor student health and to inform parents of any potential health risks.

Parents are provided information to share with their doctor when health concerns are involved, as well as, any pertinent literature to help support at home. Height, weight, blood pressure, body mass index, vision, hearing, and color vision are

screened each year for students in the grades mentioned above. If a student starts with Clinton City as a preschooler, they will have five complete health screenings during their time in the



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school system.

This process would not be possible without the support of the ACHD, the student nurses at the University of Tennessee, school nurses, speech and language pathologists, and some special community volunteers.

Drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention are other roles provided by the staff at the Anderson County Health Department. This year, ACHD nurses and staff provided educational programs to students in first and second grade about medicine safety, as well as tobacco prevention and the dangers of vaping to students in grades three through sixth. These programs took place during Red Ribbon Week across the school system. Each year, Coordinated School Health and the Anderson County Health Department have poster and essay contests related to tobacco prevention.

A fantastic initiative sponsored by funds from the ACHD Tobacco Grant is used to fund tobacco prevention programs at each school. Last year, the Healthy Life Clubs served more than 100 students in grades 4-6. These clubs were focused on the impact of making healthy life choices including a life free of tobacco and drugs. In addition, a physical activity



component had students involved in improving their skills as runners. Students that were involved in these programs showed significant improvements in their knowledge from a pre and post test about the effects of tobacco use and healthy lifestyle habits.

The Anderson County Health Department has also worked with Clinton City Schools staff through the promotion of the Healthier Tennessee Workplace Initiative. Last year, CCS staff were involved in using the Streaks for Small Starts app to monitor their progress toward increasing healthy habits. These Small Starts involved healthy, yet simple tasks, such as drinking more water, cutting out soft drinks, and eating five or more fruits and vegetables each day. Staff members with the most check ins on the app were awarded with prizes for working toward achieving a healthier lifestyle.

Truly, the health and wellness of Clinton City Schools' students and staff is greatly improved based on the committed partnership with ACHD. We would not be able to complete any of the projects mentioned previously without their vital help and support.



Clinton City Ranks as Top Energy Efficiency District in State

Many school systems across the state use energy efficiency loans to help replace outdated HVAC, lighting, and other facility needs. These loans are awarded to schools with an extremely low interest rate to encourage districts to become more energy efficient. A recent ranking was shared with Director of Schools across the state. We are pleased to share that Clinton City Schools is the 6th most energy efficient system in the state of Tennessee! On average, districts spend approximately \$310 dollars per student on energy costs each year. Clinton City Schools spends an average of \$182 per student! We attribute this savings to several projects across

the system replacing HVAC units and lighting. As part of our five-year capital projects plan, we intend to complete additional energy savings projects at both North Clinton Elementary and Clinton Elementary. Every dollar we save on energy is additional dollars that can be used for student instruction. Clinton City is appreciative for all the efforts of City Council and the energy efficiency loans for making this high ranking a reality. Clinton City will celebrate this success and continue to look for ways to become more energy efficient in the future.



Clinton Fire Department Brings Cookouts to Clinton City Schools!

Clinton City Schools is rich in traditions. One of our favorite times comes every fall when the firemen come not to put out a fire but instead to start one. Each school welcomes the Clinton City Fire Department each September for our Fall Cookouts. The firemen cook the hamburgers and hotdogs while the cafeteria staff adds the “fixins.”



Students and community alike enjoy a picnic on the grounds of each school. This year, we served over 300 parents and community members as well as the students across all three schools. While the food is amazing, the true benefit is about building a sense of community. One of the many blessings of small town schools is the feeling you get when you see the residents come together to share a meal and learn more about the great happenings within our schools. Activities such as this

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Flexible Seating: Giving Students a Choice

Clinton City Schools is one of thirty-one school districts across the state to receive a federal grant through the state department to support Universal Designs for Learning in our classrooms. This means that teachers in grades three through six are working together to share ideas and planning for a wide range of differentiation to meet the needs of all their students. Our teachers already do a good job working with a variety of academic levels by creating small groups for instruction based on student performance and assessment results. The teachers tailor instruction for each group and can identify individual strengths and areas to strengthen. However, when students enter classrooms, there are

other factors that impact their ability to benefit from instruction.

These factors are the environment and management approaches.

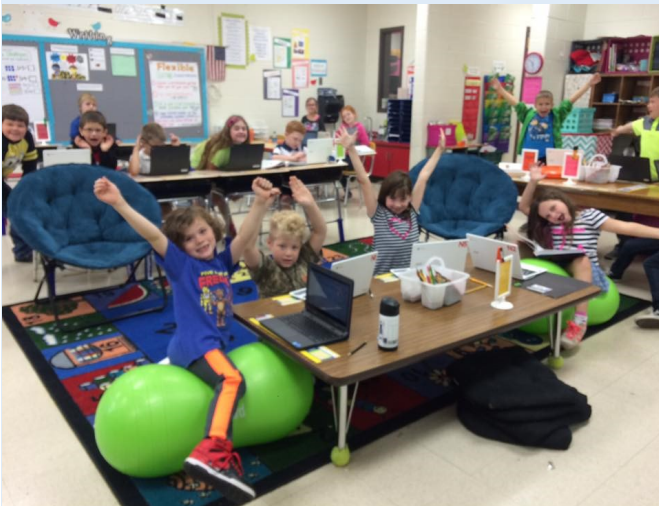
This grant, and the professional development provided through it, is helping teachers examine their approach to environmental factors and behavior management techniques.

The first step many teachers have taken is to “design” a space that works for everyone by altering the seating options in their classrooms. “Flexible seating” is an interesting modification to our traditional structure for classrooms. Students are benefitting from having chances to be comfortable in their environment,

leading to better productivity and attention. So, as you enter several classrooms across our district, you may see students sitting on yoga balls, laying on yoga mats,

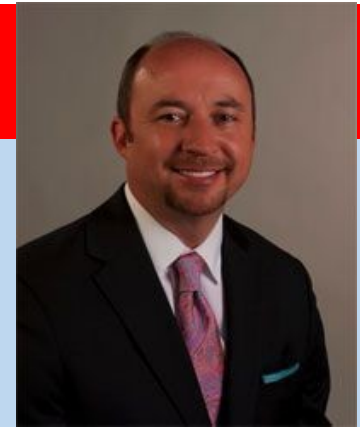


sitting on the floor by lowered tables or standing at raised tables. Having this range of options has led to unexpected benefits including: students staying more engaged, problem solving more readily, communicating more openly, burning more calories, using up excess energy, and increasing motivation and engagement. All of these benefits create better oxygen flow to the brain, improving core strength and overall posture. Research supports that physical activity is linked to higher academic performance, better health, and improved behavior. We are happy to be supporting these benefits. So, we are literally letting students “select their seats” – and that no longer means just which desk they want in neatly lined up rows. The best news of all is kids LOVE it!



Where Are They Now?

Highlighting Former Clinton City School Alumni



Terry Turner
Owner of All Occasions
Party Rentals
in Knoxville, TN

Meet Terry Turner! Terry is a true example of homegrown success. He attended Clinton City Schools for his elementary years and went on to graduate as a Clinton High School Dragon. While in Clinton, he played several sports including baseball, football, and basketball. As a young adult, he began working in the rental business. With hard work and determination, he worked his way up in the company and eventually became the owner of All Occasions Party Rentals. Currently, All Occasions Party Rentals comprises a 40,000 square foot facility and employs

approximately 55 people. In 2011, he was awarded the Small Business Excellence Award, and he has served as the Chairman of the Dogwood Arts Festival. Terry currently serves as the Chairman of the American Rental Association. He is known not only for his successful business which focuses on customer support, but he is also extremely supportive of Clinton. He is an annual supporter of the Anderson County Fair, he has donated to a new sports facility at Clinton High School, and he supports other events in Clinton such as the Antique Festival. Most of all, he

continues to love the town of Clinton. Clinton City Schools is not only proud of Terry Turner's business success, but we are also proud of his ethics, character, and continued love of his hometown. We are honored that he is a product of Clinton City Schools.

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provide opportunities to show students our community cares about its schools. Clinton City Schools is grateful for the time and efforts of the Clinton Fire Department.

The grill will roll back into each school again in the spring. The firemen will return with their big red trucks, their hoses, and their

spatulas. We welcome any community member to come join us and learn more about Clinton

City Schools and the support of the Clinton Fire Department!



Thanksgiving vacation

No school

November 23-25

