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CCS Receives Top Score in Student Growth on TN Ready

Each year, districts and schools are held accountable for several metrics. Two of the most common measurements are student achievement and student growth. TVAAS is the term used to show how much students grow academically each year. The expectation is to grow students at least one year in each subject. This metric is measured by taking a student's NCE (normal curve equivalent) from one year and comparing it to the next year. If this number stays the same, then this student achieved one year's growth. If it increases, the student made more than a year's growth. For example, if a student had a 51 normal curve equivalent score as a fourth grader and ended the fifth grade year with a 51 normal curve equivalent score that student would have earned one year's growth.

Districts are rated on a scale of 1-5 based on this data with a 5 being the greatest number for growth. Clinton City Schools received a district-wide composite score of a Level 5 on the new TN Ready assessment. This score means that there was statistically significant evidence that our students made and exceeded the expectation of one year's growth. Typically, TVAAS scores are based on 4th, 5th, and 6th grade data. However, since there was no state testing in 2016, scores this year are based only on 5th and 6th grade scores.

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Director Kelly Johnson said, "We are very proud of our growth progress this past year. This is evidence that teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students in the classroom to ensure that everyone is growing academically. Throughout the year, we use a variety of assessment measurements to track the growth of our students and adjust instruction accordingly. Due to the size of our system, this metric can sway on extreme ends of the spectrum very easily. Every student counts! We will celebrate this achievement and place our focus on continuing to take students at their current level of instruction and move them along the spectrum as far as possible."

Achievement data should be available towards the end of October. This data will inform parents of their student's performance level in reading, mathematics, and science. No scores will be issued for social studies because the assessment was a field test last year. Scores have been delayed this year since TN Ready is a new test and cut scores have been redefined at the state level. Parent reports are expected by the end of October.

ORAU Grant Winners

Oak Ridge Associated University (ORAU) is a tremendous supporter of Clinton City Schools. Each year, they award grants to our classroom teachers to help implement quality science and STEM activities in the classroom. This year, CCS teachers were awarded over $13,000 for materials and equipment to support science and math standards!

Congratulations to the following winners (front row to back row, left to right):

Janie Jackson – NCES Librarian
Kelly Tomlinson- NCES Pre-K
Whitney Hawkins- SCES 6th Grade
Joan Altobelli- SCES 6th Grade
DeAna Conrad- CES 4th Grade
Jodi McCoy – CES Kindergarten
Patti Shoemaker – CES Kindergarten

Laura Roop- CES Kindergarten
Janice Ramsey- NCES Special Education
Angela Teffeteller – SCES 1st Grade
Erin Collier- SCES 5th Grade
Michele Davenport – SCES Special Education
Lorrie Irwin- SCES 1st Grade
Vicki Bible- CES 4th Grade

Many thanks to ORAU for their continued support of Clinton City Schools!

Technology for Learning Program Expands in CCS!

Clinton City Schools is proud to announce that it is expanding the Technology for Learning (T4L) Program across the district. Over the past few years, the focus has been on providing an electronic device for each student in the district. Currently, the district is 1:1 in grades 1-6. Each student has access to a Chromebook to use as an instructional resource during the day. Students receive their own Chromebook at the beginning of their 4th grade year. If a student has been with us consecutively for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, the Chromebook is theirs to keep after 6th grade graduation at the Ritz.

In addition to adding devices, each classroom will also have an updated SmartBoard to use for interactive learning. This interactive device allows:

- Teachers to display presentations that are interactive from their computer. Students can maneuver data on the board by moving their finger across the screen.

- Students and teachers to access the internet without being connected to a device. The Smart Board functions similarly to a computer.

- Teachers have access to a white board where notes can be saved and accessed at a later time.

- Two students can write on the board at the same time.

- Students can share work from their individual Chrome Book on the screen for immediate feedback and discussion.

- Teachers can share images and videos from an iPad or iPhone wirelessly onto the Smart Board for virtual field trips, map skills, etc.

The updated Smart Boards offer a whole new level of interaction that was not available with the previous ones. Director Kelly Johnson states, "Technology is moving at a rapid rate. It is important that we make it a priority to expose our students to the most updated technology resources available if we want to prepare our students to be college and career ready. I appreciate the support of the School Board and City of Clinton who also make this a priority within our schools." Come by and see the students in action! They are not only consumers of the technology, but are also producers of great projects!
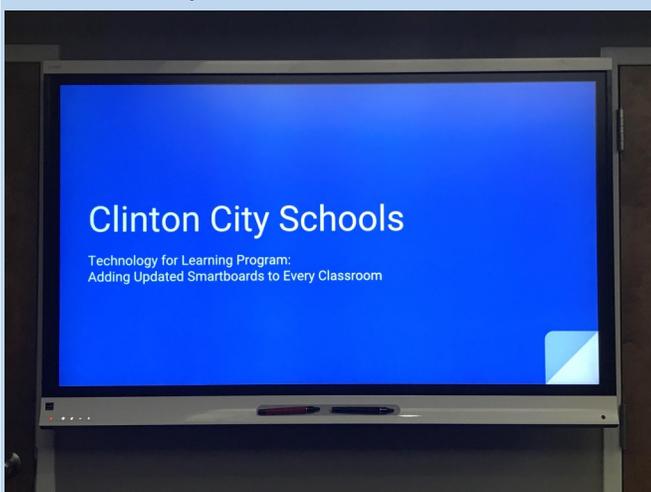
SHAC Teams

Student input is a key component of our Clinton City Schools wellness program. Each school has its own Student Health Advisory Committee also known as SHAC. This group meets to discuss health initiatives and changes that would make their school healthier twice a semester. You would be amazed at the creative ideas and contributions that these groups make to our Coordinated School Health plan. The information from SHAC meetings is shared with the principals and school leadership teams as a way to promote student ideas to make the school better and healthier. Student leadership is an important part of CCS developing well-rounded students!

Did you know….

- That CCS is participating in the Read to Be Ready Grant which focuses on research best practices in early literacy?

- That CCS is collaborating with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) on implementation of the new Science Standards?

- That the inaugural CCS Blaze Basketball team will begin their season at the end of October?

- That CCS made approximately $20,000 from Schools Win Coupon Book sales? Thanks to all who supported!!!

- That Aramark provides CCS students lunch each day, giving them a total of 4 lunch choices a day?

- CCS has robotics and coding activities happening at all three schools?

FUN TIMES AT CCS

It's time for the Fall Fire Department Cook-outs! CES & SCES had a great lunch! NCES' cookout will be on October 24. Anyone is welcome to come!

CCS K-2 teachers learning how to code robots on in-service day. One teachers stated, "We actually get paid to do this!"

Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Webb's 2nd grade class at SCES had Wonka Day after doing a book study of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!! A few lucky students even found a golden ticket in their treat bag!

CES had a special author and illustrator visit! Mary Faith and David Enyart, author and illustrator of novels based in the Smoky Mountains, came and presented book talks to the students!
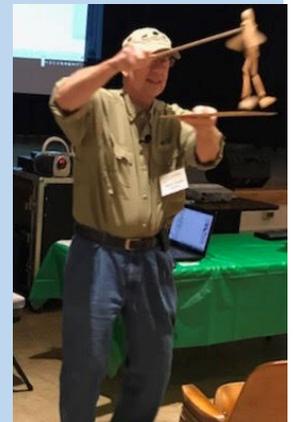
Mrs. Rael, principal at NCES, is such a good sport! She got slimed as a reward for the students exceeding their coupon book goal! Congrats, NCES!
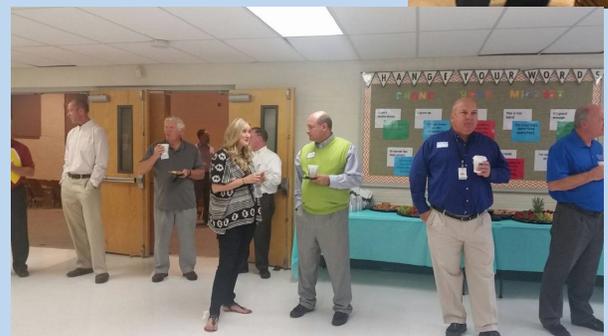
CCS hosted a AC Chamber Networking Coffee! Tours of the school were given to many community members! Thanks to all who came to support our schools!

Clinton 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

Come join us on October 21 at 9:00 a.m. for the annual Clinton 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run! Children and adults of all ages are welcome to come for morning of excitement! You are welcome to run, jog, walk, crawl, or just come socialize! The course will take you down Riverside, Riverbend, Redbud, and Dogwood. It is a beautiful run in a wonderful city!

Participants from the Clinton City Schools running club will be participating! There will also be several staff members there making their first attempt at a 5K! All registrants will receive a long sleeve Clinton 5K t-shirt.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Education Foundation of Clinton City and Anderson County Schools. The money will be distributed to schools to enhance physical education and wellness programs for students. CCS was the recipient of a grant at each school last year! Come support our schools as well as your health!

See you there!

RUN OR WALK! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
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CCS Keeping Students Safe on Internet

Every advancement in technology is accompanied by an additional challenge. CCS has a Chromebook for each student in grades 1-6. Students spend time researching on the internet, accessing individualized academic programs, creating presentations in G-Suite, working with coding programs, and much more! Clinton City Schools makes it a priority to prepare students for the digital world in which we live, but we also take precautions to ensure that students are safe while on the internet.

Here are some supports we have in place:

- ENA (Education Networks of America) provides internet filtering for all devices.

- Go Guardian provides an additional layer of internet filtering for Chromebooks. It is also a classroom management tool for teachers to monitor student activity on the devices. Each teacher can have a snapshot of what website and activity each student in the class is accessing. This program flags any inappropriate use of the device and reports to the technology department.

- Each student participates in Digital Citizenship/Online Safety classes each year through our technology department. Those skills are reinforced in the regular educational programing during daily technology use. Students are asked to report any inappropriate material that has been accessed to their teacher.
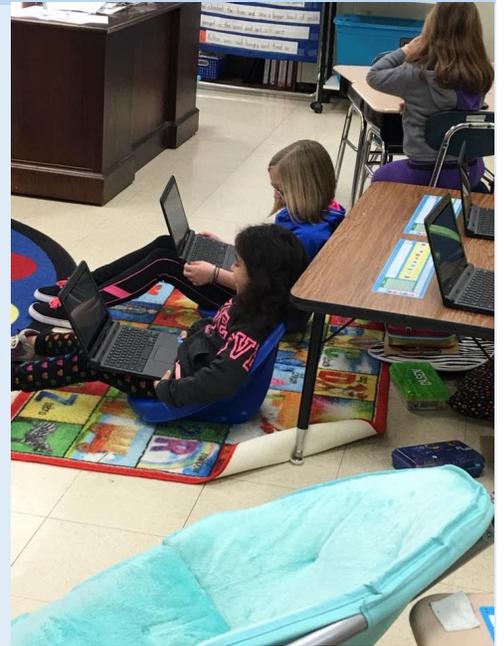
Technology has enabled teachers to have the world at students' fingertips. CCS is making every effort possible to ensure that our students have a positive experience with technology in the classroom. While no filter is 100 percent effective, CCS has an excellent track record of filtering content for students in the classroom.