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Clinton City Chronicles

From the Capitol to South Clinton

A Visit from Governor Bill Haslam



Teachers Cabinet. While there, Governor Haslam met with Director of Schools Kelly Johnson, and principal Leighann Bonesteel, to receive input on topics such as standards, assessments, accountability, teacher evaluations, and teacher morale.

real-time information about their performance and level of understanding. Governor Haslam was impressed with the students' level of engagement, as well as the level of collaboration and cooperation between the schools, the School Board, and City Council. The City of Clinton provides the funding for the district's Technology for Learning (T4L) one-to-one initiative.

Students in Abbey Kidwell's fourth grade class at South Clinton Elementary School hosted a very special guest on Thursday, September 15. Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam stopped by her class to fulfill his commitment to visit the classrooms represented by the Governor's

After the briefing, which included Representative John Ragan, Governor Haslam and his team observed a math lesson in Mrs. Kidwell's class where students accessed the assignment on their Chromebooks, via Pear Deck, while providing the teacher with

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This program provides individual student devices in grades 3-6. If a student attends Clinton City Schools during 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, they are able to take home their Chromebook after 6th grade graduation at The Ritz.

Mrs. Kidwell is one of eighteen teachers from across the state who were selected to be part of the first Governor's Teacher Cabinet. They meet quarterly with the Governor and Dr. Candice McQueen, Commissioner of Education, to share information from teachers that are in the classroom every day and provide communication to schools and communities.



Abbey Kidwell teaches her class with enthusiasm!

Clinton City Schools Celebrates Grandparents!

Clinton City Schools believes that "It takes a village to raise a child." There are many people that are needed to provide a well-rounded education for our children. One of our greatest assets is grandparents! Many times, they are the adults who provide transportation, after school care, and general support. During the month of September, each school held a special "Grandparent's Day" to honor these special individuals.

We had approximately 300 grandparents come and eat with us during the special lunches at each school. What a great day! Clinton City Schools appreciates all that grandparents do to make our schools so successful!



Clinton Elementary School

North Clinton Elementary School



South Clinton Elementary School



Clinton City Goes GOOGLE!

Mrs. Staci Lollar gets certified!

Soon, Clinton City Schools will have its very own Google Certified Trainer! Mrs. Staci Lollar was recently notified that she has been accepted to the trainer program and has already begun collaborating with other educators from places like Japan, Singapore, Brazil, New Zealand, Qatar, and Hong Kong, just to name a few! Staci is one of 50 applicants from a pool of over 2000 to be accepted this quarter. Currently, there are only three Google Trainers in the state of Tennessee. Mrs. Lollar will be the first trainer in the East TN region!

To be considered, Mrs. Lollar had to complete a rigorous application process. First, she had to pass three levels of online tests that measured her understanding

of the Google applications, tests to assess her ability to integrate Google tools into teaching practices, and also tests to measure her ability to learn new strategies for integrating Google for Education tools into the classroom. Then, she submitted a video to introduce herself and explain why she wanted to be a Google trainer, including her demonstrating an innovative use of a Google tool in a classroom. Finally, all applicants were required to answer a series of questions, submit presentations, surveys, case studies, and examples of students' work to allow Google to gain an understanding of her experiences in planning, implementing, evaluating, and building learning materials for teachers and students.

Mrs. Lollar grew up in Clinton City Schools, and then returned



home to begin her teaching career in 2006 at South Clinton Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher. She has been the district's computer lab instructor, and now serves as technology coach. As a technology coach, Staci works with administrators to develop long-range goals for the implementation of the Technology for Learning (T4L) program, provides training for teachers in the area of

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Where Are They Now?

Highlighting Former Clinton City School Alumni

Daniel Mitchell began Kindergarten at Clinton Elementary School in 2004 and was thrilled to be in Mrs. Darlene Miller's classroom. Luckily, he also had her for second grade as well. Among his favorite teachers was Lea Ousley, whom he had briefly for History in 5th grade. One of the things that helped Daniel excel was the gifted program at CES. He continued at CES through the 6th grade.

Next, he went to Clinton Middle

School and continued in the band program which allowed musical education to expand his mind toward other languages as well as teaching him discipline, hard work, and coordination.

His work in the gifted program at CES allowed him to skip 8th grade and go straight to Clinton High School. Engineering and Robotics caught his attention at CHS as well as German, Math and of course, Band.

When he took the ACT in 2014, he made a 32, placing him in the revered



Daniel Mitchell, center, receiving a TVA Scholarship in 2015

30+ Club. Currently, he is at UT Knoxville studying Bio-Medical Engineering.

Thank you, Clinton City Schools for a great start!

ORAU Awards

Clinton City \$11,000

Oak Ridge Associated Universities awarded ten Clinton City School teachers nearly \$11,000 in grant money at the ORAU Education Grants ceremony. The grant money will be used to purchase educational materials and equipment to help teachers implement state curriculum standards and augment student learning. Teachers received microscopes, STEM materials and supplies, iPads, math supplemental materials, math and science



NCES: Left to Right: Tammy Pack, Janice Ramsey, Janie Jackson, and Melanie Gettelfinger



CES: Left to Right: Jenna Sharp, Vicki Bible, DeAna Conrad, and Kimberly O'Dell

SCES: Left to Right: Lauren Neal, Holly Webb, Lorrie Irwin and Leighann Bonesteel

books for the library, Chromebooks, and money to fund a first grade butterfly project.

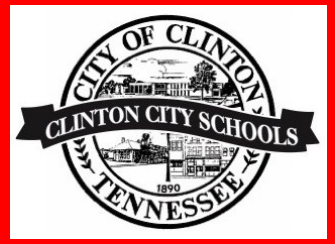
Since the beginning of the program in 2002, ORAU has provided almost \$450,000 to area schools for projects that complement its mission of enriching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs.

Clinton City Schools appreciates the support of ORAU and has already put these items to good use in the classrooms!



The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life.
- Plato

Technology Changing the Landscape



Technology is certainly changing the landscape of how we do education. Digital natives walk into our rooms each day and demand teachers to engage them in quality learning opportunities. However, in Mrs. O'dell's 6th grade classroom, technology is also changing the landscape of sick days! Look closely at the picture of her instructing Math class. The Chromebook sitting on the table in front of the classroom is facing the Smart Board. If you were able to take a closer look, you would find a student who is using Google Hangouts from his home computer to participate in the math lesson. A situation took this student out of class for several days, and his parents were concerned about the amount of instruction that would be missed. With our "Technology for Learning" program, it is not a problem.



This student was able to log into his Google account from his computer. He logged into a program called Google Hangouts, which allowed him to use the camera on his computer to view the instruction taking place. Through Google Hangouts, he could not only visually see, but could audiotory participate in the classroom through answering and asking questions. Mrs. O'Dell could even check his work and give

him immediate feedback regarding academic progress. In a few days, he was able to come back in the classroom, and pick up right where he left off. New state research has shown that student attendance is a key factor in academic achievement. Using our technology in an innovative way is helping us provide quality learning experiences, even when the student is away from school!

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technology integration with an emphasis on using Google Apps for Education in their classrooms, and works directly with students to develop skills necessary to extend

the use of technology into their projects and lessons.

As a Google trainer, Staci will become one of about 1900 individuals globally who have the opportunity work with Google to develop trainings on new products and up-

dates. She will continue to conduct trainings and will have access to powerful, ready-to-use professional resources available only to trainers. But most important of all...everyone in Clinton City Schools will benefit!