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CCS Talents Raise \$7,000 for Second Harvest



Schools across Clinton City were packed with students, parents, and community members on Friday, March 27 for the 1st Annual Empty Bowls Night. Every student and teacher worked hard to create individual bowls to be sold to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. Student bowls sold for \$5.00 a piece, and teacher

bowls sold via silent auction. Some teacher bowls went as high as \$70.00!

Students across the district read the book *Stone Soup* before this night. Families donated ingredients for the CCS version of Stone Soup, and teachers brought desserts. After enjoying a family dinner, bowls were picked up by students and their families. What was the result? Clinton City Schools raised \$7,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank!

This event was the idea of Allison Swanner, art teacher at Clinton Elementary School. She believes that it is important that we teach students to use their time and talents to give back to the community. Ashley Webb, art teacher at North and South Clinton Elementary, worked collaboratively with Swanner to combine the efforts of all three schools into one large event.

Clinton City Schools participates in the Second Harvest Backpack Program which provides extra food on the weekends to students in need. On average, Second Harvest donates approximately \$12,000 to the students across the system each year. Director Kelly Johnson states, "This is one way



that we can give back to such a worthy organization that donates an abundance to our students each year. It was an added bonus to see our students and families have such a wonderful time inside our school doors. I commend both Allison Swanner and Ashley Webb for a job well done. They worked countless hours preparing for this wonderful event."

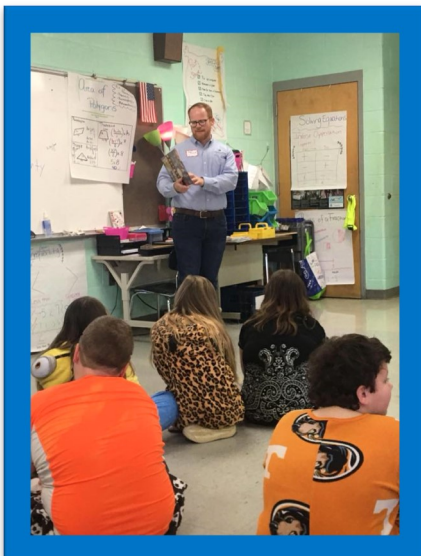


CCS Host Read Day

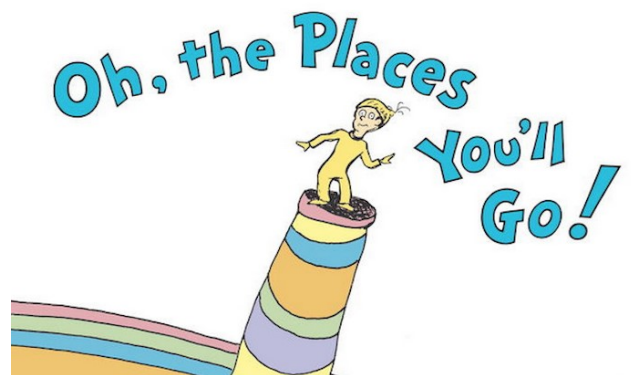
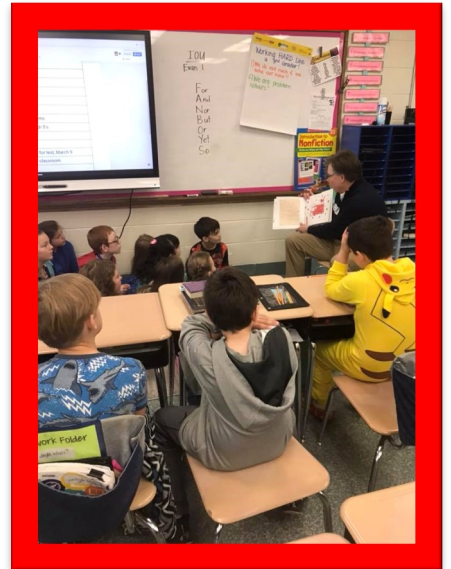
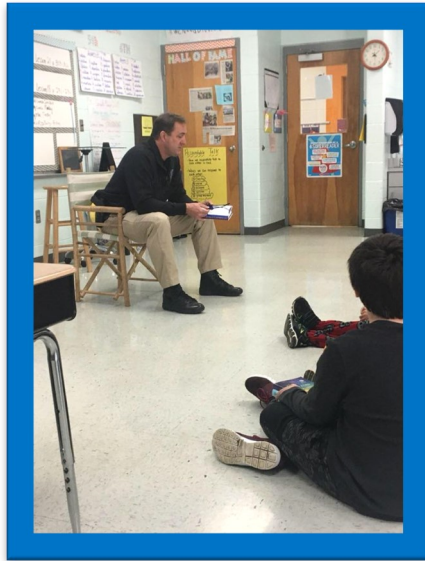


During the month of March, students across the district participated in Read Across America Day! Parents, community members, business leaders, and area celebrities entered the school doors to read their favorite stories to students of all ages. You can tell by all the smiles that it was a GREAT day! Many thanks to all who took time to come show our students the importance of learning to read, reading to learn, and reading to THINK!

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Kidwell Invited to Serve on Gov. Haslam's School Security Task Force

Abbey Kidwell, fourth grade teacher at South Clinton Elementary, has been invited to serve on Governor Haslam's School Security Task Force. The purpose of this task force is to recommend quick and practical responses to school security concerns. She will be representing an educator's viewpoint during the meetings set to begin in March. The group is expected to develop strategies as reverberations continue nationally from the latest school violence incident in Parkland, Florida. Governor Haslam said that he wants the group's recommendations before the General Assembly's expected adjournment in April.

Kidwell has served for the past three years on the Governor's Teacher Cabinet resulting in Haslam's visit to South Clinton Elementary last year. She is able to bring an objective, honest, and critical viewpoint to issues pressing education. Director Kelly Johnson states, "I am pleased that Governor Haslam has reached out to Mrs.

Kidwell to serve in this capacity. She has the perfect skill set to accurately convey the needs and



concerns of teachers across the state. From an administrator standpoint, I am thankful that he is reaching out to receive input from a variety of stakeholders so informed decisions can be made toward school safety in all systems."



Audio Enhancement Is A Game Changer!

Talk to any teacher. They are all victims of the “teacher voice.” For over 7 hours a day, they project their voice throughout the classroom, cafeteria, hallway, and playground to ensure that all kids can hear pertinent instruction and directions. It is exhausting. Many are hoarse by Friday. Talking to a group of students all day can take a toll!

Audio Enhancement is a game changer! CCS is piloting this new concept in two classrooms at North Clinton Elementary. Audio Enhancement involves installing four ceiling speakers in a classroom. The teacher wears a lanyard, which projects the voice to the speakers, adjusts the volume of the sound, and controls access to a portable microphone. This system projects the sound evenly throughout the classroom, allowing the teacher to talk in a soft voice. Students in the back or side of the classroom can hear as if the teacher was speaking directly in front of them. The microphone, or talking stick, can be used when students are speaking or presenting allowing the entire class to benefit from their classroom contributions. Smart board lessons and videos also run through the system, enhancing the sound of digital learning.

So why does this matter to students?

- Students show improved attention and on-task learning
- Increased student participation
- Increased academic success
- Increased ability to hear phonetic sounds being modeled for reading foundations
- Increased volume and clarity for students with hearing loss or chronic ear infections/fluid

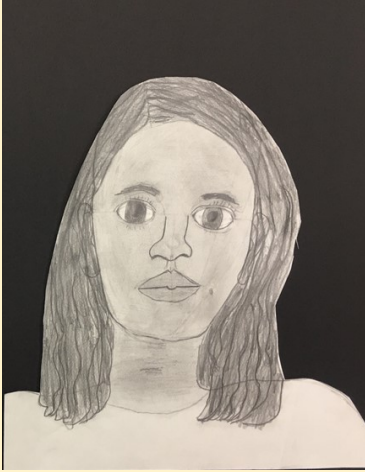
During the school day, students rely on approximately 65% of their learning to be auditory. Audio Enhancement allows students to hear clarity and equalized sound throughout the

school day without the teacher projecting his/her voice. Students develop self-confidence as they talk to the class with the microphone. It also allows other students to practice listening skills because they can clearly hear the speaker with this system.

Clinton City Schools has plans to expand Audio Enhancement into additional classrooms throughout the next school year. Come see this in action! You will certainly see why this is a game changer for our teachers and kids!!!!



CCS to Host First Annual Art Show at the Kincaid House



Mark your calendar for April 3, 2018! From 5:00-8:00 p.m. families are invited to come to The Kincaid House on Eaglebend Drive for a formal art viewing. All students have worked hard to create a self-portrait of themselves. The artwork will be displayed throughout the Kincaid property. Individual students will be performing personal talents in the gazebo, such as singing and playing instruments. Light snacks will be provided.

art THE show

Families and staff will park at Jaycee Park by entering the Nave Street Entrance where the Fair Midway is located. Parking attendants will be there to assist in parking. Shuttles will be available to take families to the Kincaid House. Shuttles will constantly run from 4:45-8:00. Parking will not be available at the Kincaid House. CCS looks forward to having their families, community members, and business leaders come see how the schools are creating well-rounded students by providing opportunities for talents and interests to be discovered and nurtured!



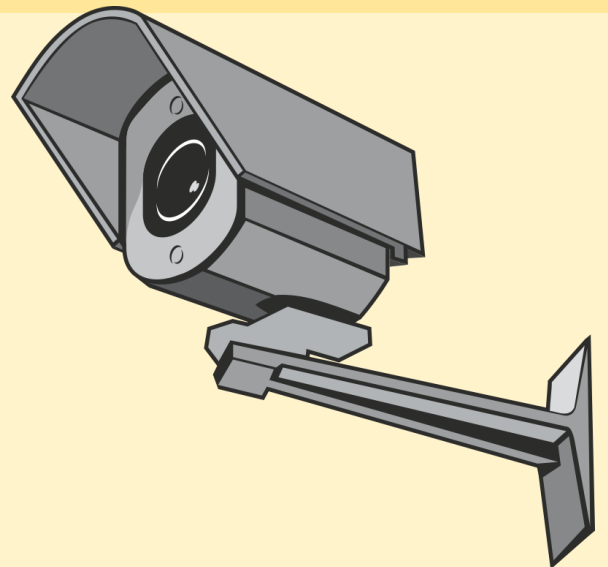
Right Photo: Bralee Hall, CES

Left Photo: Scarlett King, SCES

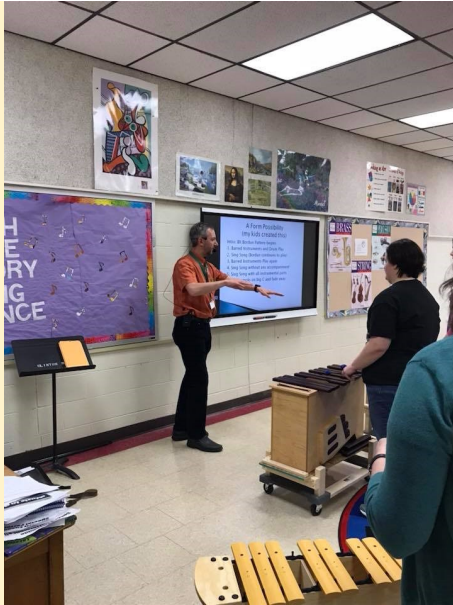
CCS to Upgrade Security Cameras

The School Board voted unanimously at the March meeting to move forward with a Request for Proposal to upgrade all of the security cameras across the system to IP high definition. All schools currently have a comprehensive camera system, but the transition from analog to IP high definition is needed.

The project will be a two-phase project. Cat6 cables will be run throughout all three schools. All existing cameras will be replaced with IP high definition cameras which will significantly increase the clarity of footage. Additional cameras will be installed in each school to provide additional security coverage. All security cameras will be cloud based, allowing administrators, SROs, and emergency responders to view live and recorded footage from their individual locations.



ORFF: Innovative Music at Clinton City Schools



On Saturday, February 23, seventeen East TN music teachers entered the doors of South Clinton Elementary to spend a morning with Mr. Jason Glashauser, music teacher

experiences have great power over a student's academic progress. The Orff approach to music is simply amazing. Students look forward to going to Mr. Glashauser's music class because he has created a calm, non-threatening, highly interactive environment for students to learn. Students do not feel self-conscious to sing, dance, and play instruments because of this unique approach. I am thrilled that Mr. Glashauser is taking the lead in creating an Orff Chapter in our area so more students can take advantage of this powerful approach to music education."

in Clinton City Schools. Colleagues spent over two hours participating in Orff-Schulwerk instructional strategies, which highly engages students in the art of making and experiencing music.

According to the American Orff Schulwerk Association's website, Orff teaching "offers a potential for active and creative music making by all children, not just the musically talented. This approach to learning, developed by Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman, builds musicianship through singing, playing instruments, speech, and movement. Active music making is the core of this philosophy, supporting both the conceptual and affective development of children. Active learners develop more thorough and better long-term understanding of the material and ideas involved. Children who regularly improvise and create their own dances and musical settings are uniquely prepared to solve problems in many other contexts."

Director Kelly Johnson stated, "The landscape of fine arts education is changing in Clinton City Schools. Music and art

Mr. Glashauser holds three levels of Orff-Schulwerk Certification, and has served on the board of the Greater Chicago American Orff-Schulwerk Association. He joined Clinton City Schools in August, 2017 with more than a decade of teaching experience in Illinois and Indiana. He currently teaches at North and South Clinton Elementary School. His wife is a violinist with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Any local teacher interested in joining the area Orff Chapter may contact him at glashauserj@clintonschools.org.



Did You Know?

- If your child misses 2 days a month of school, they fall into the Chronically Absent category? Students who miss more than 18 days of school a year are likely to be behind in reading by 3rd grade and struggle through school. Attendance is critical at every grade level!
- If you are a family raising a relative's child, there is a "Relative Caregiver Program," provided by Omni Community Health available to you? Contact Chrystal Perdue for more information: 423-215-3164 or email cperdue@omnicommunityhealth.com.
- **There are 5 GREAT reasons to read aloud to your child:**
 1. Improves comprehension
 2. Strengthens imagination
 3. Increases attention spans
 4. Creates a lifetime interest in reading
 5. Expands vocabulary
- There are many services that the Anderson County Health Department provides: primary care, dental care, vital records, nutrition services, and health education? They are great partners to our schools and LOVE to serve our children!
- The Transfer period begins on April 16. Applications are available in Central Office beginning at 7:30 a.m. that morning. There is a \$25.00 transfer fee required for all applications.
- The Pre-K registration process will open on April 2. Applications may be picked up at Central Office. If you have a child that will be turning 4 before August 15, 2018, come see us!

