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CCS Exploring Careers!

Don't underestimate the importance of elementary experiences! Career exploration begins at an early age.

Elementary students are already forming ideas and beliefs about their interests and capabilities for future years. Clinton City Schools instills in students that they have the ability to do anything that they



choose if they set their mind to it and work hard towards personal goals.

All students in grades K-2 participated in a Career on Wheels Day. During this day, students were able to explore a variety of careers while touring vehicles and talking with professionals. Students were able to tour a pet groomer van, national guard vehicle, CUB bucket truck, firetruck, and police car. Students dressed representing the career of their choice and paraded through the school. Students had the opportunity to sit inside the bucket of the CUB truck. It was hard to tell who had the most fun – the students or the professionals who came. It was a terrific experience!



Students in sixth grade had a slightly different experience. They attended an official Career Day. The day began in the CES auditorium where students were welcomed by Mayor Scott Burton. Then Michael Ousley, a local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, conducted a class on soft skills. Students learned the

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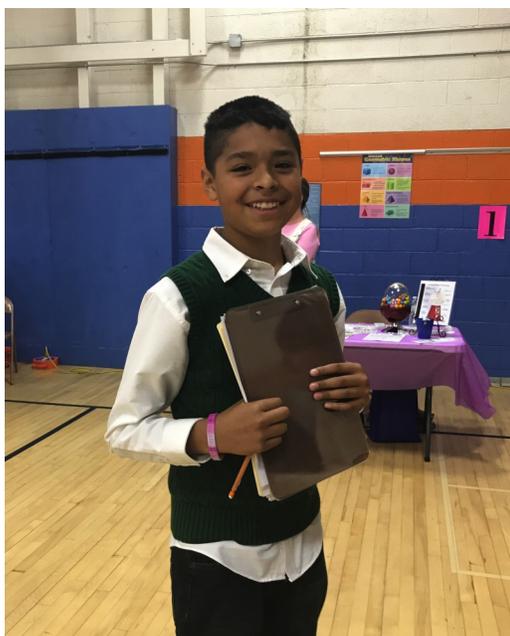


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importance of a firm handshake, eye contact, attendance, and professionalism. Students were placed into groups of 10 and they rotated around 14 different job vendors. They took notes at each station, while listening intently on the specifics of each job. After a time of reflection, they had to officially practice their soft skills and apply for three jobs. When applying, they handed the vendor a cover letter and application. The vendors were very complimentary of our CCS students! Many thanks to the following vendors for helping us provide such an authentic learning experience for our students: WYSH, Y-12 Credit Union, SL Tennessee, Clayton Homes, Sellers Realty (Joey Smith), Roane State Mechatronics, Dr. Maxwell (vet), ORAU, Curtis Isabell (attorney), Sarah Cox and Wade Collins (nurses), Clinton Police, Clinton Fire Department, and Fox Toyota.



As we told students, the world is theirs for the taking! Each of them is capable of doing anything they set their mind to do! Belief in themselves and hard work are the keys. We appreciate all of the community partners that helped make this career experience so memorable for our students.



All Star Attendance

The Tennessee State Department of Education is holding districts across the state accountable for the chronic attendance rates of students. Chronic absenteeism is the percentage of students that are absent more than 10 percent of school days (18 days a year). Both excused and unexcused absences are calculated in school and district chronic absenteeism percentages. One of the goals of school and district accountability is to reduce the percentage of chronically absent students each year.



Clinton City Schools is promoting student attendance in numerous positive ways across the school district in an effort to reduce chronic absenteeism rates. The All Star Attendance program is a way to recognize classes with high attendance

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Heroes At SCES!

The theme for Accelerated Reader this year at South Clinton Elementary is “Every Hero Has A Story.” Ms. Teresa Schlandt, SCES librarian, has specifically focused this year on recognizing and celebrating our everyday heroes. At the beginning of the year, Ms. Schlandt polled students on their heroes. Some of the top answers were parents, teachers, firemen, and police officers. Students set a goal to earn 10,000 AR points by the end of the year to earn a special luncheon with their everyday heroes.



“everyday hero.” Students also had the opportunity to invite their “hero” to have lunch with them. Special guests included parents, grandparents, Clinton City police officers and firemen, and some of our very own SCES teachers. It was a great day celebrating the special people who work daily to take care of our students and the community!



Students rose to the challenge and earned 10,000 AR points. On Tuesday, May 9th, students were invited to dress as their



North Clinton STEM Night

The North Clinton Elementary Faculty and Staff hosted a family "Science Night" on Thursday, May 4th. Students and their parents watched live demonstrations of



various science concepts. At some stations, students were able to try out the



experiments themselves, and at least one science experiment was edible! After the science demonstrations,

parents went to classrooms to hear about grade level expectations for their child's 2017-2018 classroom placement and received an NCES "goody bag" of practice materials for the summer. It was a great night filled with much information and fun!



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percentages, low tardy and dismissal rates, and overall improvements in attendance. Each school has their own positive way to promote attendance within the All Star Attendance...Arrive on Time, Stay All Day Program. The district has provided each school with banners to recognize classes for attendance rates. North Clinton Elementary School rewards classes with gold, silver, and bronze distinction and special treats. South Clinton Elementary encourages their students with a pizza party for monthly winners for attendance in grades K-2 and 3-6. Clinton

Elementary School performs weekly announcements and student recognition, as well as, recognition at monthly assemblies, nine week parties, and end-of-the-year medals for perfect attendance. By promoting and recognizing positive attendance, Clinton City Schools is striving to reduce chronic attendance rates each year.

When talking with representatives of the workforce, one of the main areas of concern is employee attendance and punctuality. Hopefully, our All Star Attendance Program will work to develop good work skills in our students for their future.

Arbor Day Celebration with City of Clinton



On Friday, April 21, Clinton Elementary Kindergarten and 1st grade students celebrated Arbor Day with several important guests. In the auditorium, students attended

a ceremony educating them about the importance of trees. A resolution was read by Councilman Larry Gann signifying the importance of trees in our community.



After the ceremony, a tree was planted in front of CES as part of the Arbor Day Celebration (picture on cover). This special ceremony played a part in making Clinton an official “Tree City.” We appreciate all who came to support this endeavor. While the rain came moments before the program, it did not dampen the significance of this wonderful event!

Want to Join the CCS Family?

Are you interested in joining our Clinton City Schools family? If you believe in high expectations for your child, then it will be a great fit! We are currently enrolling students for the 2017-18 school year. You can register at Central Office located at 212 N. Hicks Street. In order to register, please bring the following:

- Birth Certificate
- SS Card
- Proof of Address (usually a CUB bill)
- Parent Driver’s License
- Custody Papers (if applicable)
- Immunization & physical forms

If applying for a transfer, please bring report card from base school.

We are also currently accepting applications for our Voluntary Pre-K program. Applications can be picked up at Central Office. This program is an income-based program that is funded through the State of Tennessee. If you have a child who will be 4 years old by August 15, register now! Slots are filling fast!

If you have any questions regarding registering a student, please call 457-0225. We will be happy to help!



Staff Appreciation Banquet

Clinton City Schools System believes in collective efficacy – each person bringing their individual strengths to the system in order to create a successful school organization. Every employee has his/her own role that contributes to the academic success of students.

Clinton City Schools held a special banquet in honor of our classified employees who are



such an essential part of the work that we do each day.

Instructional assistants, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff, and our school

resource officers were invited to a barbecue dinner. Each staff member received a gift card to recognize them for their contribution to Clinton City Schools. They engaged in a fun game of “Steal Your Card” to add to the fun!

This special night was provided through a UTrust grant, which focuses on recognizing school employees and keeping morale high within schools. We appreciate UTrust for their support in funding this event. Most of all, we appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of our staff members!



Did you know....

- That 6th graders will have their own personal lockers next year at CCS?
- That we are offering a FREE Enrichment Camp at Biztown this summer to our rising 4th, 5th, and 6th graders?
- That ANY child ages 0-18 can eat lunch for FREE at North Clinton Elementary School as part of our Summer Feeding Program! You don't even have to be a CCS student!!
- That Central Office registers both city residents and transfer students throughout the summer daily from 8:00-3:30 pm?
- That tuition for transfer students is only \$25.00 per year?
- That all CCS students have access to iReady and Big Universe, two instructional learning programs, until July 15th! Feel free to use to avoid summer learning loss!
- That 36 of our 5th grade Safety Patrol students will be going to Washington, D.C. from June 2-5?



MEET UP and EAT UP™

WHERE: North Clinton Elementary
305 Beets Street
Clinton, TN 37716

WHAT: Free Healthy Lunch AND Snack

WHO: Everyone under age 18

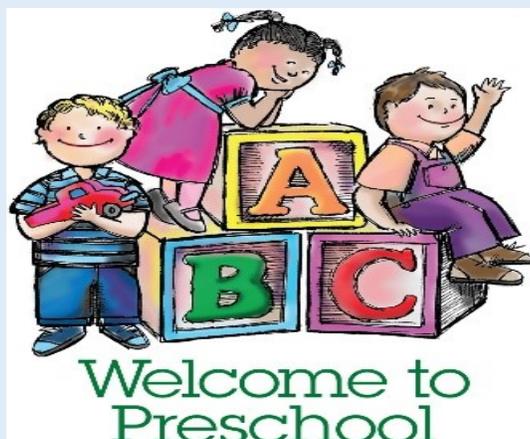
WHEN: Mondays – Fridays
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

DATES: June 5th – July 28th
Closed the week of July 4th

No registration required
Children must eat food on-site
Contact Heather Byrd for questions 457-0159 or
byrdh@clintonschools.org



Come to Voluntary Pre-K



Currently accepting applications
4 year old students

Clinton City Schools District

Must be 4 years old by August 15, 2017

Income Eligible Students Should Apply

Classroom is housed at North Clinton Elementary

Applications are available at Clinton City Schools Central Office

Contact Lori Collins @ 457-0159 with any questions.

CES Students Graduate from Club Health Micro-clinic

Students at Clinton Elementary School completed an eight week health education program on Monday, May 8th. Approximately 30 students from second through sixth grade attended Club Health each week after school.

Topics included calorie counting, physical activity, lean and muscle mass, milk sampling, walking and step counting, and overall nutrition and wellness. Each student received a pedometer from the Anderson County Health Department. To culminate the program, students created a Soul Collage about activities that make them happy and received graduation certificates.

Special thanks to Health Education Kathy Scruggs for this wonderful program.



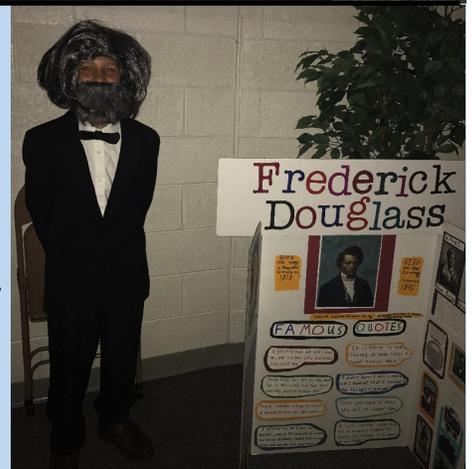
CES 5th Grade Wax Museum

CES held their first annual 5th Grade Wax Museum on Friday, May 19 in the CES Auditorium. Students picked a historical figure of their choice from Civil War to present. They conducted research on the significance of their person in American history. Each student wrote a five paragraph essay and created a presentation board based on their research. At the wax museum, students dressed up as their person and were prepared to give a short oral biography as people visited the museum.

different historical individuals.

Visitors would walk up to the "wax figure" and press a talk button. The button would enable the character to begin talking about his/

her life and the important contribution that was made. Students did an excellent job representing their historical person. This event was a positive learning experience for both 5th grade students and all the visitors!



Parents, students, and community members were invited to attend the wax museum. When they entered the auditorium, they were introduced to approximately 85

